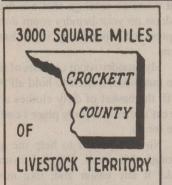


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Complaints yield no change

Board reviews new cell phone policy, hires construction manager

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

No changes were made by the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees after hearing complaints from an employee and a parent during their July 9 regular meeting, but a new cell phone policy was discussed for the upcoming school year.

During the meeting, the board met in executive/closed session for about 30 minutes to discuss a complaint filed by Manley Holmes on his reassignment from intermediate school principal to director of the district's disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP).

After reconvening in open session, board secretary Veronica Fierro made the motion not to proceed with the Level III grievance related to a grievance Level II not held. The board vote was 5-1 with board member Dwight Childress voting then sent to in-school suspension against the motion.

The district has a three-step process when it comes to filing complaints or grievances. Fierro's motion meant that Holmes went from Level I to Level III and did not pursue the second step, so the reassignment of Holmes from intermediate principal to DAEP did not change.

Stockman to close this week for vacation

The Ozona Stockman will close at NOON Thursday, July 17, and be closed ALL DAY Friday, July 18, for

DEADLINE for the July 23 edition is NOON Monday, July 21. Information can be e-mailed to publisher@ozonastockman.com or faxed to (325) 392-2439.

Filing period for school board elections, write-in candidates starts Monday

The filing period for anyone wanting to seek election to the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees or for anyone interested in running as a write-in candidate for county or state offices begins Monday, July 21, and will last through Aug. 26 for the November General Election.

Positions up for re-election on the school board this year are: District 1 - previously held by Carol Buie; District 2 - currently held by Jana Wilson; District 6 - currently held by Tom Anderson and the At-Large position currently held by Dr. Marcus Sims.

County and local state offices that are up for re-election are sheriff, county attorney, 112th District Attorney, commissioner precinct 3, commissioner precinct 1, county taxassessor collector and constable.

For more information, call the clerk's office at 392-2022 or the school district's administration office at 392-5501 ext. 5700.

"bunch of uptight ladies."

"We were so uptight; we even had a hard time teaching. Mr. Holmes had us relax and get back to the business of teaching the children. I just wanted you to know how much I respect the man and the job he has done at our building," she said.

The board then spent around 40 minutes in executive session for a Level III grievance complaint from parent Jill Koerth and her daughter Melanie Miller involving the inconsistencies of the district's cell phone

The inconsistency of the policy has caused Koerth's daughter a spot on the varsity cheerleading squad, due to her daughter being caught with her cell phone three times and

The board voted to deny Koerth's grievance meaning Miller's punishment for violating the policy stands. The board's vote was five for, none against and one vote to abstain by Jana Wilson.

In open forum, fourth-grade be followed. This was the policy teacher Cora Worthington said that used this year and we have decided when Holmes came to the interme- to uphold the policy at this time," diate school, the teachers were a said Board President Dr. Marcus

> 2008-2009 student handbook, the board discussed a new cell phone policy that will take effect when school starts.

> The new policy states that students that display cell phones or have them turned on while on school property before the end of the school day (including lunch) will be required to pay a charge of \$15 after a 15-day waiting period and spend one day in ISS for the first offense before the phone will be returned.

> On the second offense, the district will notify the parent and company of its intent to dispose of the device after 30 days in accordance with the Texas Education Code. The student will also be placed in ISS for three days.

> Any subsequent cell phone violations after the second time will result in disposal of the device and extended time in ISS or DAEP.

Cell phone usage is not allowed in locker rooms or restrooms at any "This was a very difficult deci- time during school or at school-resion for the board. Policies have to lated or school-sponsored events.

Even though the event may not be on district property, the student will be subject to disciplinary ac-

All cell phones that are taken During their review of the up will be donated to "Cell Phones for Soldiers," which is a program that recycles used cell phones for American Soldiers to use overseas to call their families.

The policy will be included in the handbook, which parents sign at the beginning of the school year, and on a separate page that must also be signed by the parents.

Childress said the new policy is broad and easy to break.

"I have had enough of cell phones in the school. I think we should eliminate them from the school," Childress said.

Superintendent Abe Gott said that he is fearful if cell phones are not allowed on campus, and a severe incident happens at the school, then students would not have a way to call for help.

"The phone has to be off and out of sight," Gott said. "This is going to have to be very harsh. The cell phone issue has gotten to the point where it's a major disruption

County, school board approve terms of bond

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The terms of the \$10 million school bond were officially approved by the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees and the Crockett County Commissioners' Court Monday during the commissioners' regular monthly meeting.

The bond, which was approved by local voters in May, will be used to build a new elementary school in the area where the primary school is currently located.

During the meeting, Jeff Robert, senior vice president of First Southwest Company, presented the investment and pay plan for the bond that was purchased by Southwest Securities Investment Bank through a negotiated transaction.

With approval, the \$10 million will be delivered to the school district by Aug. 14. The first bond payment will be Feb. 15, 2009. Payments will be semi-annual.

In his presentation, Robert showed a seven-year payoff plan in order to keep within the 16 cents tax increase that was promised to the

During the promoting of the bond, Superintendent Abe Gott told voters that the bond would be paid Please see BOARD page 7 off in five years with a hope of being paid off in three.

Robert said he figured a sevenyear conservative plan due to the district relying heavily on oil and gas money.

"I would be shocked if you didn't pay the bond off quicker, if your values stay as high as they are. We like to be ultra-conservative. There is always the potential that values can go down," Robert said. "Seven years is the worst-case scenario."

The question about allowing local banks to buy it came up during the meeting. Since the bond is considered over \$10 million due to fees that incur, banks are unable to buy the bond.

If the school district tries to split the bond, to allow the banks to buy, the school could miss out on the Texas Permanent School Fund that allows school to sell their bonds at an AAA rating, which is the best rating, Robert said. The interest rate on the bond is 3.66 per-

"There is some benefit for the school district to get this money now. One thing that the local banks might be interested in is helping the district invest this money," Robert

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED: Please see COURT page 7

Camels in cowboy country

Community day also features rainwater harvesting program

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

Richard and Gobi sit while little hands pet them on their heads.

Throughout the day various children of all ages come by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center to see the two camels that have made their way to Ozona.

The camels are part of the Texas Camel Corps and were featured during the July 10 Community Day.

The day also featured soliders from Fort Lanacaster who peformed firearm demonstrations and brought their stagecoach, as well as a lunch program on rainwater harvesting by Jim Gallagher of Uvalde.

Members of the Texas Pecos Trail Board also held their monthly meeting that day.

However, Richard and Gobi stole the show as visitors and local citizens stopped to see the unique the state. animals.

"They have seen it all and done it all. Sitting around and getting loved on is easy work," said Doug Baum, owner of the Texas Camel Corps.

Since 1995, the Texas Camel Corps has been educating on the unique part camels played in opening up America's West.

The animals are used for living history events, school programs and have been featured on television 392-3737.

and films.

Richard is a dromedary camel with one hump. His pal Gobi is a big Bactrian camel with two humps.

In June of 1860 Lt. William E. Echols and his "camel corps" visited Fort Lancaster.

The camels were thought to have been useful in West Texas due to the animal's ability to keep on the move with a minimum of food and

Chris Elliott, site manager of Fort Lancaster, said the fort is working on getting the camels on a more permanent basis at the fort.

Along with living history events, the day also featured a rainwater harvesting program.

Gallagher, an assistant professor and extension wildlife specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, said rainwater harvesting is frequently being used throughout

'We don't have all the answers to the water problems in Texas, but rainwater harvesting can really make you think about where the water is going," Gallagher said.

Along with his presentation, Gallagher showed visitors how the rainwater harvesting collection site at the Visitor Center works.

For more information, call the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at



Photos by Melissa Perner

LAZARO RODRIGUEZ (left) and Norah Rodriguez pet Richard the camel at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. The camels were brought by Fort Lancaster for a Community Day on July 10

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Laundry is my life

may differ but one thing always lin- always have laundry. gers over my head.

It's located on my back, enclosed porch, just before you get to our bathroom. It sits in a tall, wicker basket and if not completed every week the items in the basket tend to spill out on to our floor.

laundry. The weekly task haunts me every week as I spend Saturday or Sunday or both sorting whites, colors, jeans, towels, etc...

Granted, I could do little loads every night during the week, but when I get home my couch calls me and my body usually doesn't want to crawl off of it until bedtime.

In fact, a blue basket full of sheets, towels, shirts, underwear and socks is sitting on my couch as I am procrastinating about folding it.

I think laundry was created to be the bane of a woman's existence. It seems to be me no matter how

Every weekend my schedule modernized us women get, we will

As a teenager, I didn't think about clothes in terms of laundry. I thought about clothes in terms of style and brand name.

Now, that I am a little older, I see clothes in terms of comfort and does the tag say "dry clean only." Naturally, I'm talking about Granted, dry cleaning means I don't have to wash it, but laundry at my house is cheaper.

> My husband often asks me around birthdays and holidays what I want. I tell him for someone to come in on the weekends and do my laundry. He thinks I'm joking, I tell him I'm not.

Often I will catch my husband doing laundry. In fact, our first argument was over him doing laundry. I was young and naïve and my husband wasn't doing the laundry my way. I think I scared him off of touching a washer and dryer ever again.

My husband is good at laundry. Unlike most husbands that pile the

way of sorting.

He sorts every piece of clothing by color, like they should be, but every color has its own stack. All black clothes in one, all the navy clothes in one, whites in another, red in another

Nothing ever gets ruined but I have told him the black clothes and the navy clothes can be combined.

When it comes to plaids or stripes, he puzzled. I had the flu one time and he kept asking me which pile my multi-colored clothing should be. Now, once in a blue moon, when he does do the laundry he only touches his own clothes.

On the occasional shopping spree, I catch myself staring at those fancy washer and dryers with the digital buttons and various settings. Then I look at the price tag. If I'm going to pay that much for a machine I have to use every week, then the machines should sort, load, wash, dry, unload,

clothes altogether, he has a unique fold and put away the laundry without me every lifting a finger.

The little rugs and knickknacks that come in catalogs that are used to dress up your laundry room don't impress me either. Sorry, if you have

My laundry room consists of the two machines, a shelf to hold all the stuff, the basket of dirty clothes and the cat's litter box (only place I could fine for it).

No cutesy stuff to help me get through this ritual. Why? It won't make it any easier and, like most small laundry rooms, I have no room

The basket is calling me that sits on my couch. It's time to fold and put away this week's pile of now clean clothes.

That wicker basket next to the dryer is empty for now, but when I go to soak in my hot, bubble bath, a shirt and a pair of sweat pants will be thrown in to start the ritual all over again.

Planting Time In America

Americans have moved off the farm and into town and along with some of their possessions they left behind their common sense. As they have forsaken the soil for the concrete they seemed to have forgotten that you can't plant radishes and expect to harvest corn. Every rube, redneck, hick and hillbilly in the country knows that you can't breed a our child's Little League team. mustang to a mule and expect to win the Derby.

The "American Dream" seems to be disappearing faster than the gas in our tanks. People say our "Gold-States. Of course we can, all our city cousins have to remember is that old biblical bromide: As ye sow, so shall

We can't continue to elect the

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By Ed Sterling

on his Web site July 9, published

that "Texas Is America's Top State

for Business," citing results of the

CNBC "Top States for Business

40 different measures of competitive-

survey: cost of doing business, work-

force, economy, education, quality

of life, technology and innovation,

transportation, cost of living, business

economy, technology and innovation,

Susan Combs, had this to say in her

"Comptroller's Economic Outlook"

tinues to be in better shape than most

other states. While we see a cooling

'So far, the Texas economy con-

Texas' strongest showings were in

friendliness and access to capital.

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expect our government to change. We can't turn our country over to a bunch of lawyers and then expect simple and cheap solutions. We can't continue to buy everything from China and then complain when we get laid off. We shouldn't shop at Wal-Mart and then expect the small merchant on Main Street to sponsor

Every hog farmer in the country knows that you can't eat like a pig and not expect to get fat like one. If you cheat on your spouse, put your job and money ahead of your family en Age" is over and wonder if we or get a divorce you have no right to can regain our former glory. Can we expect your children to be great parfix what ails US? As in the United ents some day. Oh, and just like that old sterile mule, don't be surprised when the men marrying men and the women marrying women produce no

stopped the drillers from drilling and the miners from mining. You can't put the loggers out of work, put government firebugs in charge of our forests and then expect two-by-fours to be cheap or straight. You can't place rent controls on property owners and can't stop builders from building because of fairy shrimp and three-legged frogs and then worry yourself sick about the homeless. And a word to the politicians and Hollywood types who like to drape themselves in swaths of green; you have no right to complain about global warming while speeding down the runway in your private jet. And don't wave your carbon credits at the rest of us, they don't make your exhaust disappear.

This may come as a surprise to some but we simply can't leave the population spigot turned on, both legal and illegal, without having the bathtub overflow at some point. And there will be a mess to clean up! Just as we can't pollute our streams and expect to catch any fish, we can't turn loose lions and wolves without them occasionally eating someone. You can't lay down with lions and wake up with lambs. How can we give our kids drugs

You shouldn't expect to fill up in school and then expect them to same old corrupt politicians and then your car with cheap gas if you have "Just Say No" when they are offered ing this year?

deadlier ones later on? This may come as a shock to some parents but we can't turn our kids loose to play video games and watch movies where the primary goal is shooting something and then be horrified when our schools turn into shooting galleries. And just a word to young people who are piercing their nostrils, lips, eyebrows and tattooing their bodies in ugly art. When you are trying to feed your own family, or trying to get a job, I wouldn't expect to get an upper management job if I were you. Better get used to delivering pizza and flipping burgers. And you old folks whose sole investment for retirement has been in losing lottery tickets... Guess what? There is no jackpot and you have no right to expect the next generation to pay for you to live the extravagant life you've been charging on your credit cards for 30 years. aiver hit

The answer to our problems is simple really. Just know that you can't plant seeds of corruption, greed and sloth and expect to harvest hope. It just doesn't work that way. We know what we must do. Don't we? I'd suggest it's planting time in

So, what seeds will you be sow-

Governor touts survey showing Texas best state for business

like good job growth and revenue General's Office ruled. growth that show the state is faring better than what's happening on the national front.

"Employment in Texas continues to expand. From May 2007 to May 2008, Texas gained about 238,700 jobs, which is more than the next seven top job growth states combined. Texas accounted for 53.4 percent of the jobs gained in the nation during that time period.

'Sales tax revenue is the state's largest source of general revenue. So far this year, sales tax revenue is 5.8 percent higher than the same period last year."

TAPE OF ARSON **REMAINS SECRET**

A security camera videotaped Among measures used in the the June 8 arson fire that gutted the Governor's Mansion.

The Texas Department of Public Safety sought a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office to prevent release of the tape, or copies of it, to the public.

If the fire had been ruled an act of terrorism, the tape would have been Meanwhile, state Comptroller deemed confidential under federal and state homeland security laws. But there has been no such ruling.

However, the contents of the tape may be kept confidential under the Texas public information law, because it is part of an ongoing in the economy, there are aspects criminal investigation, the Attorney

AG LOOKS AT RELIGIOUS LIT COURSES

The Attorney General's Office completed its required review of proposed rules by the State Board of Education regarding "religious literature" courses that Texas public high schools can offer under a law passed by the Legislature in 2007. Deputy Attorney General An-

drew Weber, in a July 9 letter to SBOE Chairman Don McLeroy, wrote that it could not be concluded whether Bible courses would comply with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and that the attorney general's office is unable to "preclear" courses.

Constitutional challenges may arise over the way these courses are

AG FILES MEDICAID FRAUD LAWSUIT

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 9 filed a lawsuit in a Travis County state district court charging a list of generic drug manufacturers with reporting false, inflated drug prices to the Texas Medicaid program.

The lawsuit alleges that the manufacturers falsely reported prices, and as a result, Medicaid reimbursed pharmacies at vastly inflated rates. The false reporting of drug prices is a violation of the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act.

The lawsuit names Watson/ Schein Pharmaceuticals Inc. of California; Alpharma Inc. of New Jersey; Par Pharmaceutical Inc. of New Jersey; and Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. of New York.

CENSUS RANKS FAST GROWING CITIES

The U.S. Census on July 10 released data showing that in 2007, McKinney, Killeen and Denton ranked in the top 10 fastest growing cities in the nation.

In another category, numerical population increase, data showed Houston added 38,932 residents between July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, to lead the nation. Joining Houston in the top 10 on that list were: San Antonio, third; Fort Worth, fourth; and Austin, eighth.

NEW WAY TO TRACK 'YOUR MONEY'

For Texans interested in how their tax dollars are being spent, there is a new Web site: TexasBudgetSource.com.

The site is a project of the Austin-based conservative think tank, Texas Public Policy Foundation. Talmadge Heflin, a former state lawmaker, is director of the foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. He said the purpose of the Web site is to bring greater transparency to government

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Richardson-Kingman to wed in October

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Clay Richardson of Ozona are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Codi to Mr. Andrew Taylor Kingman. Codi is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clay Richardson of Sonora and Mrs. Charlie Edward Schwartz and the late Mr. Charlie Edward Schwartz of Junction. Taylor is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen Kingman of San Antonio. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kenneth Landrum and the late June Poteet Landrum of McAllen and the late Dr. and Mrs. Allen Frederick Kingman of San Antonio.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ozona High School and Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. She has completed her second year at the University of Texas-San Antonio School of Medicine. The prospective groom is a graduate of Alamo Heights High School and the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He is completing his final year at Baylor Medical School in Houston. The couple plans an October wedding in Ozona.

Arredondo receives SONSTAR Award

Irene Arredondo has received a SONSTAR Award as a staff member of the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing, Children's Wellness Center.

The selection criteria for SON-STAR are that the recipient, significantly improves internal or external customer service, increases faculty/ staff satisfaction, works to foster collaboration, communication and cooperation among colleagues and performs at a level above and beyond normal job requirement.

Irene has been the Senior Office Assistant and certified Medical Interpreter for the Children's Wellness Center for the past nine years assisting families improve their children's health, education, and welfare.

has also done volunteer work at the Volunteer Health Clinic in Austin Hepatitis B Campaign Team. where she recently received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

She has worked with the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department with the Health.

July 16 - Stephen Zuberbueler,

Hale, Burl Myers and Joanie Med-

Black, Jerry Perry, Connie Marshall,

Drew Fierro, Jessie Lynn Ramos,

Coleen Everett and Terry Crawford

Camarillo, Gloria Moran, Mark Fier-

ro, Connie Gonzales, Anthony Avila

and Jessica Borrego

July 18 - Mimi Perez, Yazmin

Lisa Vasquez, Shona Moore, Nancy A. De Hoyos and Laken Dawn Vil-

July 17 - Albert Barrera, Susie Shelia Castillo, Fleet Ray Worthing-

ton and Devon Diehl



She previously did community outreach as a VISTA Volunteer for three years in Ozona and Austin, Texas with the Texas Department of

Off-road vehicle lunch, tour July 24 and 26

The Escondido Draw Recreation Area (EDRA), a 3,400-acre off-road vehicle recreation park, will be the topic of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on July 24 at the Visitor Center.

A meet and greet session will be held at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and program from noon-1 p.m.

The lunch will be catered by Tia's Café and feature combination fajitas, rice, beans, guacamole, tortillas, tea and apple cobbler. Cost is

The program will feature the answer to these questions:

· What is the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition?

who will use the park?

· What hours will the park be open and what services will it pro- is July 22. vide?

• Will the park be open to the festivities in the town square park. general public?

Tony Eeds currently serves as ers from 4:30-6:30 p.m. the President of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition (TMTC) and is active across the state of Texas fostering opportunities for OHV recreation and bringing economic vitality to the rural communities near the parks.

TMTC currently operates one park near Gilmer and is opening a new park near Ozona, and is work- chamber at 392-3737. ing with communities and agencies across the state to increase opportu-

Additionally, he has served on the board of the Texas Downtown Association focusing on economic redevelopment of the small towns and cities of Texas, an organization

County 4-H Camp Aug. 4-8

The Crockett County 4-H will host a camp Aug. 4-Aug. 8.

Both members and non-4-H members are allowed to paricipate.

The camp will be from 9 a.m.noon at the extension office. The camp is for ages 9-18.

Anyone planning on attending register by 4 p.m. July 28. No registrations will be accepted after July 28 or on the day of the camp. Cost is \$20.

Each day there is going to be a different activity. Activities include: Sewing, Cooking, Jewelry Making Class, Community Service Project.

For more information, call the extension office at 392-2721.

Thank you notes are available at The Ozona Stockman 1000 Avenue E



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July 19 - Juan Molina, Roberto

July 20 - Gabriel Longoria Sr.,

July 21 - Isaac Galindo, Lindsy

July 22 - Emmanuel Sarabia,

Lacy, Daniel Gonzales, Helen Bean,

Tee Jay Nowell, Ann Shaw, Harold

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Anthony Matos and Vicky Munoz



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RSVP deadline for the luncheon

On July 26, the TMTC will host

Events will start at 3 p.m. with • Is there a Master Plan for the with a general membership meeting, followed by hot dogs and hamburg-

Members of the TMTC will have their various vehicles around the park for the public to see.

At 6:30 p.m., the public and TMTC members will travel to the EDRA for a tour of the park, which will wrap up at 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call the

park Community Calendar

Wednesday, July 16

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• VBS, 6-8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Thursday, July 17

Stockman closing at noon for vacation.

• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. • VBS, 6-8:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Friday, July 18

Stockman closed for vacation.

 West Texas Shootout Softball Tournament at the south softball field.

 Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. Saturday, July 19

 West Texas Shootout Softball Tournament at the south softball field.

Sunday, July 20

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Monday, July 21

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

· VBS, 6-8 p.m. at the Church of Christ. Tuesday, July 22

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. · Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

VBS, 6-8 p.m. at the Church of Christ.

Open Playday Series, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Are-

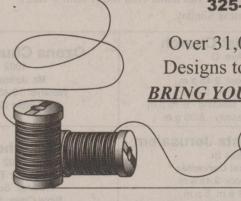
Wednesday, July 23

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

VBS, 6-8 p.m. at the Church of Christ.



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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

We are well into the month of summer and it is g plenty warm and humid.

The Helping Hands Board Mar ing was cancelled last week be-Joe Stewart was in the hospital. Johome and back at work. Don't scare can get it done. us like that again.

in the hospital following surgery last Valley Aging Providers Quarterly week. We hope to hear that you are Meeting. I will gather information getting much stronger and soon to be and network with other aging agenback home soon.

Jo Ann Babbitt had a fast trip to

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ Assistant Activity Director

With us being in July, usually we ing walks in the cool.

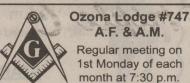
Helen Stokes and Joann Williamer puzzle. This one was the Statue of the Crockett County Senior Center. Liberty on Ellis Island.

a daughter and granddaughter have you may have. a birthday. July is just a wonderful month. We have two residents' birth- the Area Agency on Aging include days, Catalina Cardona and Phyllis Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Ingham.

& More for sending flower arrange- tion (Prescription & Utility Assisments on the Fourth of July to make tance, Home Modifications), Careour lobby look lovely with beautiful

staff and residents a Blizzard, and on Friday Benny, Rusty, Flor and Amy donated money prizes for bingo.

need or want to see, then we must tell (Health & Human Services Informait to the Lord. He will heal our eyes so tion) that we see that the love of God is far greater than anything else.



unsure of the reason for her pain.

A long time supporter of the Senior Center Jonny Johnson has and moved away. She moved to San Angelo with her daughter Dana. We will Il miss her and will look forward to er visits to Ozona.

The three puzzle players, Brenda ewton, Betty and Bob Hartley have is the president of the Helping Hands I am a new puzzle and it looks to be Board and is doing great job. Joe is at a ... icult one. I am sure these three

On Wednesday, July 16 I plan Also Katherine Russell is back on going to San Angelo to a Concho

Our Senior Bingo Social will be the hospital for an overnight stay this Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 here at the past weekend. She was doing fine Senior Center. We will serve supper Monday morning and the doctors are and will begin playing bingo soon after eating.

are still going strong. They meet ev- will remain flexible as to age.

ery Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. This would be a good time to join this group and get the exercise you need to be healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

We are continuing to have our regular activities: square dance lessons/dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books and computers that are on the internet.

You are welcome to drop by and see what we are doing and you may add something that you would enjoy

Our activities are for those who The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are 50 years young and older. We

Answers on Aging coming July 24 to the Senior Center

The Area Agency on Aging of also be available. are scorching. I love the 90s temper- the Concho Valley Council of Govature. I wish it would stay that way. ernments will visit Ozona with their assist clients in completing applica-Residents sit outside and go for morn- new Community Outreach Program on Thursday, July 24.

Lynne Carlson and Mary Palos son work on and completed on anoth- will be available from 10-11 a.m. at

Intake Specialists will be avail-Also, I have an anniversary and able to assist you with any questions

Programs that are housed in Legislature), Benefits Counseling We would like to thank Baskets (Medicare Part D), Care Coordinagiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Thursday, Benny brought the Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elder-If we do not see as much as we ly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley

> A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will

With this program, staff will

Food Stamps

 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

• CHIP (including perinatal cov-

· Medicaid for children, women, pregnant women and people who are elderly or who have disabilities.

Besides the one-on-one application assistance, staff will also have general information available regarding state benefits.

This service is being provided throughout the 13 county region.

Anyone looking for information about these state benefits, or need help filling out an application, but can't be at this event, call 2-1-1 and ask for help with state benefits.

For more information, call (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank my family and friends for the prayers and support during my hospital stay. I am now recovering at home and ask that you please keep me in your prayers.

MORE RAIN

Yesterday my wife asked me if I was praying for more rain. I told her that I was not through thanking God for the last rain He sent us. It was so dry and had not rained for months but we kept on praying and trusting in the Lord. I did not watch the sky or the weather reports very much. I was putting my faith in God who is all powerful, (1 Chronicles 29:11&12) and able to do anything, (Psalm 115:3 &135:6). Sure enough one Sunday morning it started raining and kept on for several hours. We could not have watered it any better. I was such a good slow rain. My wife and I are different when it comes to rain. She gets all excited and praises the Lord. She will even go outside and play in the rain and as soon as it stops she will ride around and to see where it has rained. I really think she just like to drive through the mud puddles and see the water splash. I have been driving around days after the rain and thanking God over and over for the wonderful rain. I did come to the conclusion before the rain that God was in control and I would accept whatever he had for us, (Philippians 4:11-13). Lately I have been going around looking for thing that I can thank God for, (Psalm 9:1&2).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

First Baptist Church Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St.

Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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 Worship: 11 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.

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Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. **Pastor Ron Shott**

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. Rodney White 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.

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OBITUARIES

Leslie C. Deland

Leslie C. Deland, 65 of Odessa, died Friday, July 11, 2008 in a Lubbock

Graveside service was Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Deland was born Aug. 2, 1942 in Ozona. He moved to Odessa in 1969 and was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service there for 23 years. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include one brother, Kenneth Deland of Ozona.

Norman J. Upham

SAN ANGELO - Norman J. Upham, 79, of San Angelo passed away on Monday, July 7, 2008, in a local hospital. Norman was born on Feb. 21, 1929, in Carlton, Texas, to William T. and Mary (Newson) Upham.

He married Twilla Annette Armstrong on Nov. 26, 1946, in Goldthwaite, Texas. He was employed with El Paso Natural Gas for 42 years, serving as area superintendent prior to his retirement.

Norman is survived by his wife of 61 years, Annette Upham of San Angelo; son, Randy Upham and wife, Elizabeth of Ozona; daughters, Beverly Norris and husband, Randy of Lamesa and Teresa Bale and husband, Larry of San Angelo; grandchildren, Chad Upham and wife, Krista of Boerne, Casey Upham and wife, Jody of Ozona, Tiffany Tijerina and husband, Andrew of Lamesa, Shelley Taylor and husband, Derrick of Fort Stockton, Kendra Beatty and husband, Steven of Lamesa, Jeremy Sturdivant, and wife, Amy of Fort Worth, Jill Sturdivant of San Angelo, Seth Sturdivant of San Angelo, and Ben Bale and Brian Bale, both of San Angelo; eight great-grandchildren;

Funeral service was Wednesday, July 9, at Southland Baptist Church with the Rev. Taylor Sandlin officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery. Arrangements by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Rafael 'Ralph' Benson

Ralph went to meeet his Lord and Savior on June 25, 2008. He passed in San Angelo, Texas. Ralph was born Aug. 22, 1960 in Chicago, Ill. He served in the U.S. Army.

Services were July 2, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Chicago, Ill.

His survivors include his wife of 12 years Martha W. Benson; daughter Barbara Benson; stepchildren Eric Williams, Stevie Vargas, Cora Lara; brother Bobby Benson (Laurie); sisters Lydia (Lilly) Vargas (Phillip), Lissa Benson (Luis Perez), Linda Victorino, Victoria Benson; stepmother Rosie Ochoa; mother-in-law Lucy Williams and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed dearly.

Levis & Lace Square Pance News

By TINA JARVIS

Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On July 3, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Raul De La Rosa, Lucy Hinde, Frank Fred, Debbie Gaskill and Danny and Tammi Monzingo went to the dance at Promenade Squares in San Angelo and brought back their banner.

John Geen and Doc Casey called the dance; they are barbecue with all the fixings and had a great time. Hope to see them at one of our dances to retrieve their banner.

Thursday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Raul De La Rosa, Debbie Gaskill and Tina and Joe Moran danced at the Care Center.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

In Memory of: Carl Conklin Given by: Fred & Jane Chandler In Memory of: Oscar Kost Given by: C. Gary Garlitz Family

GOLD LEAF MEMORIALS

In Memory of: Vada Pridemore Given by: Shirley, Kristi Kirby & Karen, Vince & Hilary Huffman In Memory of: Oscar Kost Given by: C. Gary Garlitz Family

La Rosa, Lucy Hinde, Frank Fred, Debbie Gaskill and Danny and Tammi Monzingo danced to a students danced called by John Geen from San Angelo who brought his wife Nora to dance with us, Doc Casey from San Angelo and myself.

Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De

John worked with me on my patter part of the tips and really helped me a lot. Our guests tonight were the Corfields from San Angelo, Debra Fred and Renee Padier. Danny and Tammi Monzingo's grandson and granddaughter came and they line danced with us.

Raul's daughter Ruth and her husband dropped in for a few minutes and Ruth line danced also.

There is no lesson planned for this week. Keep it square and happy Saturday night club members dancing!

> If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box 733 Ozona, Texas 76943.

Please send American Cancer Society Memorials to: Shelly Childress P.O. Box 1008 Ozona, TX 76943



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REHAB to host annual Silver Spur Ball July 25

as traditional country artist Tony Booth and the Texas Tradition are coming to the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo.

The occasion is the annual Silver Spur Ball July 25 benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

The evening also will include a light supper by Outback Steakhouse as well as a silent auction with more than 125 hand-crafted and retail items up

In addition, there will be a drawing for a hand-made, queen-size quilt.

Tickets are \$30 per couple or \$15 per person and are available at the Rehab Center. Tables for ten are available on a first come, first served basis.

In 17 years, the Silver Spur Ball has raised more than \$335,000 for the Center, thanks

year. Event under-writing is be- There Is to a Honky Tonk," was card to Academy. ing provided by West Central released this spring. Wireless, Concho Valley Home ply, Bearing Service & Supply, Catholic Life Insurance, Hartman Roofing, J.L. Mercer Boot Co., Milford Engineering, San Angelo Standard-Times and

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on Buck Owens' Ranch Party, toured with Gene Watson's Farewell Party band and was featured throughout the U.S. as band Little Whorehouse in Texas."

He signed with Heart of

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> Health Care and Superior Ser- event are Doodle Dankworth, \$100 gift card to Academy. vices. Additional funding is by Floyd and Dottie Frerich, Vel-Angelo Fleet & Industrial Sup- ma Jo McCully, Pat and Ruby McDonald, Mark and Lou Ann Multer, Keith and Noma Perrine, Olen and Sandy Steele, all of San Angelo, Also, Hubert and Annette Clays. Around 125 4-H shooters Frerich of Garden City; J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad; Jay Singer/songwriter/guitarist and Bobbye Lindley of Mertzon Tony Booth has had three Top and Wayne and Becky Smetana 20 country hits, including "The of Eola. Honorary members include Steven and Jennifer Hoel-He was a regular performer scher of San Angelo and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab Center proleader for Tommy Tune's "Best vides outpatient rehabilitation care each year to more than 23,000 children and adults who have experienced disabling illnesses or injuries.

> Events such as the Spur Ball make it possible for the Center to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial status.

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4-H students place at San Angelo shoot

Sierra Stokes, Sol Stokes and Eric Carrizales competed in the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shoot Out July 10-12 at the San Angelo Claybird Association.

Sierra placed first in the ladies high overall and third in the international trap for the intermediate division. She also won a \$100 gift card from Academy.

Sol placed first in sporting clays and fifth in high overall and division. He also won a \$100 gift

Eric also competed in the Volunteer hosts for the Spur intermediate division and won a

This was a 350 target shoot with students competiting in American Skeet, American Trap, International Skeet, International Trap, 5-Stand and Sporting competed in the event.

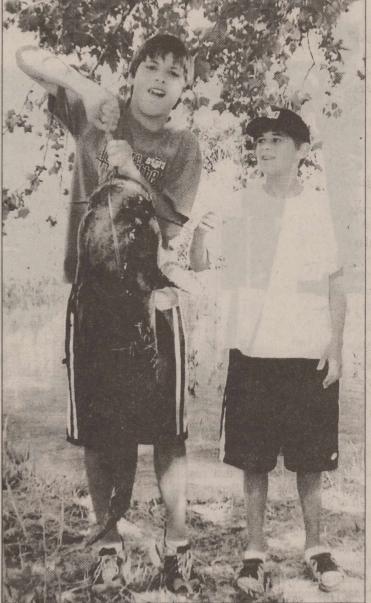
Financial statements seminar July 22

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a seminar entitled, 'Understanding Your Financial Statements" on Tuesday, July 22, from 6-8:30 p.m. in Rassman Building, Room 100 in San Angelo. Cost is \$10 per person.

Attendees will learn how to read basic financial statement formats (balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements) in addition to analysis tools such as breakeven points and ratio analysis.

Speaker: Michael Anderson, CPA, Partner, Armstrong Backus & Co., L.L.P

For more information or to register, call the SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or visit at www.sbdc.angelo.edu.



KRAMER HALL (left) holds a 60-pound catfish that was recently caught during a trip to The Devil's River. Also pictured with Kramer



Paisano Baptist to hold 88th **General Encampment Sunday**

By KELLY HERZOG

ment, beginning Sunday evening, July 20, and continuing until noon on Friday, July 25.

Morning Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. daily, and Evening Worship Service begins nightly at 8 p.m. Fellowship begins in the Dining Shed at 6 p.m. Choir Practice, led by Ed Wittner, begins at 7 p.m.

Returning for his second visit is Dr. Dennis Wiles and family as he alternates preaching duties with Dr. Stephen C. Wells.

Dr. Wiles is Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Arlington. He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Hannah and Josiah.

Also returning for this second visit is Dr. Steve Wells of South Main Baptist Church in Houston with his wife, Missy, and their three children, Rachel, Benjamin, and Joshua.

This year promises to be a spiritually-rewarding experience as we enjoy the ministries of these men.

Dr. Todd Still will be joining Paisano Baptist Engampment ous as our Bible Study leader for bas vaned radier Danny and bar This second year Dr. Still, a Pauline baller, call 325-223-6300. Paisano Baptist Encamp- specialist, teaches courses in the ment will be holding their 88th New Testament and Greek at Truconsecutive General Encamp- ett Seminary at Baylor, and brings his passion and vigor for the Word to the program. He will be joined by his wife, Carolyn, and two sons, Samuel and Andrew.

We are welcoming Jerry and Debby Reeves Smith as our missionaries this year. The Smiths are members of Accelerated International Missions, or AIMS; and, have traveled extensively in Central America and Asia. Please join us as they share their experiences with us.

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

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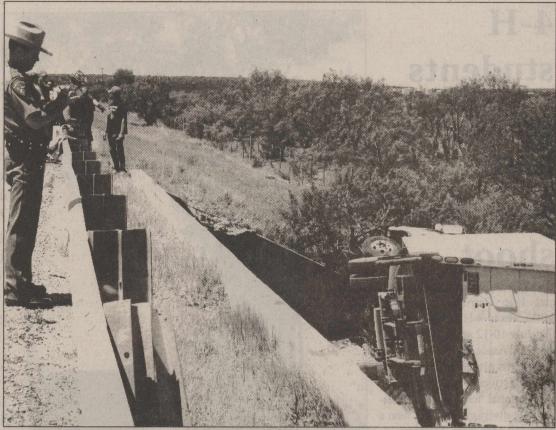


Photo by Melissa Perner TOP: DPS TROOPER BEN ENGLISH looks out over an Ashley Furniture truck that ran off the roadway and rolled over off of State Highway 137 on July 12, about 12 miles south of Big Lake on the Crockett/Reagan County line. The driver, Isaias Jimenez, 24 of San Angelo, fell asleep at the wheel. Both Jimenez and passenger Christian Salas, 25 of San Angelo, were taken by Reagan County EMS to the Reagan County Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries.

Photo by The Big Lake Wildcat **RIGHT: TWO T-POSTS** went through the windshield and roof of the Izuzu truck that was carrying furninture. The vehicle landed on the passenger side. Reagan County Volunteer Fire Department and the Reagan County Sheriff's Department also responded to the accident.

Mid-year forage assessment helps in decision making

TEMPLE, Texas, - With dry conditions across most of Texas, now is the time for livestock producers to evaluate available forage for grazing, according to conservationists with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Historically by July first, most of Texas has received 75 percent of its precipitation for warm season grass production," said Kent Ferguson, NRCS state rangeland management specialist for Texas. "That means they also have about 75 percent of their forage production for the year."

Mid-year is the time to take the first step in implementing a drought plan, Ferguson said.

'If livestock producers wait until fall to evaluate their forage condition, it may be too late to make changes that will both protect their grazing land and maintain enough forage for winter grazing."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, most of Texas is experiencing some degree of drought, from moderate to extreme.

"If livestock producers look at their forage now and determine that they are 30 percent behind in forage production, they need to ask themselves what they can do to protect their resources," Ferguson said.

evaluate stocking rates. "They may want to cull the bottom end, like culling old and barren cows."

Ferguson said adjustments now do not have to be drastic, but they can help prepare for fall.

"By the end of October, warm season grasses have reached 100 percent of their production for the year. What you have at that point is all you are going to have to get you through the winter," he said.

For example, if an area is 30 percent behind in precipitation and forage production is 30 perducers in that area might consider spread." matching that by reducing their grazing numbers by 30 percent.

"If producers don't do this," he said, "they may not have enough grass to feed through the winter."

optimal, Ferguson said.

NRCS works with farmers years to eradicate. and ranchers to develop consernatural resources.

NRCS Texas website at www. tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Fever ticks lay claim to a million acres in Texas

ominous anniversary July 3 by expanding the preventive cattle fever tick quarantine area in south Texas by 307,000 acres, after the dangerous livestock pests were detected in Starr and Zapata counties.

Fever ticks, capable of carrying and transmitting deadly "tick fever" to cattle, have been detected on livestock or wildlife on 139 Texas pastures during the past 12 months.

"In July 2007, the first quarantine preventive was established-39,325 acres in Starr County-to enable the US. Department of Agriculture's Tick Force and the TAHC to inspect and treat livestock moved from the area, get ahead of the fever tick and push it back across the quarantine line," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "Now, a year later, we have more than a million acres under preventive quarantines in Starr, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties, in addition to the half-million acres in the permanent fever tick quarantine zone that runs alongside the Rio Grande, from Del Rio to Brownsville."

The enlarged preventive quarantine includes portions of Starr, Zapata counties and a small area in Jim Hogg County. It is bounded on the north by Texas Highway 16, from its intersection on the west with US Highway 83 to its eastern junction with Ranch Road 649. Ranch Road 649 is the eastern boundary to its southern intersection with US Highway 83, which is the western boundary stretching northward to the intersection with Texas Highway 16.

Maps of this and all preventive fever tick quarantines are available on the TAHC website at http:// www.tahc.state.tx.us or by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242.

"This is no longer a 'border war' against the fever tick," Hillman said. "The fever tick has gained a substantial foothold on Texas soil, and without adequate cent below average, livestock pro- resources to fight this pest, it will

The fever tick, which can survive winters from coast to coast and as far north as Washington, D. C., was successfully pushed back into Mexico in 1943. Pe-Livestock producers who riodic tick incursions since then He said now is the time to are following a grazing man- have occurred in Texas, but only agement plan will be in a better one, in the 1970s, eclipsed the position when conditions are not current outbreak for the number of premises infested and took six

"In smaller states, a quarvation plans that improve their antine area the size of Delaware would raise red flags," Hillman For assistance, contact your said. "Texas' vastness and the prelocal NRCS office or visit the vious success at keeping the fever tick controlled may be working against us. Now we need help,

The Texas Animal Health with a million more acres to Commission (TAHC) marked an cover and finding about a dozen infested premises a month."

"Early this year, the fever tick program received \$5.2 million of the \$13 million of federal funds requested to fight the tick, on cattle outside quarantine areas and while appreciated and used, it is not enough to win this battle," Hillman said. "Furthermore, there has been no funding for the National Fever Tick Eradication Strategic Plan, developed and approved by USDA in 2006. It called for preventing entry of cattle fever ticks into the U.S., enhancing surveillance, and eradicating infestations resulting from fever tick incursions. The plan also was to identify and procure the tools necessary to keep the U.S. free of fever ticks, and to work with Mexico, where cattle fever ticks are not controlled. The strategic plan has not been implemented."

"It's really a 'pay now or pay later' scenario, because this tick won't be stopped with less than an all-out assault that requires adequate personnel, sufficient treatment products, and enough equipment, such as portable dipping vats or portable spray boxes for cattle, and treatment equipment for deer and other wildlife hosts," Hillman said. "Texas has a ticking time bomb in south Texas. So far, we have had only two of the three elements for a 'tick fever' outbreak-fever ticks and fever tick hosts-including cattle, horses and several species of wildlife. If, however, some of these fever ticks carry babesia, a blood parasite deadly to cattle, the equation would be complete and we could see livestock death losses."

On the front lines are the ranchers in the preventive quarantine areas who must gather their cattle for inspectionwhich in the south Texas brush country usually requires helicopters and cowboys on horseback. The TAHC and USDA work cooperatively to provide the inspections to determine the scope of infestation in the area. Cattle, horses and ruminants, including llamas and camels, also must be inspected, treated and permitted prior to leaving the area.

Hillman encouraged ranchers to comply with the preventive quarantines and asked producers in adjacent counties to have their livestock checked prior to movement out of the area. "In discussions with ranchers, it has been suggested that cattle moving through south Texas livestock markets be inspected and dipped prior to sale," Hillman said. This is being considered, but it, too, requires additional personnel, chemicals and the construction of dipping vats, resources we do not have at this time."

"We have traced more than 1,000 cattle moved from ranches later found to be tick-infested," Hillman said. "Requesting an inspection prior to movement costs nothing for the rancher, but it could save us countless hours of tracking cattle, time that could be better used in the field to fight

the ticks. I also encourage ranchers anywhere in Texas to call us if they see tick infestations on their cattle. We can check the animals, and collect and send tick samples to the state-federal laboratory for identification. We do not want to take any chances with these ticks and spread them further."

Ranchers can call their area TAHC office, or the agency headquarters at 800-550-8242.

Ranches where ticks have been detected are quarantined. and cattle are rounded up, inspected and treated as often as every two weeks, or as seldom as every 28 days, depending on the treatment methoddipping, spraying or injection with Dectomax, an injectable treatment. The cattle are repeatedly treated and returned to the pasture to 'pick up' ticks on the vegetation, until the animals are tick-free, indicating that the premises is free of the pests.

Another method of clearing a pasture of ticks involves removing clean, treated cattle and 'vacating' the pasture for as long as nine months to starve out the ticks. Recently, this method has met with less than positive results, as ticks have demonstrated their adaptability to live on wildlife when cattle hosts are not available.

"Historically, fever ticks preferred cattle, and sometimes, hitched a ride on horses. Now fever ticks are being detected not only on white-tailed deer and nilgai, but also on aoudad sheep, fallow, axis and red deer, and elk. Fighting fever ticks on a variety of species-especially free-ranging animals that don't respect fencesmakes this battle much more difficult," Hillman said.

Currently, treatment of wildlife or exotic livestock is limited to providing corn treated with an insecticide, or setting up feeding stations equipped with treated posts that transfer pyrethrin, an insecticide, to the animal's head and neck. Later, as the animal grooms itself, the pyrethrin is distributed across its body, killing the fever ticks.

The problem: some products require a 60-day withdrawal period, so they can't be used just prior to or during the hunting season. In the quarantined areas, the hides of harvested animals are either left behind, or inspected and treated prior to being removed from the premises.

"Concerns about fever ticks run deep in Texas, where the TAHC was established in 1893 to fight this pest. A Fever Tick Working Group, with industry and related agency membership, is working on recommendations for getting ahead of the fever tick, so it can be pushed back to the border. Likewise, a Wildlife Subcommittee also is working on suggestions for addressing fever ticks on free-ranging and exotic livestock," Hillman said. "Fighting fever ticks may seem simple, but it's not easy...and it's never cheap.'

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Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www. powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_energy.htm

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Buy-in waiver for supplemental agricultural disaster assistance underway in new farm bill

Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allow producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the new disaster assistance programs to become eligible by paying a fee as required by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Act).

The 2008 Act requires producers who wish to participate in the new disaster programs to have crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance (NAP) coverage for the land for which assistance is being requested, and for all farms in all counties in which they have an interest. Since the 2008 Act was enacted after the application periods had closed for those programs, producers who did not have such coverage could not comply with this requirement in order to be eligible for the new disaster programs. However, the 2008 Act authorizes a waiver that allows producers to pay a fee, called a "buy-in" fee, to be eligible for this new disaster assistance.

Every producer whose crops, including grazing lands, are not fully covered by crop insurance or NAP may take advantage of this one-time opportunity. The buy-in fee is due no later than Sept. 16, 90 days after the date of enactment, as required by the 2008 Act. Those who miss this opportunity will not be eligible for disaster assistance. Producers are also reminded that the payment of the applicable buy-in fee does not afford the producer crop insurance or NAP coverage; it only affords eligibility for the 2008 disaster programs.

The crop insurance and NAP coverage requirements will be waived in 2008 for producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP

closing date, if the producer files an application for waiver and pays a 2008 applicable NAP coverage or catastrophic risk protection plan fee for the crop or grazing lands.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement, and, therefore, are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

The buy-in fee for 2008 eligibility only for either the catastrophic risk protection insurance (CAT) or NAP is \$100 per crop, but not more than \$300 per producer per administrative county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties less any previously paid fees for CAT and/or NAP.

Producers can contact their local administrative FSA County Office to file the application for waiver and pay the applicable fees.

The applicable buy-in form must be completed and applicable fees paid by Sept. 16. Payment of the applicable fees will allow the producer to be eligible for benefits for losses under Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

The 2008 Act authorizes funds to be used to make payments to farmers and ranchers incurring eligible crop production/quality losses under the SURE Program, grazing losses under LFP, livestock death losses under LIP, and losses suffered by producers of livestock, honeybees,

The 2008 Act also authorizes TAP.

To be eligible for SURE, TAP, buy-in fee in an amount equal to the and ELAP, producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing at least the CAT level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for non-insurable crops. To be eligible for LFP, producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing or obtaining for the grazing land incurring the losses where assistance is being requested, a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, including pilot programs such as the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Program (PRF) or NAP coverage by filing the required paperwork and paying the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline. The Risk Management Purchase Requirement does not apply to LIP.

The SURE program will be available to eligible producers on farms in disaster counties, designated by the Secretary, including contiguous counties that have incurred crop production losses and/or crop quality losses during the crop year. However, Congress determined that payments would not occur until the calculation at the end of the marketing year.

It also will be available to any farm where, during the calendar year, the total loss of production on the farm, because of weather, is greater than 50 percent of the normal production of the farm.

The LFP program will be available to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock, because of drought on land that is either native or improved pastureland with permanent vegeta-

WASHINGTON - USDA's coverage by the applicable sales and farm-raised fish under ELAP. tive cover or planted to a crop specifically for providing grazing. The LFP program will also be available to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock, because of fire on rangeland managed by a Federal agency, if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed

The LIP program will be available to eligible livestock producers on farms that have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality, because of adverse weather, as determined by the Secretary during the calendar year, including losses because of hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold.

The TAP program provides assistance to orchardists and eligible nursery tree growers who produce nursery, ornamental, fruit, nut or Christmas trees for commercial sale that lost trees, bushes, or vines, because of a natural disaster, as determined by the Secretary.

The ELAP program will provide emergency relief to producers of livestock, honey bees and farmraised fish, because of losses from adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, as determined by the Secretary.

Because Congress did not provide a rulemaking exception for these programs, FSA must first publish a proposed rule seeking public comment, followed by a final rule. FSA is working to develop detailed regulations and software for these programs. Sign up for these programs is not expected to be held un-

Youth Center Calendar of Events

July 21 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Effective Aug. 1 - Graduated Seniors, or persons 18 years of age or older, memberships have expired

· 6th Graders entering the 7th Grade may attend the Youth Center during Middle School times

· 8th Graders entering the 9th Grade may attend the Youth Center with the High School Middle School Hours:

7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday 2-7 p.m. Wednesday High School Hours:

7-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday 2-7 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday 2-10 p.m. Thursday & 2-midnight Friday

BENEFITS

MARKAUS GALINDO

to compete in the AAU Junior Olympic Games (Shot Put) on July 30 in Detroit, Michigan.

Raffle - Steyr 243 Caliber Rifle Tickets - \$10.00 ea. Available at Triple C Hardware & Lumber

Drawing will be held July 29 at 8:00 a.m.



To place order call Mark - 226-5347 or Cheryl - 226-5348 by Friday, July 18. Orders can be picked up at the Town Square the morning of Monday, July 21 or be delivered.

Mark Your Calendar! **Brisket Plates** Friday, July 25 Civic Center 11:00 a.m. - til' sold out \$6.00 plate - you pick up \$7.00 plate-delivered

BOARD: New homecoming queen policy adopted

in the teacher's classrooms for cell high school principal. phones to be placed during class time and picked up after class is need right now, I will go with. If it overnul all gainsb to

"I don't know if a lot of teachers again," Hale said that will want to take time gathering phones and passing them back out," said Ronny Clayton, high school

"We're just trying to help. I electing homecoming queen. don't want to create more work for a classroom teacher," Gott added.

Hale said that documentation should

cell phone violation on them have placement for the current year.

from page 1

· Transfer of title of land out of Ingham Trap to Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1 for \$10 plus any other valuable considerations on the standby prop-

erty and access easement. • A new fence on the entire front of the cemetery.

· Place the old weight station portable building at the cemetery.

• Templeton Construction as the construction manager for the courthouse renovation project.

· Land use agreement for the

· Sell the alley between Sage and Iris lane at the tax appraised value.

· Reinstatement of the county wide burn ban. · Maintain the fee of \$5 for

registration of vehicles. • To not reimburse the attorney fees for the recent trial involving Commissioner Alfredo Tobar, due to the case not involving any of Tobar's

county road and bridge relating to

duties as a commissioner. · To allow the National Adult Baseball Association to use the north baseball field on July 18 for their annual All-Star game.

· The renewal of the health insurance policy with the Texas Asso-

detection policy.

ciation of Counties. · Advertise for fuel bids.

· Adopt a fraud prevention and

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Gott said boxes may be placed been ordered, said Carole Allen,

"If you feel this is the policy we on roing enocreates a problem we will review it

> **NEW HOMECOMING QUEEN POLICY**

Also included in the 2008-2009 student handbook is a new policy on

Candidates for homecoming queen will be nominated by the fac-Board Vice President Laurie ulty and staff of Ozona High School. The nominee must be a senior girl be kept on students who violate the free from any discipline referrals that resulted in ISS, DAEP or out-New discipline sheets that have of-school suspension, or expulsion

> All currently enrolled students will be eligible to vote for the homecoming queen.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER HIRED

The board voted unanimously Brownwood as the construction at www.ozonaschools.net. manager for the new elementary

The family-owned and oper- resignation of Hollis Moore. ated business has been around since 1946 and has worked on several new

interviewed three firms on July 8 before making a recommendation to the entire board.

"They showed a lot of interest. school bus. I think they will be real responsive," Childress said.

(July 16) at 6:30 p.m. to tour the primary school and see what will will save. Demolition of the primary school is expected to occur by the end of the month, Koehne said.

A construction update link has to hire Waldrop Construction of been placed on the district's website

> OTHER AGENDA ITEMS In his report, Gott approved the

The board also approved bids for cafeteria products for the 2008-2009 school year; a bid from Texas A committee of board members, Kids First for student insurance; a Gott and architect Douglas Koehne bid from Vines House Moving for \$6,500 to move two portable buildings and a bid of \$550 from Craig Coleman for the sale of a 1980

Approval was also given to advertise for sale of another school bus The board will meet tonight and the purchase of a new school bus for \$46,791.

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. be torn down and what the district July 30 for a budget workshop. Their next regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Administration Building.

Come pick up your 2007/08 school year's photo CD's

If you did not order a CD this past year you can call to make an appointment to view photos available.

Taking orders for photos for 2008/09 school year

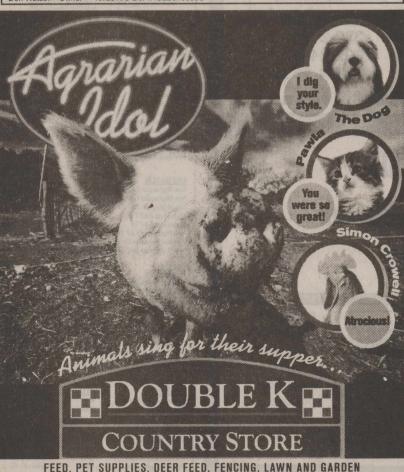
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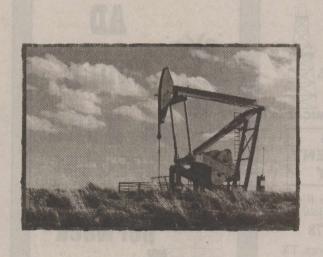
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

pear.

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

outstanding Crockett County

Warrants. It is recommended that

these persons surrender into cus-

tody at the Crockett County Sher-

of Ozona - failure to appear/forgery

and criminal mischief/failure to ap-

Ozona - Crockett County warrants

(2), motion to revoke/furnishing al-

cohol to a minor and motion to re-

voke/making false report.

theft by check.

of a minor.

iff's Office as soon as possible.

The following persons have

· Jamie Valasquez Blanco Jr.,

· Brittany Aline Chandler, of

· Frederick J. Christensen, of

· John Mansell Clark, of Ozona

- Crockett County Court bail jump-

ing/unlawful restrained of a minor,

motion to revoke/burglary of a habi-

tation, indictment/unlawful restraint

na - Crockett County warrant theft

of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - no

and assualt bodily injury.

· Anthony Dominguez, of Ozo-

• Christopher Lashaun Johnson,

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT TYPE OF CALLS Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints Domestic Animal Calls Civil Complaints Civil Service Courtesy Transports Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc. Juvenile Complaints Locked Vehicles 911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls 911 Medical calls/ Transfers Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare Reckless driving/speeding complaints Security Alarms Sheriff's Office Admin Calls Jail/dispatch Admin Calls State/County Road Calls Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries Traffic Citations Issued Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona Prisoners Housed in other counties

Local EMS runs

Fire department

JULY 8

• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

• 12:09 p.m. - Grass fire U.S.

Highway 190 just west of State

Highway 137 side of the highway

20-feet by 200-feet. Three units and

four fire fighters. Time in service 1

JULY 12

cident 12 miles south of Big Lake

on State Highway 137. Cancel while

in route, Regan County responded.

One unit with three fire fighters,

JULY 13

north bypass at mile-marker 368 on

Interstate-10. Small fire, out on ar-

cident 1/2 mile south on F.M. 2083

• 6:03 p.m. - Grass fire at the

• 7:34 p.m. - Motor vehicle ac-

The Best Seat In Town

7:40pm 10:15pm

m 7:20pm 9:30pm

time in service 26 minutes.

Time in service 20 minutes.

MAMMA MIA!

GET SMART

SPACE CHIMPS

THE DARK KNIGHT

11:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm

4:05pm 7:10pm 7:55pm 9:40pm 10:25pm

3:30pm 4:30pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm

8:00pm 9:00pm 10:00pm 10:30pm

HANCOCK 11:15am 1:45pm

• 2:40 p.m. - Motor vehicle ac-

hour, 21 minutes.

JULY 9 · Local run no transport. JULY 12

• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

(Pandale Road). Two units, six fire

fighters. In service 1 hour, 9 min-

south F.M. 2083. Three spot fires

caused by the rim of a vehicle on the

west side bar ditch, 20-feet by 100-

feet. Four units, seven fire fighters.

Second fire was 3/4 mile south of

first fire. West side bar ditch 20-feet

by 50-feet. Three units, five fire

fighters. Third fire 2.2 miles south

of fire number two on the west side

bar ditch. 20-feet by 100-feet. Time

in service all three locations 1 hour

JULY 15

Highway 163. Two units and three

firefighters. Time in service 43 min-

♦ HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-1

11:20am 1:25pm 2:15pm 4:10pm 5:00pm 7:15pm 8:05pm 10:05pm

***JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE**

EARTH 11:25am 1:50pm 4:35pm 7:35pm

1:55pm 4:25pm

WALL-E 11:50am 1:30pm 2:20pm

4:00pm 4:50pm 7:05pm 9:35pm

1:40pm 4:15pm 7:25pm 10:10pm

♦MEET DAVE

· 1 a.m. - Motor vehicle ac-

4-DAY ADVANCE TICKET SALES

28 minutes.

rival. Five units, seven fire fighters. cideent, six miles south on State

linseltown

Loop 306 & Sherwood Way 325-223-2858

STEREO SURROUND SOUND IN ALL AUDITORIUMS

(PG-13)

• 7:45 p.m. - Grass fire 7 miles

JULY 13 · Local run no transport.

· Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. warrant - mi-

drivers' license.

nor in consumption of alcohol. · Luranda Lazue Morris, of Ozona - Crockett County warrant, adjudication of guilt/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

· Blas Ramos Jr., Crockett County J.P. warrant - no drivers' license and unrestrained child.

• Hervey Rangel, of San Angelo - Crockett County warrants (2), theft of service, failure to appear/theft of

· Joe Angel Salinas, of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - two counts no drivers' license.

· Jonathan Lee Munoz, of Ozona, misdemeanor C warrant for

• Alberto Reyes Flores, of Ozona, misdemeanor A warrant for furnishing alcohol to minor.

ARREST REPORT

Ozona, surrendered herself into cus- deadly weapon - male pedestrian's tody at the 900 block of Avenue D. Remains in custody.

surrendered himself into custody at continues. the 900 block of Avenue D for court sentence. Released for time served. 7-11-08

• Matthew Walter Daniels, 27, of Ozona, surrendered himself into custody at 900 block of Avenue D for telephone harassment. Released on bond.

· Michael Adam Jenkins, 20, of Ozona, surrendered himself into custody at the 900 block of Avenue D for court sentence. Released for time served.

· James Steven Ownbey, 27, by sheriff's deputy.

of Vista, Calif., sheriff's deputy on view arrest on Interstate-10 for possession of marijuana less than two Dear Editor, ounces. Released on bond.

· Humberto Vargas Cervantes, 67, of Ozona, DPS Trooper on view arrest from 400 block of Corto Street for driving while intoxicated. Released on bond.

· Juan Pedro Reyna, 31, of Laredo, DPS Trooper on view arrest from I-10 for driving while intoxicated. Released on bond.

· Abel Rodriguez Jr., 25, of Ozona, sheriff's deputy arrest on warrant from 200 block of Largo Sonora, Crockett County Court, Street for motion to revoke/possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Bond denied, remains in 7-14-08

> · Joshua Mendoza, 28, of Ozona, surrendered himself into custody at the 900 block of Avenue D for assault causing bodily injuries/family violence. Released on bond.

INCIDENT REPORTS

7-8-08

7-12-08

· Runaway report filed by Ozona citizen, citizen's under-aged daughter ran away with daughter's boyfriend to another town. Daughter was found and returned to Ozona.

• Theft report filed by San Angelo citizen, theft over/equal to \$1,500 under \$20,000 - oil field equipment taken from drill site located off U.S. Highway 190 west of State Highway 163 – investigation continues. 7-10-08

· Theft report filed by Ozona citizen, theft over/equal to \$1,500 under \$20,000 - large quantity of fuel stolen from local business located on I-10 east - investigation

continues.

· Narcotics violation report filed by sheriff's deputy, possession of marijuana less than two ounces resulted in arrest of one person from

• Reckless driver report filed · Melissa Marie Perez, 26, of by Midland citizen, assault with a arms and hands hit by female driver's vehicle as she left local busi-• Timothy Joe Tobar, 27, Ozona, ness on Avenue E - investigation

 Assault report filed by Ozona citizen, assault causing bodily injuries, domestic dispute at the 100 block of Fairview resulted in female receiving injuries, warrant issued and male surrendered himself into custody.

· Dog bite report file by local clinic, male juvenile bitten on his face as he was playing with friend's dog - dog taken into for observation

Ozona Truck

Towing &

Emergency

Repair

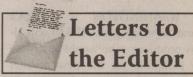
Paramedic thanks Dairy Queen employees for help

I just wanted to let some people know how much we appreciate them. On July 5, we responded to a call of an unresponsive man at Dairy Queen

When we arrived on the scene, there were two young men that were Dairy Queen employees that were performing CPR on this patient.

I am not sure what these employees name were, but they were doing an excellent job. These two guys were very helpful in getting this patient out of the restroom and getting him to the ambulance.

Then, the female manager of the Dairy Queen was taking care of the



wife of the patient and took the wife in her car to the clinic. We greatly appreciated her help

in taking care of the patient's wife. I was really impressed witht help of these employees.

I just wanted to let everyone know what great people there are here in Ozona.

> Sincerely, Sharon Martin EMT-Paramedic Crockett County EMS

Student thanks family and friends for support

Thank you to all my family and friends who supported me during my grievance with the high school.

Unfortunately, instead of running miles and/or sitting out for a few games, it was decided by the

administration and the school board that I will not be able to cheer as a cheerleader for a full year.

I really appreciate all of you standing behind me.

> Sincerely, Melanie Miller Ozona, Texas

Ozona Joyous and Free Narcotics Anonymous Group Mondays & Thursdays 7-8 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Besente & Martinez F.M.I. call Lissa at (325) 226-5299

ORDER RESTRICTING **OUTDOOR BURNING**

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unicorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statues. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

As of July 11, 2008

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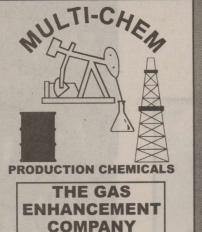
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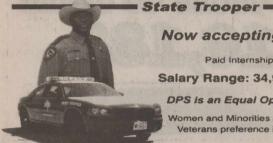
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