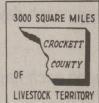
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FIVE-DAY WEATHER **FORECAST** 

Wednesday High 96 Low 74 **Partly Cloudy** 

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Friday High 94 Low 73

**Partly Cloudy** 

Saturday High 93 Low 70 **Partly Cloudy** 

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# Principals switch campuses Allen to high school, Webb to primary

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

Three out of the four campuses will have new principals

Dan Webb and Carole Allen have switched duties, with Allen taking over as Ozona High School Principal and Webb going back to being principal at Ozona Primary School.

Webb and his wife Cynwith Fort Davis Independent School District. Dan Webb

was offered to be the principal at Dirks Anderson Elementary School, while Cynthia was offered to teach at the junior/senior high school in Fort Davis.

Superintendent Abe Gott said Allen wanted the high school job, and that he approached Dan Webb about staying in Ozona and being the primary school principal.

The Webbs have been in Ozona since 1999.

Dan Webb taught biolthia Webb, were offered jobs ogy, physics and chemistry before becoming Ozona Primary School Principal in 2004-2005.

He was then appointed Ozona High School Principal in May 2005.

Allen was principal of Ozona Primary School last year. The year before that, she was counselor at OHS.

Prior to coming to Ozona, Allen spent four years as Prek through 12th grade principal in Lohn.

Benny Granger was named principal for Ozona Middle School at the June board meeting. Granger has spent the last two years as Athletic Director

# State approves funding for **Crockett County Airport**

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Air-\$85,140 by the Texas Transportation Commission at its June

The funds will be used for which includes an automated weather observing system.

A contract for the project is expected to be awarded this summer.

Project costs will be funded through TxDOT's Aviation Facilities Grant Program, which

preserves and improves the state's general aviation system, and Crockett County.

This year, TxDOT expects port has received approval for to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports.

Approximately 275 complanned airport improvements, munity airports in Texas are eligible for funding.

Arrivals and departures from community airports account for more than three million flight hours per year and provide aircraft facilities for agricultural, medical, business and commuter use.

# A DAY OF STARS AND STRIPES



Photos by Joe Hernandez

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PARTICIPANTS get lined up at the town square for the annual Fourth of July event.

## Fourth of July events start off fast and end with a bang

By FRANK TAMBUNGA Fourth of July Coordinator

> **CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS**

The Crockett County Veterans G.I. Joe fund-raiser was a good success.

We had 20 participants in this event. We had several members from the past and present afternoon. The parade was cross country teams. We even had several walkers.

participants for making Everyone parthe effort to show up and ticipating in the participate. parade was patri-This year's course was a otic. I could feel little harder the patriotic spirit and it includall around." ed two hills, but each participant made - Frank Tambunga it with no

came in first.

problems.

I would like to thank all the participants and everyone that helped me with this event. A special thanks to the sponsors, which are Circle Bar Cable TV, Lilly Construction Co., Ozona National Bank and Texas En-

I appreciate Roland and Lori De Hoyos, Rachel Maldonado, my daughter Michell Badillo, her sons Jesse, Jason, and Justin, my sons Roman and Noah for their help and a special thanks to my wife Irma and all she does for me.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fourth of July Festival at the park turned out to be big

We had 12 food vendors and games throughout the afternoon. We also had a washer pitching contest, and a variety of DJ Music.

We had a large crowd all good. Everyone participating in the parade was patriotic. I I was real proud of all the could feel the patriotic spirit all

around. The parade was led by one of our own. We had Jacob Tambunga that has just returned on leave from serving in Iraq. He carried the United States Flag. We also had the Ozona

Our own Ethan English High School Color guard march and numerous bicycles and four-wheelers, fire trucks and several decorated floats.

Our fireworks display turned out to be very colorful, and it lasted a little over 30 minutes.

We had our local radio station cover this event live. We had several business and individuals that donated to our fund and we really appreciate their

The following made donations: Jo Davidson, Lilly Construction Co., The Ozona Stockman, Randy Branch, Circle Bar TV,

Please see FOURTH page 6

FIREWORKS LIT UP THE NIGHT SKY at the north baseball fields during the Knights of Columbus annual Fourth of July Celebration.

## Commissioners vote to wait on reimbursement of attorney fees By MELISSA PERNER

Editor and Publisher

Hearing both sides of the story is what the Crockett County Commissioners want to do before reimbursing a county commissioner for attorney fees.

The commissioners voted to consider reimbursing a county commissioner's attorney fees after the case is resolved in court. Commissioner Alfredo Tobar abstained from voting on the motion.

Tobar had requested the reimbursement be placed on Monday's meeting agenda. The request stems from a recent arrest, where Tobar was charged for allegedly impersonating a law enforcement official and for allegedly possessing another person's social security card.

County Attorney Jody Upham presented an opinion regarding the reimbursement matter that stated the county has the authority to reimburse a county employee or official's legal fees, as long as the commissioners feel that it serves a public purpose.

Upham also said that there is an opportunity to reimburse after the case is settled.

In a letter to the editor from Tobar's daughter, Vanessa Tobar Guadarrama, Tobar claims that he was serving a purpose as a commissioner by checking chemicals and the employees' certifications on a site where Amigo Chemical Control Inc. was spraying.

'We just hear one side of the story. I don't want to vote on something if I just hear one side. We need to know how it could benefit the county. You need to hear both sides and you need to listen to what has happened," said Commissioner Frank Tam-

#### **COURTHOUSE ROOF** & RESTORATION

A compromise with the Texas Historical Commission is the next step the county is pursuing to try and get a new roof on the Crockett County Courthouse. Deaton said in the 1901

courthouse plans, the roof was a combination of barrel roll and standing seam shingles.

The standing seam area is the largest part of the building, which is the part that has the potential to leak.

The THC has stressed to the county to apply for the next round of Courthouse Preservation Grants, a program the THC has established to restore Texas Courthouses.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III said he has talked to people in several counties that went through the restoration program, and they are not happy with the results.

"I've heard a couple of judges state they wish they hadn't done it, which kind of makes me wonder," Childress said.

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While the board members or county officials are always present at these meetings, the one thing I find disturbing is not a lot of the public is there. As a journalist, it is my

sometimes our wellbeing.

my laptop and head off to anoth-

discussed and policies set that af-

Meetings where issues are

er meeting.

duty to attend these meetings to inform the public about what issues are discussed and actions are taken that can affect the citizens of Crockett County.

I understand that everyone's lives are busy and that finding the time to sit in a meeting is not always practical.

However, the people of Crockett County should not be intimidated in attending these meetings. School board meetings, county commissioners not completing the training, but meetings, any meeting of a gov- the Texas Attorney General's ernmental body are open to the Office states officials should be public.

Often times, government groups try to hide or intimidate the public from coming to their meetings. No one should ever be frightened to attend a public meeting.

Remember these are people that you, a voter, elected. They are members of our community just like anyone else.

In the next few months, our school board will be discussing a possible bond issue. A bond issue that the voters of Crockett County may have a chance to cast ballots on in November.

Meetings for this bond issue will be public. Whether they are regularly held school board meetings or special meetings, all these meetings are open for

Nearly every week I load up ity of building a new jail. County Judge Fred Deaton has said that it will be up to the public to decide if a new jail is built or not.

What's on My Mind By Melissa Perner

Take time

to attend meetings

Once again, the public can fect our county, our schools and educate themselves through reading this paper or attending meetings to obtain the facts.

Elected officials often try to challenge the act. Last year, two city council members from Alpine challenged the act that prohibits discussing public business in secret. The judge ruled in favor of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The state of Texas finds the act so important that staring in 2006 elected and appointed public officials are required by a state law to receive training in Texas open government laws. The Office of the Texas Attorney General offers free video train-

There is no punishment for cautioned that a deliberate failure to comply with the training requirements could result in an increased risk of criminal prosecution should they ever be accused of violating the Open Meetings Act.

The act is there to protect the public. The act is there to give the public a chance to hear what their government is doing.

Someone once asked me if I enjoy covering all these meetings. I will admit not all meetings are a joy, but covering them is my job to be the public's eyes

Time is precious to all of us. meetings is not time wasted for anybody.

# **Community Calendar**

Wednesday, July 11

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior
- Ozona Tennis Camp. 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.

Thursday, July 12

- Ozona Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- West Texas REHAB Work Injury Management Using Drug, Alcohol and Pre-Employment Screenings, noon to 2 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Friday, July 13

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior
- Ozona Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.

Monday, July 16

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior
- Ozona Lions Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Davidson Gym.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Commissioners Court Budget Workshop, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Tuesday, July 17

 Ozona Lions Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, July 18 Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior

- Ozona Lions Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Davidson Gym.



Taking the time to attend local discovered 20 new species of resemblance to members of our salamanders and a new species of elephants. Did they find them For more information on the in Africa or the Brazilian rainforthe Texas Attorney General's made. With the salamanders they took one species and, as if by magic, turned it into 20 new species. In the case of the elephants they simply added a new trunk to the African elephant's family

We're always told about species going extinct but did you know that at least 25,000 new species are named every year? This is not an act of Mother Nature but of human nature. Environmentalists are busy upgrading subspecies into full fledged species so they'll have more habitat to protect. It's called taxonomic inflation and some scientists predict that at the present rate someday we'll have one hundred million species on earth as opposed to the ten million we have now. WOW, the folks who own private property must be doing a heckuva job in creating and preserving habitat! I bet you're wondering what

and made it first public appear- an animal, bacteria or plant has to do to become a species? Here are the criteria used to determine

#1 Location: Put a Preble's Montgomery, P. C. Coates, Jumping Meadow Mouse in Col-Pleas Childress, Tot Grimer, orado and the Sierra Club wants Clifton Monteith, Bill Friend, to lock up the entire state. Put Slick Miller, Bert Kincaid Jr., that same mouse in a cupboard in Batts Friend, John Kirkpatrick, a New York City penthouse and that same Sierra Clubber would use any means necessary, including explosives, to wipe the species off the face of the earth. #2 The Cuddly Factor: There

has been an explosion of new species in what is called "charismatic megafauna." Huggable these band members were Scouts animals. Only rarely will you see Hollywood movie stars holding fundraisers for new species of barnacles or sea anemones that dwell only in the carcass of dead whales. Don't they deserve our love too?

> #3 Looks: It's no coincidence that there are twice as many species of monkeys, apes and other primates today as there were in the 1980's. We seem to have a special interest in sav-

Recently scientists have ing animals that bear a striking

#4 Land Desirability: For some reason new species seem to be appearing at an alarming rate on land the Nature Conservancy covets. They'd try to name a crossbred #2 Mexican steer as a separate species if it meant they could steal your land.

#5 Is It Edible? Have you ever noticed that things that wealthy supporters of green groups eat, like snails and sushi, never get protected with endangered species status? Like my Grandpa said, "Never name something you're going to eat." #6 Representation: A sub-

species has a much better chance of becoming a full fledged species if it has a good public relation firm and lawyers behind it. Just look at the success of grey wolves and bears. Even if they kill somebody their people are always there to stand up and defend their endangered species

#7 Politics: For some unexplained scientific reason more species seem to be discovered during Democratic administrations than Republican ones.

#8 Is It A Pest? In the Bahaif something is a separate spe- mas the greenies were very protective of their endangered species of raccoons but when they started turning over their trash cans and digging up yards, presto, they discovered the raccoons were actually part of the northern raccoon tribe and "downsized" them through "aggressive abate-

#9 Sexual Compatibility: If wolf hybrids can become a species doesn't a Dachshund who somehow breeds a Saint Bernard deserve special species status

#10 Profitability: According to the Wall Street Journal the Wilderness Conservation Society auctioned off the right to name a new monkey species in Bolivia. After a Montreal casino handed over \$650,000 for naming rights the monkey's scientific name became Goldenpalace.com. If this trend continues look for scientists to discover millions of new species of highly profitable rocks.

## the public to attend and get their Texas Open Meetings Act, visit est? No, actually they were manquestions answered. Office at www.oag.state.tx.us The county commissioners are also looking at the possibiland click on Open Government. Letters to the Editor A piece of Ozona **Boy Scout history**

Dear Editor,

AWARD WINNER

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I subscribe to the Stockman and enjoy reading about local events. I visit Ozona many times each year especially during hunting season and have taken part in many community activities and events. Ozona is a nice town to

I have subscribed to the Stockman for several years. One of the things I miss most in the Stockman is the column about things in the past as I enjoy reading about what and how it was done in times past.

Being an old Eagle Scout, I was searching the Internet on the Fourth of July looking for Scouting aritcles of the past and ran across a website about Scouting in West Texas.

While reading it, I found a short article about the Ozona Boy Scout Band and thought you might be interested as it included the names of participants, some of which I recognised the family names from today.

For you and your readers pleasure I present the following

Sincerely,

John LeBlanc Bridge City, Texas **BOY SCOUT BAND** AT OZONA

Several publications published over the years on the history of Ozona made mention of a Boy Scout Band in Ozona in 1926 and 1927. A story in the Crockett County Golden Anniversary Historical Edition of 1941 stated "The first band in Ozona was organized by Mrs. "Red" Smith in November 1926. It was organized as a Boy Scout Band comprising school students ance in the town park on July 4, 1927, during the rodeo. The band was sponsored by the P.T.A. as a school band in 1927-1928.

"Members were Eugene Billy Baggett, James Baggett, Cam Longley, Billy Childress, Marvin Graves, B. B. Ingham, Bud Coates, Woodrow Wilson, Massie Ray Smith, Joe Billy Keaton, Miller Robinson, Lee Dudley and Roger Dudley."

We do not know how many of but we suspect most of them were being as it was a Boy Scout Band. Apparently the band only lasted a year as a Boy Scout Band.

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published. 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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CROCKETT COUNTY EMPLOYEES show off their new red shirts on Friday. The shirts are being worn every Friday to show support for U.S. Troops.

# Levis & Lace Square Pance News

By TINA JARVIS

Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Thursday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Dale and Sandy Bebee, Tammi and Danny Monzingo, Raul De La Rosa, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis danced at dancing!

the Care Center.

Our next dance and workshop combo will be on Saturday night at the Senior Building at 8 p.m. Tom Harrison from Abilene will be down to help, we will have a meeting at this

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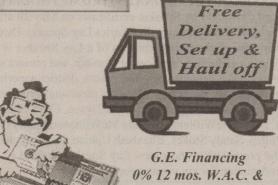


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# Superintendent to discuss bond, history of school at chamber luncheon

**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 and will consist of King Ranch Chicken, rice, refried beans, Mexican salad, banana pudding, hot sauce and tea. Cost is \$8 per person.

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

Nicholas Perez, Ericka Rubio, a new gym but included keeping Dorothy Montgomery, Leticia B. the existing first grade classroom Longoria, Jody Upham, Karina Marmolejo, Yvette Gonzales, Jo-

With an estimated \$130 per celine Porras and Evelyn K. Tebsquare-foot, the total cost is estimated at \$5.2 million. July 12 - Eric Mendoza,

With the \$250,000 estimated

# **Ozona Royals** James Montgomery, Shirley Kir-

# **Ozona Horns** July 14 - Bryan Arras, Cin- reunion July 21

There will be a baseball club July 15 - Enrique Galvan, reunion on July 21 at the south Kendra A. Sarabia, Kayla A. softball field. Sarabia, Nathan Pena-Alfaro,

The Ozona Royals will take Luis Villarreal and Linda Bor- on the Ozona Horns. The first game is at 3 p.m. with the second game at 6 p.m.

All ex Royals members are invited to attend.

There will be hamburgers and games for the children.

For more information, contact Romaldo Cervantez, Willie Fierro, Jesse Ortiz or Roland De-Hoyos.

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**ABE GOTT** 

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 Sep-

Gott began as Superintendent of the CCCCSD Feb. 1,

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, Shanon 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 an-

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

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

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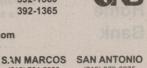
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# Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

I do hope your Fourth of July was as safe and as much fun as mine was. I heard from the radio station that Ozona was the only small town in the area to have a fireworks display.

We were sorry that Marie Gerlach, mother of Mary Welty, died. There was a memorial service for her a the Ozona United Methodist Church last Sunday. Her ashes will be buried in Michigan at a later date.

Also, the mother of Jimmy Lott, Rosa Lott passed away at Witchita Falls on July 4. She was buried in Ballinger on July 9.

Buster Miller is back in Ozona after being in the hospital in San Angelo. We are happy to have Buster back.

Several of our friends are in the hospital with recent injuries. Bud Cox is in the hospital in San Antonio and Sonny Malone is in the hospital in San Angelo. We wish both of you guys a speedy

Care Center

Chatter

Every week we approach,

we can see the Blessings of the

things we need or want. I simply

just think of things I would like to

have, and in no time here comes

someone with it. Thank the Lord

for people that listen to the voice

of God to meet the desires of our

on the Fourth of July. Nell Wester

found me a recipe. Burl Allen lent

me the ice cream machine and

Nancy Hale and her granddaughter

came to visit and helped us serve.

The residents loved it with bananas

and toppings. Betty Castro helped

me. Thanks to all who did it. We

Longoria helped to make our

ladies beautiful on Beauty Shop

Day. The Levis and Lace Square

Dancers danced Thursday. There were a lot of them and we had

Thanks for a great job well

Nell Wester and Lucille

couldn't let them down.

tons of fun too.

We had homemade ice cream

By ELSA VASQUEZ

Assistant Activity Director

recovery. We also learned that Bobbie Bird was in the hospital last week. Bobbie hurry and feel better.

Patsy White, one of our Crockett County Senior Board members, will be in Dallas for two weeks. You are missed Patsy and we look forward to your return.

On July 2, the Crockett County Senior Board met. The board agreed to buy a new seating arrangement to replace the old couch and chair around the TV. The board also voted to buy a new computer, desk and entertainment center. These items were made possible by donations.

Audrey Glynn called in to report that the Area Agency on Aging that was here on June 26 were so helpful to her. This agency will be back here at the Senior Center on July 26 and they can help you with your questions.

Also, on July 10 the Concho Valley Community Action was here at the Senior Center to assist those who qualify with their

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. We are happy that the ladies that have gone have returned to resume their walking exercise.

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, Celia West, Sandy Bebee, Eileen Childress, Marolyn Bean and Jean Odom.

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

#### **Obituaries**

## Marie Gerlach

Marie Gerlach, 94, finished her life story on July 5, 2007. She was born in Eastlake, Mich. on Aug. 27, 1912, the eldest of two children, and lived most of her life in Michigan. She told of moving with her parents, Ralph and Elsie Alkire Macklam, a total of 32 times (he worked for the railroad) before she was married at age 21 to Arnold Gerlach, who had lived in the same home all of his life to that point. They then lived in seven different places in Manistee before they bought a little farm and lived there for 30 years, where they raised their four daughters. They moved to Buckley, Mich. for 11 years until they became Ozona's "Snowbirds," visiting their daughter, Mary and her husband every winter. They moved to Ozona permanently in 1988. Arnold preceded her in death in 1995, after 62 years together wad?

Marie was content to live alone then, and enjoyed crocheting. She also sewed many special bibs used at the Crockett County Care Center at that time, and was a welcome guest at the music programs there every week. She began taking "meals on wheels" and was lovingly known as the "Cookie Lady" by all who delivered her daily meals, as she gave each one a little package of homemade cookies every single day. She even made some that were sugar-free for the folks that she knew couldn't have sugar. She sat in her chair by the window and enjoyed God's creation, rain and shine. She walked daily with our Lord, and it showed in her kind ways. She kept a daily all her activities and thoughts, a beautiful and historic record for her family. It was a sad day for her when her eyesight failed and she could no longer do this.

She was a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church, attended Sunday School there as long as she could, was a working member of the Helping Hands Board for many years, mem- lady, we loved you dearly.



bership secretary of the local chapter of AARP and a member of Eastern Star for more than 60 years. She was a willing helper for her daughter when Mary worked at the museum, where she enjoyed visiting with people from all over the world.

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Mn May of 2002, she joined the family of residents at the Crockett County Care Center, where she lived until her death. Surviving are her daughters and their families, Mary Welty of Ozona, Ruth Schmidt, Martha and Ron Szymarek and Arnetta and John Stone, all of Michigan, nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother George Macklam, husband Arnold Gerlach, sons-in-law Arthur Johnson, Jerry Kunde, Rick Chmielewski, Len Hillman, Merle Welty and Chris Schmidt.

Memorial service was held Sunday, July 8, at the Ozona United Methodist Church. She will be buried next to her husjournal where she faithfully wrote band in the family plot in Michigan at a later date. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

> The family extends heartfelt thanks to all employees of the Crockett County Care Center for their kind and gentle care of our mother these last years, and to Hospice of San Angelo who cared for her only three days. Rest in God's care, sweet

# from the Care Center

**LET US INTRODUCE** 



NAME: Angelica Galindo

JOB TITLE: Dietary Helper and Cook

**HOW LONG WITH PRESENT EMPLOYER: 15 months** 

**ORIGINALLY FROM:** San Luis Potosi, Mexico

SPOUSE, CHILDREN: Husband Jose Mario Galindo Ir. son Joseph Matthew and daughter Mariah Kay Galindo

HOBBIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER INTERESTS: Spending time with family

## FIVE SPROUTING SWEET POTATOES

As I went into the kitchen something on one of the shelves caught my attention. Sticking out from behind the mixer was some long slender whitish tentacle looking objects. Five sweet potatoes had accidentally been placed in a dark corner and were trying to grow. They had frantically been trying to reach some sunlight and several of the runners were over sixteen inches long. Seeing those sweet potatoes reminded me of something that we all face in life. When God created us in His image, (Genesis 1:26) He made a spot in our being or hearts for light to shine or dwell but because of sin there is the absence of light, (John 1:5). God tries by turning on a little light to draw us to Him. He will work with us time after time trying to get us to accept or for us to allow that light to fully enter into our lives, (Acts 26:18, 2 Corinthians 4:6). There is one problem we can reject that light and we can do it many times. Each time we reject it the light becomes harder to see the light the next time. There can even become a time that we can not see it at all due to the hardness of our hearts, (2 Corinthians 4:4). That light is Jesus Christ. (John 8:12). We are either in the light or total darkness, (John 3:19-21). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

#### 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.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem **Rev. Esequiel Cervantez** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. 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.

**Calvary Baptist Church** 601 Ave. I

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.

**New Beginnings Church** 701 9th Street **Pastor Jesse Cardona** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.

#### **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.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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. Attend the

Church of your choice this Sunday

### **Ozona United Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**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.

#### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** 219 Martinez St

Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.

**Apostolic Church** 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

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.

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# James Flay Cullins

James Flay Cullins, age 82, of Coleman, died Thursday, July 5, 2007 at Songbird Lodge in

Graveside funeral service with military honors was held Saturday, July 7 at the Coleman City Cemetery Pavilion. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

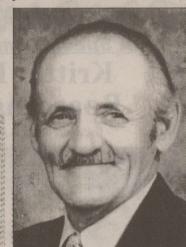
James Cullins was born Dec. 1, 1924 in Coleman County, Texas, a son of the late George A. Cullins and Dillie Edith Pridemore Cullins.

From 1943-1946 he served. in the United States Army in ley. On May 1, 1949 he married Tishie "Speedy" Lackey in San Angelo and she preceded him in death in May 26, 2001.

James was an oilfield driller, living in Ozona from 1972-1979, then moving to Gaines County.

He came to Coleman in 1988 and moved to a Brownwood nursing home two years ago. He was Baptist.

Survivors include two sis-Melba Whiteley of Brownwood,



the 342nd Armored Field Artil- two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Coleman Cullins of Orange, Calif. and Zella Cullins of Mesa, Ariz. and numerous nieces and nephews.

> In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son Tony Cullins in 1991, three sisters, Gladys Wright, Annabelle Warren and Mary Telford, three brothers, J. T. Cullins, Dan Cullins and Floyd "Porky" Cullins.

Please sign our online guest ters, Edith Deland of Ozona and book at www.livingmemorials.



Submitted photo

**MEMBERS OF THE OZONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** received Certified Lay Speaker certificates on May 20 after completing Lay Speaker training with District Lay Speaker Director Shelly Mosher. One of the responsibilities of a Lay Speaker is to conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, and present sermons and addresses when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on lay speaking. Members receiving certificates are: Jack Baggett Jr., Jodie Baggett, Ronny Clayton, Chad Fluth, John Hignight, David McWilliams, Tamara McWilliams, Chad Poindexter, Janet Pullen, Sandy Stokes, Elizabeth Upham, Randy Upham. Following the presentation, these new Lay Speakers helped in a ceremony of confirmation for six young people.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped and prayed for us during our time of sorrow. Cheryl Vestal Sheppard will missed by all. Floyd Sheppard and Lacey Vestal

# **COURT:** Agreements approved to house inmates out of county

agrees, the county would furnish the money to replace the roof. He also said he would ask THC to recommend one of their architects for the job.

"We could have a very beautiful roof on our courthouse if they would compromise there," Deaton said. "This will be a better roof than the original."

The commissioners vote to roof with the THC.

#### AGREEMENT TO HOUSE **INMATES**

The commissioners voted to accept agreements for Crockett County to house inmates in Upton and Reagan counties.

Cost for Upton County will district. be \$37.50 a day. For Reagan County it will be \$33 a day.

transportation when they can. However, the agreements do not state that there will be a certain

Deaton said if the THC number of beds available for ty Constable to attend Court Se-Crockett County, said Sheriff curity School to be paid through Shane Fenton.

#### TAX REPORT

In her annual report, County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw said that out of a total tax roll of \$38 million her office has collected all but \$200,000 in taxes, which is around 99.6 per-

County Auditor Sandy allow Deaton to pursue this type Stokes said out of the \$38 million, the county receives \$9 million and Crockett County CCSD receives \$29 million.

> The school district then gets to keep \$10 million and then sends \$19 million to the state due to being a Chapter 41 "rich" school

Shaw's report also stated that her office is expecting the Both counties will provide mineral roll to decrease 4 percent for next year's tax roll.

· Request of Crockett Coun- nex.

courthouse security fund.

· Bylaws for the Crockett County Historical Commission.

• Purchasing of a new truck for the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department to replace truck #207, which is a four-door pickup used as a command vehicle.

· Maintain the \$5 fee for registration of vehicles in Crockett County.

 Advertising for fuel bids to be open at 2 p.m. Aug. 13.

· Advertising for mowing

bids to be open at 2 p.m. Aug. 13. · Resolution adopting Fair

Housing Complaint Procedures. The commissioners will host a budget workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the court-

The next regular commissioners meeting will be 9 a.m. OTHER ITEMS APPROVED Aug. 13 at the courthouse an-

house annex.

# Ozona Chamber welcomes new business

By SHANON **BIGGERSTAFF** Chamber Executive Director

Ozona Hair Company has opened its doors and is inviting the public to stop by at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 12 for a Ribbon Cutting followed by an Open House until 5 p.m.

Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Owners Lisa Pool and Whitney Agee will be on hand to welcome guests. Lisa is a 15-year experienced hair dresser married to Jay, who owns J.P. Concrete Construction, and they have been in Ozona the past five years.

Whitney was born in Rankin and has moved from Big Lake and is also an experienced licensed hair dresser. The two owners formerly ran a shop by the name of Sheer Magic in Big Lake for five years.

Ozona Hair Company is located at 1103 Avenue E (across the street from the Abstract office), and is open for business Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Services offered are men's and women's haircuts, perms, up-dos colors, waxing, and children's cuts. They will offer free "bang" trims for women and cleanup's (neck and over the ear) for men. Walk-ins welcome.

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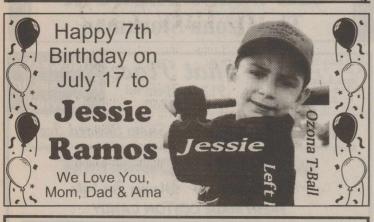


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I also would like to thank all the members of the Knights of Columbus for service to our local council during these



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JACOB TAMBUNGA (right) carries the U.S., Flag during the Fourth of July parade followed by Frank Tambunga and the Ozona High School Color guard. Tambunga just returned on leave from

# SCENES FROM FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION













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# Meza selected for leadership conference

Joaquin Meza has been selected to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference this fall in Washington, D.C.

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This year's theme is "Voices of Leadership: Reflecting on the Past to Create the Future.'

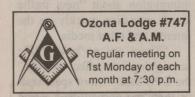
Meza was nominated by his teacher, Jessica Phillips of Ozona Middle School.

The conference introduces young people to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

During the six-day program. students take part in educational activities and presentations, along with meeting with elected officials on Capitol Hill and visiting the historic districts of Philadelphia, Penn., Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Washington D.C.

Students also study the impact of leadership through critical periods of American history including the Civil War, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights Movement.

For more information on the conference, visit www.cylc.org.



Youth Center

Calendar of Events

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

July 16 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

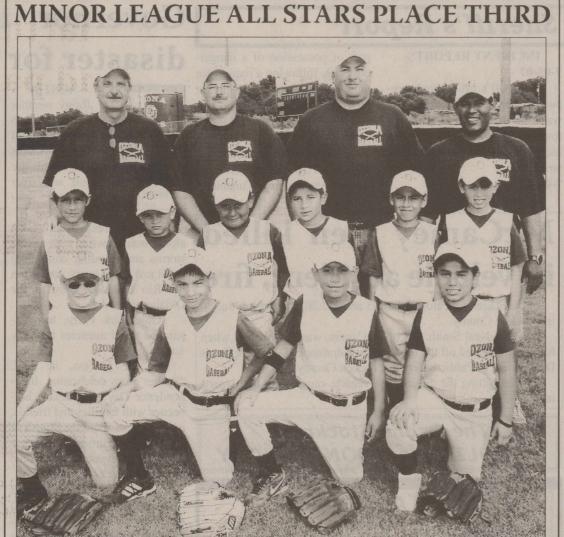
July 17 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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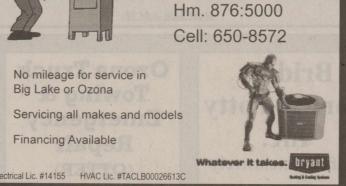
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sessions. Session 1 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. for girls enterting third thru sixth grades and Session 2 will be from 1-3:30 p.m. for girls entering seventh thru ninth grades at the Davidson Gymnasium.

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

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

Each camper will receive at camp T-shirt and a cer-The camp will be in two tificate. Campers will need to brig 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.

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West Texas Rehabilitation Center invites you to an inservice on Work Injury Management Using Drug, Alcohol and Pre-Employment Screenings to be held on Thursday, July 12 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic and Youth Center.

Topics to be discussed are: Types of Alcohol and Drug Screens, DOT vs. Non-DOT, Drug Screens in the Workplace and Presentation on WorkSteps (pre-employment screenings)

Lunch will be served. RSVP to 325-392-9872





# Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFIC	E NEWS REPO
TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CAI
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	10
Civil Complaints	2
Civil Service	8
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	27
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	6
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	5
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	9
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	3
Security Alarms	3
Assist other Law or county Agencies	2
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	18
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	10
State/County Road Calls	2
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	2
Minor Vehicle Accidents	1
, Traffic Citations Issued	8

na, Justice of the Peace Court,

· Felipe Martinez Ramirez,

· Michael Adam Jenkins,

• Johnny Ray Villarreal

• Teresa Sue Sniff, 39, of

deputy for public intoxication.

Subject was released after laying

by sheriff deputy on a Crockett

County warrant for assault fam-

ily violence. Subject remains in

Ozona, arrested by sheriff deputy

on a Crockett County warrant for

failure to appear/possession of

marijuana. Subject was released

deputy for possession of a dan-

gerous drug. Subject remains in

Ozona, arrested by sheriff depu-

ty for driving while intoxicated.

Subject was released from jail

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• Erin Garden Walker, 24,

· Jose Dominguez, 31, of

4-DAY ADVANCE TICKET SALES

from jail after posting bond.

jail unable to post bond.

by sheriff deputy for Crockett

County warrant for theft and de-

ARREST REPORT

disorderly conduct.

and was released.

7-03-07

7-05-07

out his fine.

7-06-07

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT The following persons have outstanding Crockett County

Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett 39, of San Angelo, arrested County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

• Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, ceptive business. He posted bail Crockett County Court-Theft by

· Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/ Ozona, Crockett County Court- 20, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff Theft by Check

· Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

· Blas Ramos Jr., Crockett Jr., 21, of Ozona was arrested 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

· Christine Reyes Arana, of Austin, Crockett County Court - failure to identify.

· Gerilyn Longoria, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - theft of Houston, arrested by sheriff

· Ethel Mae Borrego, of Ozona/San Angelo, possession of a control substance in a correctional facility.

· Raven Perez, of Ozona, Crockett County District Court - criminal mischief.

**THE PHOENIX** (Showing on three screens)
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· Rogelio Sanchez, of Ozo-

**INCIDENT REPORTS** LLS 7-03-07

> · Sheriff's office filed a report of abandoned vehicle. Car town on State Highway 163. Vehicle was impounded by the duty wrecker. 7-06-07

> > • Sheriff's office filed a re-

port of possession of a dangerous drug, following a request for motorist assist at mile-marker 367 on Interstate-10. Upon furwas left abandoned north of ther investigation deputy located dangerous drug in subject vehicle. Subject was arrested for possession of dangerous drug, subject remains in jail unable to

# McCamey teen killed in vehicle accident, fire

A teenager died along FM 305 about 2:20 a.m. Friday, July 6 in Crockett County.

Joshua Neal Smith, 18, of McCamey, was southbound when his vehicle veered off the road and hit a drainage culvert, the Texas Department of Public Safety in Crockett County said.

Upon hitting the culvert, the vehicle caught fire, the depart-

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#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	98-1.16
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	87-1.04
Fat ewes to short strangers and the	38-42
Thin ewes	22-35
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	1.05-1.20
Angora Kids-shorn	85-94
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	35-45
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	40-46
Stocker Spanish nannies	72-1.05
Fat Spanish nannies	48-62
Fat Spanish muttons	85-1.20
Fat Spanish billies	65-80

Spanish nanny & kid pairs Next Sale July 16

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Fat Spanish kids	1.15-1.30
Small kids	90-1.15

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# Governor issues state disaster for 44 counties



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alone, weatherwise, with severe storms and flooding continuing to hit just about every zone from the Rio Grande Valley to the Oklahoma border.

Gov. Rick Perry, has dispatched relief agencies to many

In the process, he said, "Rather than celebrating Independence Day at backyard barbecues with families and friends, many Texans spent the Fourth of July holiday battling the dangerous weather events that continue to impact their communities.

"We will continue to help local communities respond to emergencies and recover from. the heavy storms and rains that have saturated a large part of our state and we will make sure the necessary resources are in place if the situation worsens."

Perry also urged Texans "to heed the warnings of their local leaders and take all possible precautions to stay out of dangerous situations as this severe weather continues."

Since mid-June, Perry has issued a state disaster declaration for 44 counties, namely:

co, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Grayson, Hamilton, Hood and Hunt.

Also, Jones, Lamar, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Tarrant, Travis, Webb, Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young. President George W. Bush

approved federal disaster declarations for Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, who toured stricken areas, co-announced President Bush's disaster approval.

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#### TAX PENALTY WAIVERS AVAILABLE

rated. There is still time left for Central Texas hasn't been certain folks to take advantage of Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' offer of a limited-time waiver of penalties and interest on unpaid taxes.

The waiver, which expires Aug.15, is available for all state taxes administered by the comptroller, except unclaimed property and the Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessment.

Eligible liabilities can relate to sales or purchases of taxable

Reports originally due before April 1 are eligible. But the waiver does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, to taxpayers under audit or review, or to taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible deficiency, the Office of the Comptroller said.

#### NEW TAX LAW TAKES EFFECT

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Legislation redefining "occasional sale" took effect July 1, and it has an impact on people who sell their personal property. HB 373 by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, amends the tax code to allow non-business sellers to Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blan, sell up to \$3,000 in a calendar year in certain merchandise without paying state tax if their items are purchased by Texas buyers.

#### DPS ADDRESSES **NEW LAW HOAX**

The Texas Department of Public Safety responded to false information about "new traffic laws" spreading quickly on the Internet and other media.

"There are no new traffic laws going into effect in July," the DPS said. "More specifically, there are no new laws going into effect in July related to cell phones, seat belts or carpooling. No cell phone bills were passed this Legislative session."

#### PARKS & WILDLIFE CHIEF IS NAMED

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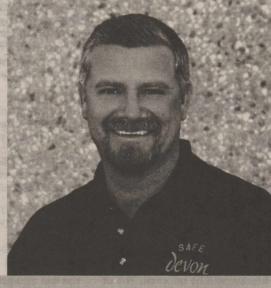
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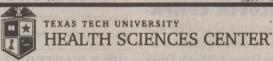
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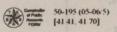


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# **Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
  the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you · the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
  the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
  the change of use of land receiving special appraisal any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or
- appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects

## **Informal Review**

Contact the Crockett County Appraisal District 909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943 (325) 392-2674

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

**Crockett County Appraisal District Crockett County Courthouse Annex** 909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its

order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information** You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district

**Tax Payment** 

at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.).

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You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

## Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.