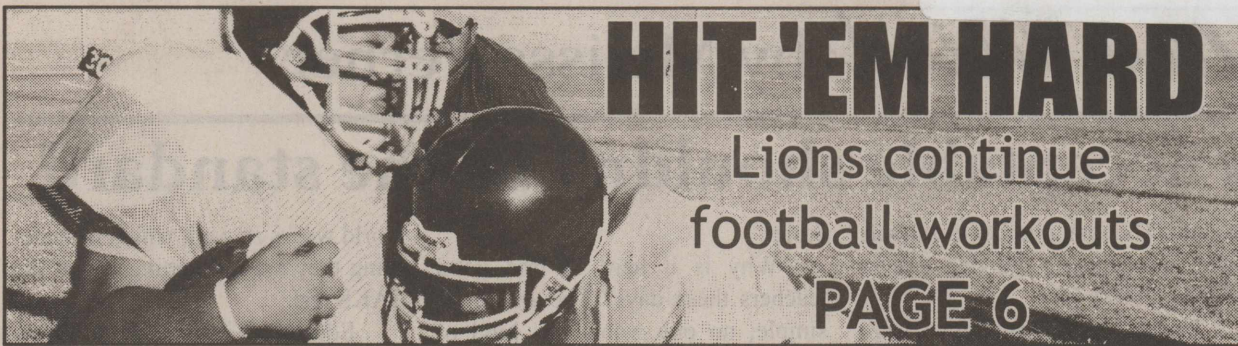


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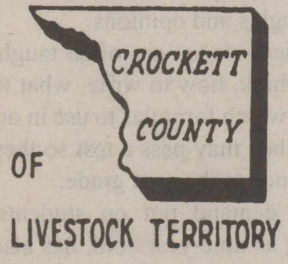


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## Commissioners vote on proposed tax rate

*New budget includes split of tax assessor, appraisal offices*

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

A drop in county taxes is what has been proposed.

During Monday's monthly meeting, the commissioners' court unanimously voted for a proposed property tax rate of .4205 per \$100 evaluation.

This rate is an eight percent increase from the effective tax rate of .38798, but is still lower than last year's tax rate of .46485.

In a letter to Crockett County citizens, the commissioners state that the reason for the tax decrease this year is due to property values increasing.

Last year, property values were

down, said County Auditor Sandy Stokes.

However, for the county to keep the same amount of services the commissioners decided they had to go above the effective tax rate, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

"Either we cut services or we go up," Deaton said.

The letter also states that Crockett County still maintains one of the lowest property tax rates in the state.

Stokes said this is due to other counties having hospital districts and city tax rates, in addition to their county and school tax rates.

The county will hold two public tax hearings. The first one will be at 6 p.m. on Aug. 20 and the second

one will also be at 6 p.m. on Aug. 25. Both hearings will take place at the courthouse annex.

### TAX OFFICE, APPRAISAL DISTRICT MAY SPLIT

In the proposed 2009 budget, the commissioners' discussed the future split of the appraisal district from the tax office.

Currently, Rhonda Shaw is the county's tax assessor-collector and chief appraiser.

During their last meeting, the appraisal board discussed splitting the two positions creating a new office.

"Rhonda said she doesn't have enough time to do both duties," said Commissioner Randy Branch, who is also a member of the appraisal

board. "We are eventually going to be forced into this anyway."

Shaw also told the appraisal board that she will be eligible for retirement in two years, and that there is a possibility this issue will come up at that time.

Branch said the appraisal board has not voted on the split, but wanted to come up with numbers to find out how much it would cost.

The budget for the new appraisal office is set at \$486,895. The school will pay for 74 percent of the budget, 25 percent will come from the county and the Crockett County Water District will pay for one percent.

The county has budgeted \$125,287.

Not only does the county have

to budget for the new office, but Stokes said the county will lose money for the new office in the collector's fees revenues.

Crockett County CCSD paid the county in 2008 to collect taxes and do the appraisals for the school district. With the new office, the county will lose around \$258,000 in collection fees.

"It's going to cost us money and cost the school money," Stokes said.

Around five counties in the state have the chief appraiser and the tax assessor-collector as the same person.

Stokes also said that if a new chief appraiser is hired before the end of the year, no money has been

budgeted for that expense.

"This is one of the many ways are county has been consolidated to help keep our tax rate lower, and now it looks like we are losing that," Deaton said.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the courthouse annex on the proposed budget of the appraisal district.

### BUDGET ITEMS

Also discussed in the proposed budget was \$120,000 budgeted for a new fire truck.

Deaton said with the "tremendous" amount of fires the county has had this year, a new truck would put the department with three good brush trucks.

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## Transforming the OHS Band



Photo by Joe Hernandez  
OHS BAND DIRECTOR  
GRETCHEN BLOEBBAUM  
talks to student leaders during  
the first day of band practice.

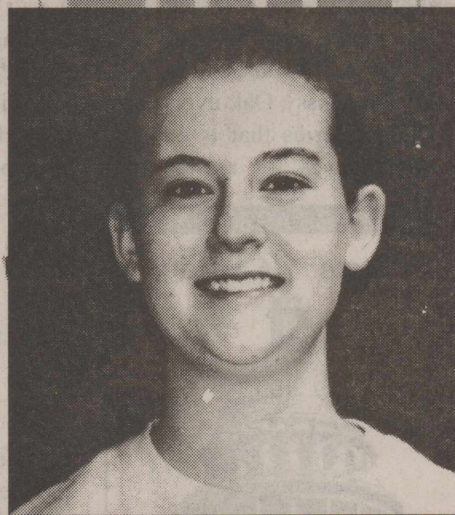
Editor's note: The following is a question and answer interview with OHS Band Director Gretchen Bloebaum on the upcoming marching season.

**Q:** We heard you sustained a summer injury. How are you doing and how will you handle marching season?

**A:** Yes, I broke my leg this summer. I am doing really well. I get around pretty slowly, but I am getting around. Fortunately, my father just retired from teaching at ASU for the past 37 years. He will stay in Ozona with me until I am back on my feet. I am very fortunate to have such a supportive family. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

As far as marching season is concerned, I will be in my wheel chair for rehearsals. The student leaders and all of the students have already been a huge help to me during summer band rehearsals. I also have my father helping me get around.

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**DRUM MAJOR**  
**CHELSEA SPENCE**  
Classification: Senior  
Instrument: Flute  
Favorite Song: "In the Storm"  
Goal for the Year:  
"To improve from last year"



## Procedures for the new portable school buildings DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

### OHS site (First and Second Grade)

- Parents will drop off by entering from the north and exiting from the south... cones will be placed at south exit to warn parents of pavement issue.

- The county will re-grade the road and either county or maintenance will remove trees, branches and cactus.

### OMS site (Pre-K, PPCD and Kindergarten)

- Parents will enter from the west and turn left immediately after the draw into the lot that contains the portable complex (paved road.) After dropping off parents will proceed either north around school housing and onto Middle School Court (official 911 name of the street that the Vasquez girls live on) or east down the paved road that goes next to AEP. The route will depend on how much space is available after the portables are "constructed."

## SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

- Parents must sign students out in the office at the intermediate school. The office will give the parents a note that indicates that they have signed their child out. The intermediate school will then call the contact point (a cell phone at each portable site). The employee in charge of the cell phone will then escort the child to either the OMS office or the Administration Building. Once the parent presents the appropriate sign out slip, the child will be released.

## SCHOOL TIMES

- PPCD and PreK - 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
- Kindergarten-2nd Grade - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (non bus-riders only)
- Grades 3rd, 4th and 5th - 8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. (non bus riders only)
- Bus riders will not be released until the buses run at 3:45 p.m.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5700.

## Congressman Rodriguez to stop Friday Sims files for school board race

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, will make a stop on Friday, Aug. 15, in Ozona.

Rodriguez will be in town from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

The stop is part of a 20-county district tour, which began Aug. 10.

From Ozona, Rodriguez will also visit Sonora, Rocksprings and Del Rio on Friday.

Rodriguez represents District 23 which is the largest district in the state, covering most of West Texas from San Antonio to El Paso.

It includes portions of Bexar (San Antonio), El Paso and Sutton counties, as well as Brewster, Dimmit, Maverick, Presidio, Zavala, Crockett, Culberson, Edwards, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Medina, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Uvalde and Val Verde Counties.

Rodriguez serves on the

House Committee on Appropriations where he sits on the Homeland Security and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittees.

He also serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in the Subcommittees on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs and Oversight and Investigations.

For more information, visit [www.rodriquez.house.gov](http://www.rodriquez.house.gov).

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

Dr. Marcus Sims has re-filed for the At-Large district in the November school board race.

Sims, the current school board president, is being challenged by Ray Don Myers.

Also running for re-election is Tom Anderson who represents District 6. Challenging Anderson will be Jerry Cantu.

In District 2, Grizz Medina has filed. That position is currently held by Jana Wilson. Wilson has not filed yet for re-election.

Other positions up for re-election are District 1 - previously held by Carol Buie.

In county and local state office races, nobody has filed as a write-in candidate.

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 tax-assessor collector and constable.

The filing period for anyone wanting to seek election to the school board or for write-in candidates lasts until Aug. 26 for the November General Election.

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

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*What's on My Mind* by Melissa Perner

**Academically acceptable shouldn't be the standard**

When the Texas Education Agency released their ratings on Aug. 1, I knew members of Crockett County CCSD took a deep breath and were relieved to see "academically acceptable" for the district. After ninth and seventh grade math scores were described as "horrible" and "horrendous" by Carole Allen, high school principal, and Benny Granger, middle school principal in May, the thought of being rated "unacceptable" had crossed some minds.

Just down the road, in Eldorado, their high school is dealing with an unacceptable rating.

While more schools across the state earned top ratings of exemplary and recognized, the number of schools that had been rated unacceptable for four or more consecutive years increased from four

to eight. The total number of schools rated unacceptable did decrease to 37 from 2007's 56.

Unacceptable rankings were mostly attributed to students' scores on the math and science portions of the state's standardized test, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Ozona High School students scored 57 percent in math, and middle school students scored 66 percent.

What this means is TEA will be watching those campuses, their teachers and making sure plans are in place to try and fix these schools.

The problem, however, isn't the schools. The problem is the testing.

I admire all of our teachers in Ozona. I wouldn't want their job, nor do I desire to have their job, but the state isn't making their job any easier.

Why is it hard to find good teachers these days? The answer is simple; no one wants this kind of pressure.

Teachers and administrators are scared of an unacceptable rating that could cost them their jobs.

For the second year in a row, CCCSD is academically acceptable. That means we are barely scratching the surface for our students.

As the state puts more demands on a student's test score, the more teachers have to work to get that student to understand the test.

Yes, students should have a basic understanding of math, science, history, reading and writing when they graduate.

Students should also have a basic understanding of how the real

world works as well, which is something they are not getting out of the TAKS test.

Education is not about filling kids with facts and test-taking tricks, but teaching them to analyze and examine, to express and shape their own thoughts and opinions.

Students today are often taught what to think, how to write, what to read and which formulas to use in order that they may pass a test so they can advance to the next grade.

The demand put on students, as young as nine-years-old, has also created a new "anxiety" in students as they are afraid of failure.

Our education system, nationwide, needs to be restructured and rethought to fit the needs of our country and economy, and not to fit the needs of a booklet with multiple-choice answers.

**IT'S THE PITTS** BY LEE PITTS

**Nature Calls**

We have made everything so complicated. When I was a kid all you needed to go hunting was a gun and some ammo. Now when I go into Cabelas I'm amazed at all the toys and tools that are seemingly necessary to shoot at something these days. Anti-fog goggles, shooting chairs, game feeders, scan-scouting cameras, Garmin GPS devices, deer stands, range finders, night vision goggles and high powered spotlights for shooting from the comfort of your truck. Personally, I think using some of this stuff is like using a fish finder; it's cheating, plain and simple.

To outfit today's hunter takes a fat wallet and a sense of style. There are camo clothes that blend in with hardwoods, softwoods, snow, desert, dirt and Mossy Oak even has a concealment series that is covered with fake leaves for raking your

lawn. They even sell camo saddles, although, I don't know how much good that will do if your horse is a paint or a pinto. Some mad scientist is probably working on horse camo right now by putting a chameleon gene in Quarter Horses.

Odor seems to be a big deal with hunters. There are sprays and fragrances to make you smell like dry rot or deer and camo clothes with charcoal filters to absorb your own odors so as to not give your position away. For aromatically-challenged individuals, Cabelas sells High Performance Underwear with Scent Eliminator®. (I could probably use a pair of these even when it's not hunting season, if you know what I mean?) I was surprised to learn that the avid hunter can buy enzyme scent protection in the form of body soap, shampoo and conditioner, laundry

detergent, shaving cream and mouth spray. Although I must say, if your breath is so bad that it will scare animals away you've got more serious problems than finding a deer.

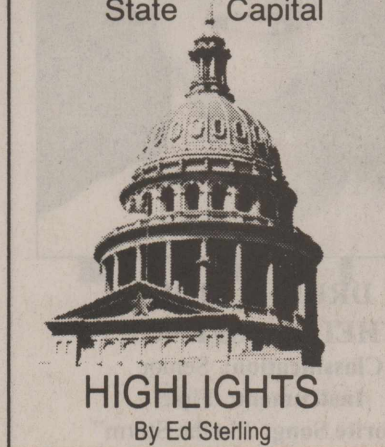
I was most amazed by the electronic game callers. Have you seen these? They are like miniature computers that produce sounds that are supposed to attract whatever it is you are hunting. I dialed in an elk call and the resulting reverberation sounded like a seal being given a colonoscopy without the benefit of anesthesia. You can buy duck calls, rubbing sticks and even antlers to help attract game.

This reminds me of a story I heard about a deer hunter in south Texas who heard the sound of bucks fighting while sitting in his deer stand. So he immediately got out his antlers and started banging them together in hopes of attracting the big bucks within shooting distance. He rattled throughout the scorching day and every time he'd bang his antlers together he'd hear the bucks fighting again in an even more frenzied state. After spending his entire morning doing this without spotting a buck he decided to sneak around and see if he could spot the fighting deer. Imagine his surprise when all

he found was another deer hunter who'd been banging his antlers together all morning too. They'd been "communicating" with each other all morning and there wasn't a deer within five miles of the place. Probably scared away by all the racket.

There has got to be an easier way to hunt and a fellow in California has found it. My friend Dennis Smith wrote in his Northern California Traveler about a hunter, Shawn Hill, who brought a big buck with an unusual set of antlers to the Eagle Lake General Store to enter in their Big Buck contest. They took a picture and hung it on the wall and for awhile it looked like Shawn would be the big winner. Then, one by one, the residents of the area came in the store, saw the picture and let out howls that resembled those of our intestinally challenged seal. It seems that Shawn had blown away the town pet: a deer many residents fed and had their picture standing next to. Needless to say, Shawn disappeared faster than a pizza in a frat house and the angry residents can't seem to find him anywhere. My guess is they'll never find him because he's probably wearing his High Performance Underwear with Scent Eliminator®.

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**AUSTIN -** Recent heavy rains and flooding following Hurricane Dolly and Tropical Storm Edouard sent the Texas mosquito population soaring, the Texas Department of State Health Services reports.

Health Commissioner David Lakey suggested that citizens use bug repellent "every time they are outside."

Meanwhile, health officials are focusing on a dozen possible cases of flea-borne murine typhus in Travis County.

Headache, fever, nausea, body aches and skin rash are possible symptoms of typhus. Certain prescribed antibiotics are used to treat the disease.

State health officials said it is unusual for murine typhus to be contracted as far north as Travis County.

**STOP NOW, AG TELLS DEBT COLLECTOR**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 6 charged a Dallas-based debt collection firm with using

**Bug problems descend on Texas after heavy rains**

deceptive practices to collect payments from Texas consumers.

Abbott took legal action to stop Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates LLC from harassing Texas debtors with deceptive letters and unlawful telephone calls.

The enforcement action also accuses Anderson, Crenshaw & Associates of threatening to garnish consumers' wages or file liens against homesteads in violation of the Texas Debt Collection Act.

The attorney general's office cited complaints that the defendant's representatives harassed, abused and threatened debtors during profanity-laden, repeated or continuous telephone calls.

The attorney general's enforcement action seeks civil penalties of up to \$20,000 for each violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

**PERRY CRITICIZES ETHANOL DECISION**

Gov. Rick Perry on Aug. 7 issued a statement lashing back at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny his request for a 50 percent waiver from the grain-based Renewable Fuels Standard.

Perry said the EPA's decision "not only goes against common sense, but every American's grocery bill."

And, he said, the decision would increase the burden on families while doing even more harm to the livestock industry.

"Any government mandate that artificially props-up a single industry to the detriment of millions of Americans is bad public policy," he added.

**AUSTIN LEADS HARD-DRINKING LIST**

Forbes magazine reported Aug. 8 that Austin, Texas, is No. 1 on the list of the country's hardest-drinking cities.

Forbes based its story on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey, assessing what citizens reported about their drinking habits.

An estimated two-thirds of Austin residents have a least one drink per month, the study showed. That's easily more than half a million drinks.

The study put Milwaukee in second place and San Francisco in third.

**CRANE SAFETY LOOMS AS ISSUE HERE**

News of collapsing cranes and related accidents in other cities has made Austin want to do more to ensure safety of workers and bystanders.

Capital city visitors find the

"national bird of Texas" or the heavy construction crane, easy to spot these days. They perch on or next to new high rise buildings that have popped in the downtown area.

City Manager Marc Ott is studying crane inspection processes and procedures used by other cities and will report his findings to the city council soon.

**STATE EXECUTES 2 FOREIGN NATIONALS**

The state of Texas executed convicted murderers Jose Medellin, 31, of Mexico on Aug. 5, and Heliberto Chi, 29, of Honduras on Aug. 7.

The Medellin execution prompted national and international concern because the Texas judiciary failed to inform Medellin of his right to consular access and assistance during trial.

The failure reportedly violated the Vienna Convention, leaving to speculation what might happen to Americans arrested in foreign countries.

**GOAL: CLEANER AIR ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Parent Teacher Association announced Aug. 7 that they will work together to distribute funding to protect school children from harmful particulate matter by retrofitting diesel burning school buses.

**The Ozona Stockman Deadline is NOON ON MONDAY**

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### Meeting tonight for anyone interested in a community emergency response team

Volunteers are being sought for a Community Emergency Response Team in Crockett County.

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Crockett Room.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

A Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program that prepares citizens to help themselves, their family and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, citizens will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

As a member of a CERT Team, citizens can respond to disasters, par-

ticipate in drills, exercises and take additional training.

CERT teams are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities.

A member can be anyone 18 years and older.

Normally the training is held in San Angelo, but if there are several people interested in the training, then an instructor can come down and train in Ozona.

There is no cost involved to become a member of CERT.

"I really believe that this team would really benefit our county. I would like to ask anyone interested in taking some training to give me a call, so that we can set up a training schedule," said Frank Tambunga.

For more information, call (325) 392-2827 or (325) 226-2827.



### Mr. and Mrs. Neal Anthony Keller

Kristy Lane Pridemore and Neal Anthony Keller of Cedar Park were married June 27, 2008, in Georgetown at Kindred Oaks Estates with Vickie Wood officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Judy Pridemore of Christoval. Grandmothers are Patsy Pridemore and Frieda Hanusch Ingram, both of San Angelo.

The bridegroom is the son of Rick Keller of Austin and Sarah Keller of Ashburn, Va.

Matron of honor was Sarah Osborne of Cedar Park. Bridesmaids were Heather Claburn of Sonora, Sarah Stancey of Austin, and sister of the groom, Shana Scott-Duns, of Manassas, Virginia. Flower girl was Abigail Stancey of Austin.

Best man was David Brill of Leesburg, Va. Groomsmen were Travis Vordick, of Austin, Gary Weller of Kearneysville, West Virginia, and Pat Poissant of Richmond, Va. Ring bearer was Ian Scott-Duns, nephew of the groom. Ushers were brother of the bride, Shane Pridemore of Eldorado, Greg Marsh of Tyler and Strait Pridemore, nephew of the bride.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Ozona High School. In 2003, she graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor degree of science. She received her master's degree in education from Texas State University at San Marcos. Kristy is employed with Leander Independent School District teaching first grade.

The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate from Herndon High School in Herndon, Va. In 2005, he graduated from Texas State Technical College in Waco with an associate of applied science degree. Neal is employed as the Golf Course Superintendent at Flintrock Falls in Lakeway.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Cedar Park.

## Community Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Community Emergency Response Team meeting, 7 p.m. at the Crockett Room.

Thursday, Aug. 14

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

Friday, Aug. 15

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Visit by Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, 8:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, Aug. 16

- Ozona Lions scrimmage vs. San Saba and Mason, 10 a.m. in Mason.

Monday, Aug. 18

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

Tuesday, Aug. 19

- Freshmen orientation, 6 p.m. at the high school.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tax hearing, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

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## Grants Workshop set for Aug. 21

The Texas Pecos Trail will host a Securing Grants Workshop from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21 at the Reagan County Community Building in Big Lake.

Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. Deadline to sign up is Aug. 19.

Presentations will be by Greg Huber, USDA Resource Conservation and Development of Monahans and Debbie Thomas, of the West of the Pecos Museum in Pecos.

The workshop is sponsored by the Texas Pecos Trail, Reagan County Historical Society and the West of the Pecos Museum.

For more information, call (325) 387-2927, (432) 448-1196 or email [texaspecostrail@hotmail.com](mailto:texaspecostrail@hotmail.com).

## Happy Birthday

Aug. 13 - Rosa Bella Ramos, K.C. Carson, Nathan De Hoyos, Nick Leonard, Seslee Perez, Logan English, Gail Spence, Casiana Alsobrook and Kristi R. Fierro

Aug. 14 - Maria Lara, Fargo Tijerina, Sergio Mata, Carlos Martinez, Laurie Hale, Terry Thomas, Anna Elizondo, Wilson White, Julie Gutierrez, Beatrice Galvan, Dennis Clark, Barbara Malone and Seth Webster

Aug. 15 - Ginger Perner, George Quiroz, Amanda Quiroz, Francisco Galvan, Kayleigh Hernandez, Ely Silva, Glenda Capps, Fred Garza, Addison B. Gutierrez, Lyndsie Bunger, Leon Garcia Jr. and Dalia Hernandez

Aug. 16 - Wesley Flores, Emalee Hamilton and Mariana Camarillo

Aug. 17 - Haliey Salinas, Julia Henderson, Bobby B. Womack and David Landin Jr.

Aug. 18 - Javier Perez, Maggie Galvan, Sophie Trevino and Ampara Enriquez

Aug. 19 - Isaac Leal III, Opal Gertrude, Jessica Herring and Eloisa Ortiz



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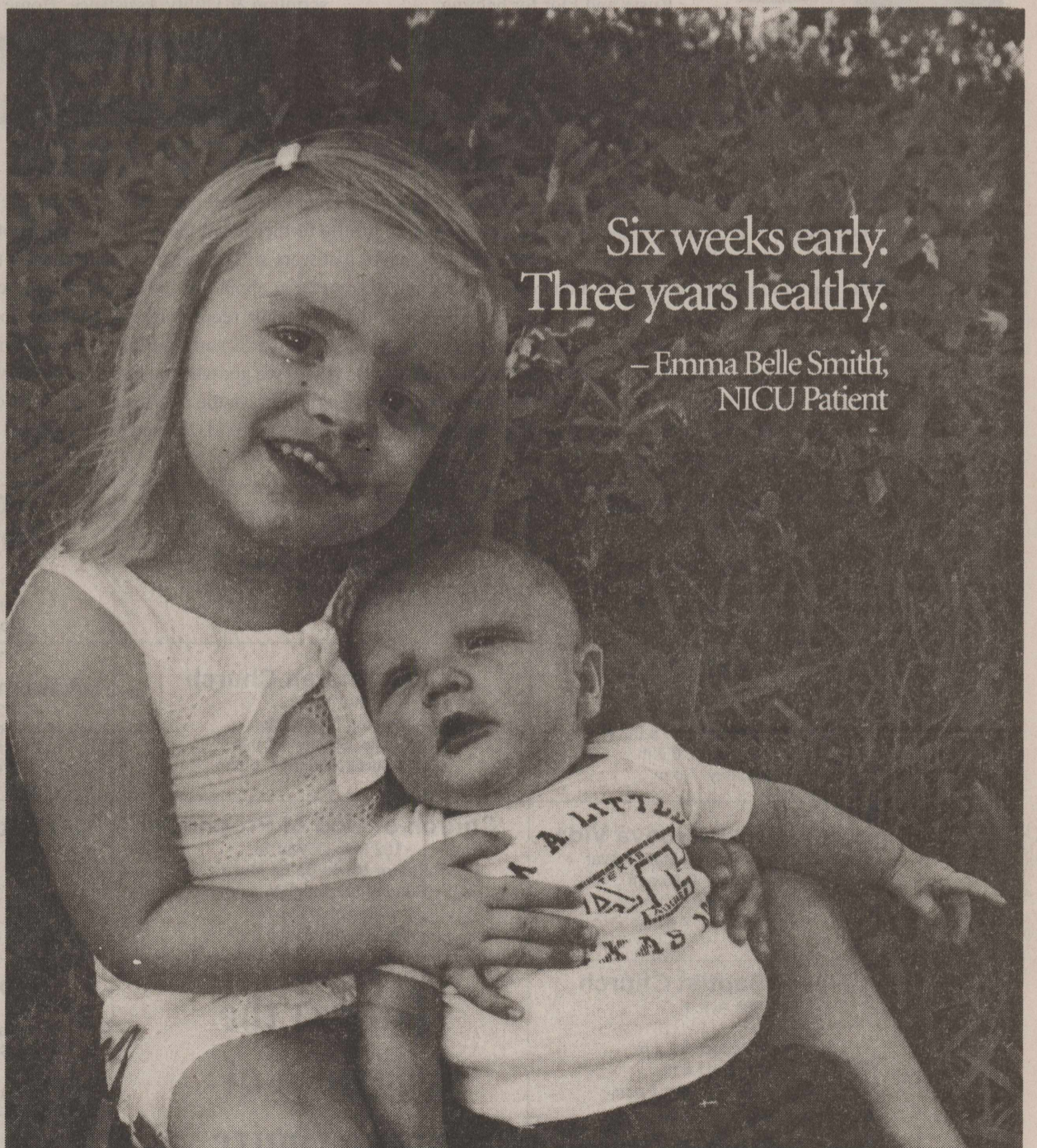
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OBITUARIES

Martha Flores

Martha Flores, 88 died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008 in San Angelo. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Flores was born Jan. 12, 1920 in Zaragosa, Coahuila, Mexico. She was a member of the Catholic Church and a housewife. Survivors include a son Luis Flores of Lubbock; two daughters, Olga F. Perez and Martha A. Flores both of Ozona; two brothers, Eufemiano Rios of Ozona and Natividad Rios of Eagle Pass, Texas and one sister Josepha Richards of San Antonio.

Helping Hands for the Elderly needs volunteers to deliver meals

Helping Hands for the Elderly is needing volunteers to help deliver meals in a timely manner. We appreciate very much all of you who donate your time and effort. We simply could not do this job without your help.

Helping Hands is also seeking vendors for their third annual "Helping Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair. The 10x10 indoor booths are \$25 each (non-refundable, \$25 deposit is required). Vendors need to furnish their own table and chairs. For \$10 tables and for \$2 chairs can be rented from Helping Hands. No items that are harmful or offensive to another person, their property or the environment will be allowed.

For more information, call Nancy Smith at 392-3655 or Dianne J. Phillips at 392-2716.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program to be held Aug. 22

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Monthly diabetes support group to meet Aug. 28

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This support group is a good continuation of the "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" class, but is open to anyone. Various topics and activities are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the donors for the OLPH Bingo on Aug. 10: Sylvia D. Longoria, Lupe McGrure, Dingo and Gang, Manuel and Matilda Camarillo, Fernando and Marnia Garza, Rita Vasquez and kids, Flor Longoria, Rusty Harris, Wayne and Veronica Fierro, David and Lillian Tijehina, Prife Borrego, Leticia B. Longoria, Millie, Grannis, Mati Cervantez, Juanita Mata.

Donors are needed for the next Bingo on Sept. 21. Call Rita V. at 392-3353. Thanks to all, Veronica Fierro

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

This column is going in early this week as I will be having cataract surgery on Monday and will be back in the Senior Center on Thursday, Aug. 14.

I am hearing that we are in for a dry, hot spell for several days since the rain from the hurricane missed us.

The decorations from the Fourth of July are coming down and we will soon be at "The Blue Lagoon" here at the Senior Center.

A call came in yesterday that JoAnn Babbitt was on her way back home after her eye surgery. It was reported that she had two black eyes but was otherwise doing fine. Happy to have you back JoAnn.

Brenda and Royce Newton are back from watching their grandson Alex play in a golf tournament in Merkle, Texas. We missed both of you and a big welcome back to Ozona.

I heard from Patsy White that she will be taking that horrible medicine for another week so she will be healed from Lyme disease. The medicine itself along with the disease is making her very sick. Because of her health Patsy has taken up residence in San Angelo and has also resigned from two local boards; recently from the Crockett County Senior Center Board and in early spring 2008 resigned as director of the Crockett County Museum. We miss you Patsy but we want you to get well.

The president of the Crockett County Senior Board, Sandy Beebe is busy along with her husband Dale getting her home in town remodeled and is soon to be completely moved in town from the ranch.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. We will serve hamburgers, chips, ice cream bars, tea, water and coffee. We are going to have a blackout game for a "special prize." Please try to come and bring a friend.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still going strong. They meet every 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 doing.

Our activities are for those who are 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.



CARE CENTER RESIDENTS enjoy lunch on the new outdoor furniture at the Care Center.

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ Assistant Activity Director

We delivered Meals on Wheels Tuesday morning, Lola Rios, Mozelle Houston, David Humphries, June Diehl, they went along with us for a ride.

Thanks to Griselda H. Medina, she bought us bingo prizes and Anna and Palo Flores and E.A. Wadsworth brought us cantelope and watermelon home grown from their garden. They are nice enough to share with us and we are good enough to eat it.

Thanks to the following churches that come home services with our residents: Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist, First Baptist Church, OLPH Catholic Church. If I left anyone out, please come by our office during weekdays and let us know you came out and sing or visit. We appreciate everyone.

Benny, Jan, Marta and I took nine residents to Dairy Queen. That was a big treat.

Sunday, we played bingo at the Catholic Parish Hall. Mel Martinez, Gloria Sanchez, Marjorie Rogers, Catalina Cardona and Lola Galindo all went. Lola was the only winner. Thanks to Samantha De La Garza, Josie Mendoza, Monty Conteras, Rusty and Flor for helping.

Answers on Aging coming Thursday to the Senior Center

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments will visit Ozona with their new Community Outreach Program on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Lindsey Elliott and Lynne Carlson will be available from 10-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Home

Modifications), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Health & Human Services Information).

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.

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M. Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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TWO PECAN ORCHARDS

Last week while traveling cross-country, I noticed several places that had small pecan orchards. At one orchard, I observed that the trees were full of life, with green leaves and seemingly very healthy. A little further down the road I noticed another orchard where the trees were sickly looking and dying because of lack of water. The few leaves that were still on the trees were already turning brown and branches were also falling out of the trees. Those two orchards reminded me of something about the Christian life. If after we accept Christ and we fail to follow Him, something inside of our souls starts to wither and die. Our souls require special spiritual nourishment. First to even be alive spiritually we have had to repent of our sins, realizing we are wrong, (Luke 5:32) and call upon Jesus Christ to be our Savior, (John 1:12 & 13). Second, we must read or hear the word of God, (Matthew 4:4). Where we go, who we hang out with, what we watch on television or the music we listen to, or the books we read and now what we do on our computers, or the internet can all affect our spiritual well-being. When we do the right things that God approves of our souls can and will be blessed, (Luke 11:28) and have a special beauty like those healthy trees. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Table with 3 columns listing churches: First Baptist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, Templo Bautista Jerusalem, Faith Lutheran Church, Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Church of God of Prophecy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calvary Baptist Church, Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday, Apostolic Church, New Beginnings Church, Iglesia de Cristo.

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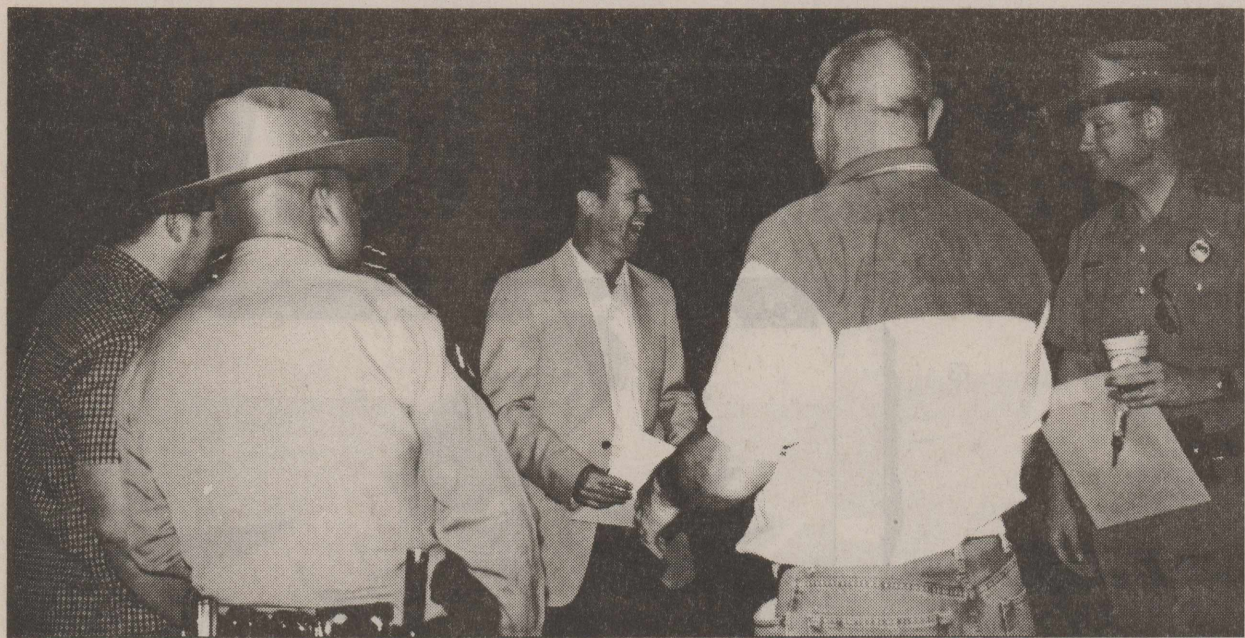


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DPS TROOPER BEN ENGLISH (center) has a laugh with fellow officers during a retirement party on Aug. 5 at the Civic Center. English received many honors for his 22 years of service to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

## Texas Pecos Trail region announces call for nominations to board of directors

SONORA, Texas — The Texas Pecos Trail Region is pleased to announce a call for nominations for membership for board of directors.

The 11-member board is composed of professionals from throughout the region in a variety of backgrounds including tourism, economic development, parks and wildlife, civic leadership, and historic preservation.

The board is a decision-making entity that facilitates the program strategies of the Texas Pecos Trail Region. Board members are selected through a nomination process and serve three-year terms.

There is a commitment of one

board meeting every other month, plus additional time spent working on such issues as historic preservation, economic development, promotion and education.

All candidates, regardless of background, should have an interest in heritage tourism.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region is a regional tourism initiative developed by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) that fosters regional economic development by promoting heritage tourism through the preservation of cultural and historic resources and regional partnerships.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 counties in west

Texas including Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

Board application packets may be downloaded from the Pecos Trail web site at [www.texaspecostrail.com](http://www.texaspecostrail.com).

For more information or to receive a packet by mail or email, call Regional Coordinator Paula Walker at (325) 387.2927 or email [texaspecostrail@hotmail.com](mailto:texaspecostrail@hotmail.com).

Deadline for board application submissions is Aug. 29, 2008.

## WTU Energy to lower prices by five percent

ABILENE, Texas — Amid a back-drop of rising costs in just about every aspect of daily consumer life, WTU Retail Energy is bringing assistance to its West Texas customers.

Beginning in mid-September, the long-standing electricity retailer will be reducing its Direct Electricity Plan residential price by five percent.

The Direct Electricity Plan (DEP) price has remained stable since it was last reduced on Jan. 1, 2007.

Beginning Sept. 15, WTU is bringing the DEP price down further to \$0.146 per kilowatt-hour (based on usage of 1,000 kWh/month). Annualized, the savings will be approximately \$100 per household.

"We've all seen the effects of climbing energy prices on our monthly budgets — from rising prices at the gasoline pump, to increased costs at the grocery store," said Jim Steffes, vice president and general manager of WTU Retail Energy. "Our Direct Electricity Plan residential customers will soon be receiving letters advising them that their prices are going down."

WTU lowered its prices in July 2006 and again in January 2007. This is the third price reduction for WTU in the last two years.

In addition to the lower electricity prices, WTU is helping customers address rising costs at the gasoline pump through its gasoline giveaway. In the coming months, WTU customers will automatically be enrolled for a chance to win one of hundreds of gasoline cards that will be distributed through year-end. WTU will also be giving away one hybrid SUV — helping the winner lower the cost and environmental impact of their daily drive.

"In addition to the price decrease and giveaways, WTU and its affiliates have committed \$500,000 to Neighbor-to-Neighbor, a program created to help our customers with the greatest financial need pay their monthly electricity bills," said Steffes.

The company is holding events in communities throughout its Texas footprint to remind its customers that they, too, can help their neighbors by donating a box on their monthly bill. Since 2003, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program has helped tens of thousands of vulnerable Texans keep the lights on.

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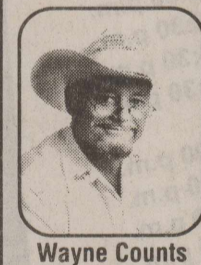
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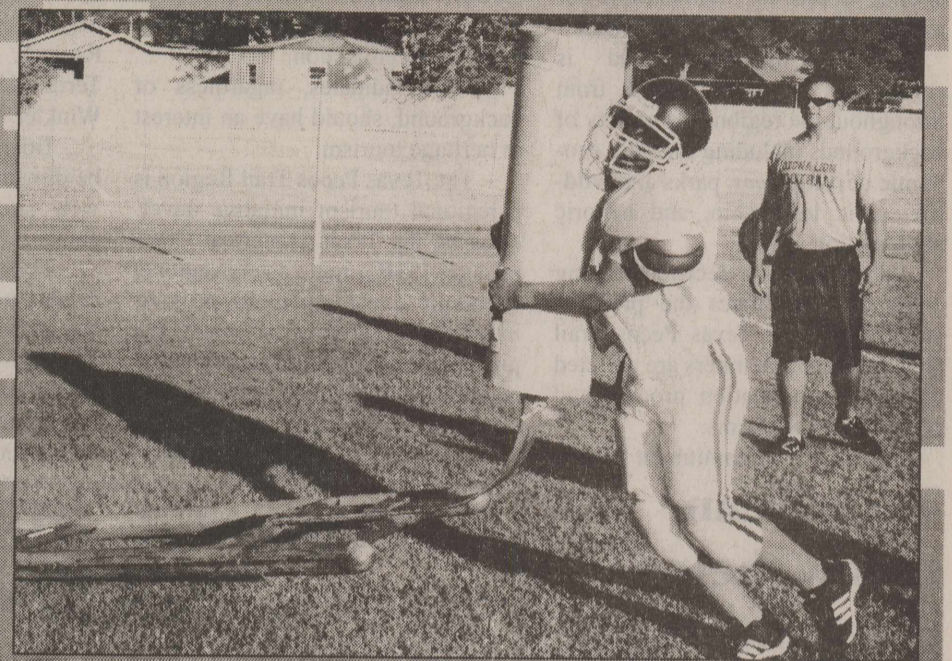
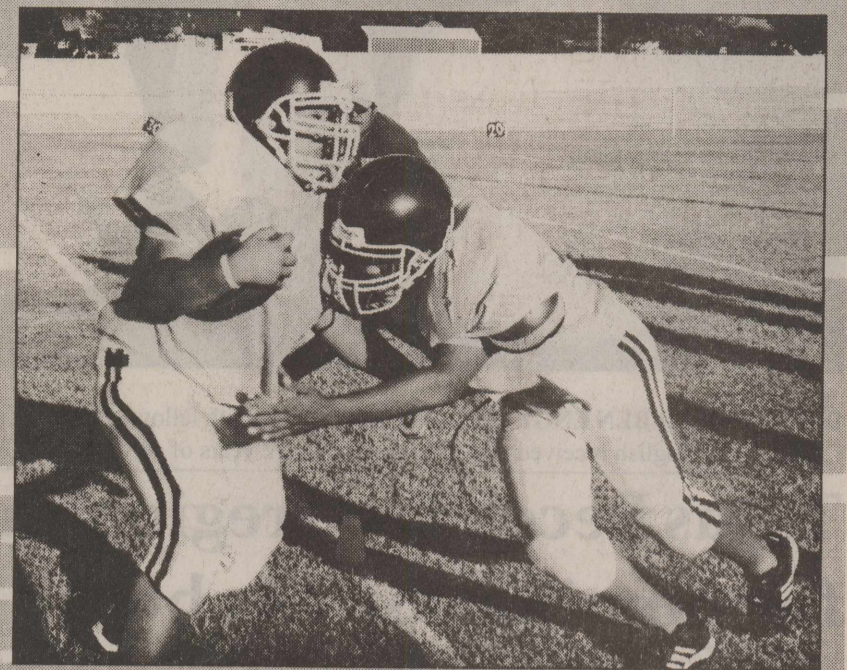
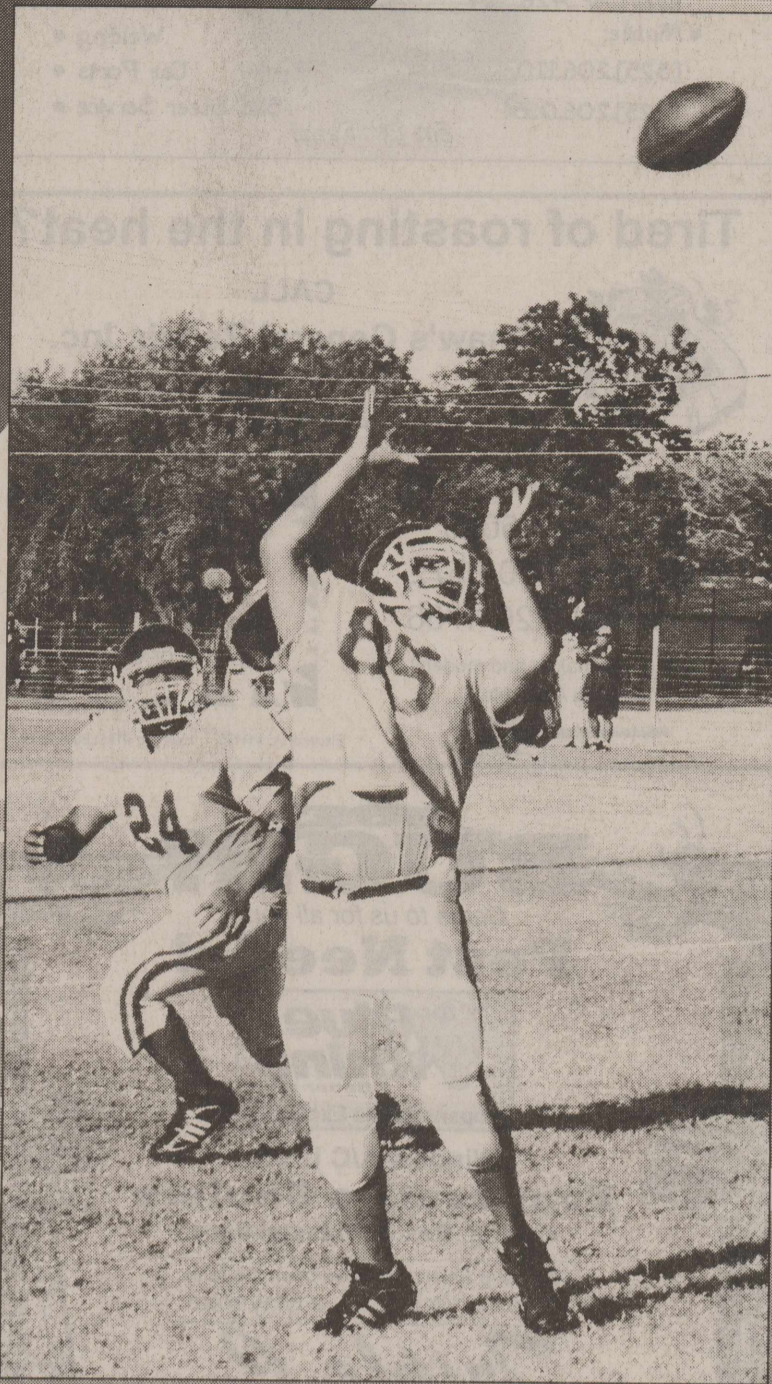
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# OZONA LION FOOTBALL PREVIEW



## Go Lions!

Cross Country practice this week is at 8:00 a.m. at Lion Stadium.

Beginning on Monday, Cross Country practice will be held at 7:00 p.m.

### FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGES

Saturday, Aug. 16

San Saba & Mason  
In Mason - 10:00 a.m

Thurs., Aug. 21

vs. Brackett  
In Ozona  
5:00 p.m.

**2008 OHS VARSITY LION SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 29	Harper	Home	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	Iraan	Away	8:00 p.m.
12	***Wall	Home	8:00 p.m.
19	Brady	Home	8:00 p.m.
26	McCamey	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	---OPEN---	Away	7:30 p.m.
10	*Alpine		
17	*Kermit	Home	7:30 p.m.
24	*Crane	Away	7:30 p.m.
31	*Reagan Co.	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*Sonora	Home	7:30 p.m.
		Away	7:30 p.m.

**SCRIMMAGES:**  
 Aug. 16 - San Saba & Mason - In Mason - 10:00 a.m  
 Aug. 21 - vs. Brackett - Home - Time - 5:00 p.m.

*\*Denotes District Game \*\*\*Homecoming*

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 28	Harper		
Sept. 4	Iraan	Away	6:30 p.m.
11	Wall	Home	6:30 p.m.
18	Brady	Away	6:30 p.m.
25	McCamey	Away	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	---OPEN---	Home	6:30 p.m.
9	*Alpine		
16	*Kermit	Away	6:00 p.m.
23	*Crane	Home	6:30 p.m.
30	*Reagan Co.	Away	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	*Sonora	Home	6:30 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 11	Wall	Home	5:00/6:30
18	Brady	Away	5:00/6:30
25	McCamey	Home	5:00
Oct. 2	Open	Home	5:00 (1 Game)
9	Alpine	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct. 16	Kermit	Away	5:00/6:30
23	Crane	Home	5:00/6:30
30	Reagan Co.	Home	5:00/6:30
Nov. 6	Sonora	Away	5:00/6:30

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- Ozona Insurance
- Ozona National Bank
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- Ozona Veterinary Clinic

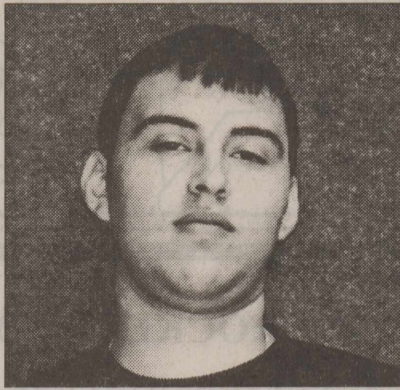
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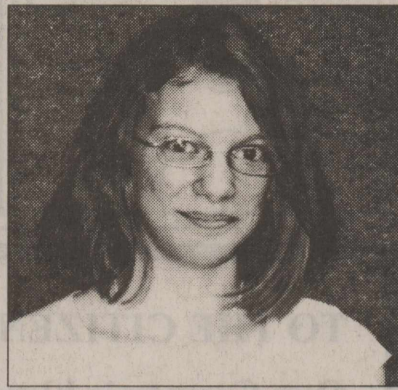
# OHS Band Student Leaders



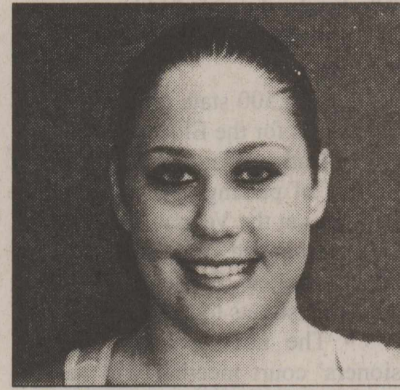
**ALEX MACIAS**  
Color Guard Captain  
Classification: Junior  
Instrument: Flute  
Favorite Song: "I Hope You Dance"  
Goal for the Year: "To be a more united band"



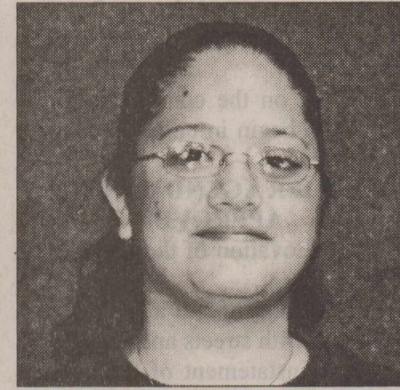
**CHRIS LARA**  
Low Woodwinds & Loading Crew Captain  
Classification: Senior  
Instrument: Alto Saxophone  
Favorite Song: "What I've Done"  
Goal for the Year: "To Make a One at Marching Contest"



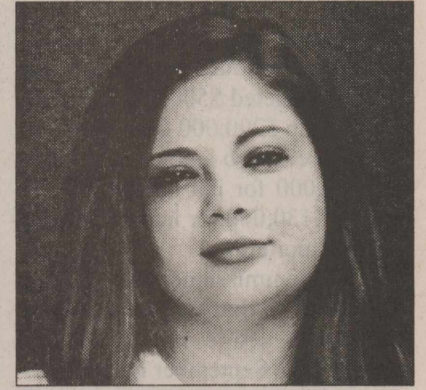
**SARAH LOTT**  
Music Librarian  
Classification: Senior  
Instrument: Clarinet  
Favorite Song: "Amazed"  
Goal for the Year: "To do better than last year"



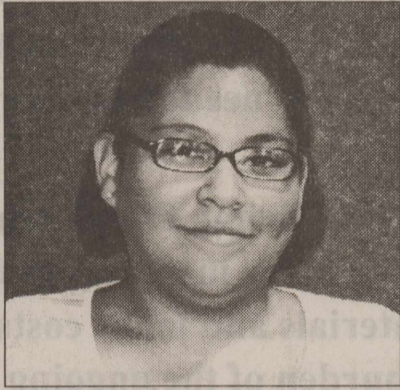
**REBECCA RUEFFER**  
Uniform Captain  
Classification: Senior  
Instrument: Trumpet  
Favorite Song: "Ruin Me"  
Goal for the Year: "For the band to do the best that we can"



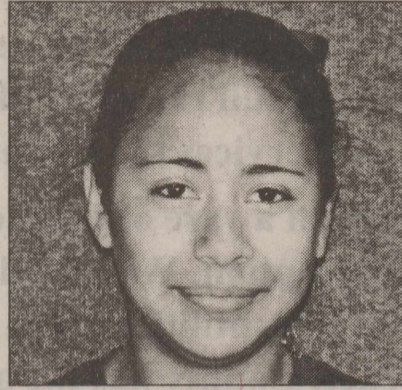
**JULIE GUTIERREZ**  
High Woodwinds  
Classification: Junior  
Instrument: Clarinet  
Favorite Song: "Voice of Truth"  
Goal for the Year: "Getting more people involved in Region Band"



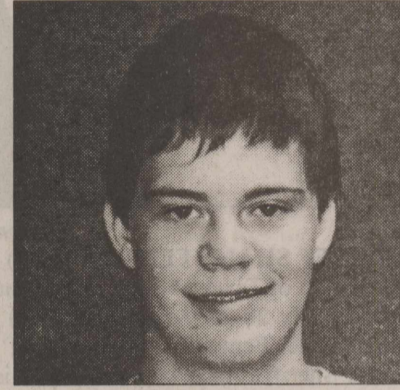
**STEPHANIE GALINDO**  
Low Brass  
Classification: Junior  
Instrument: Trombone  
Favorite Song: "Ready, Set, Go"  
Goal for the Year: "To help others, and to have a positive attitude"



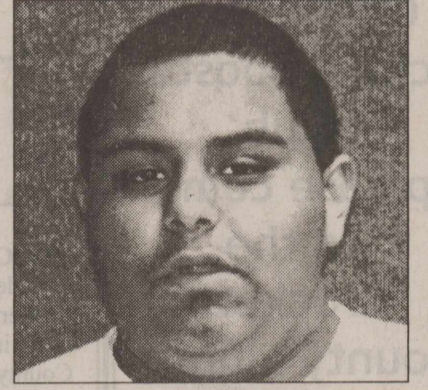
**JAZVETH GONZALES**  
Band Historian  
Classification: Junior  
Instrument: Baritone  
Favorite Song: "The Star Spangled Banner"  
Goal for the Year: "For everyone in the band to be eligible for contest"



**JILL MARQUEZ**  
Uniform Captain  
Classification: Sophomore  
Instrument: Tuba  
Favorite Song: "I Can only Imagine"  
Goal for the Year: "That we can improve in spirit and marching technique"



**DUNCAN KNOX**  
Percussion  
Classification: Sophomore  
Instrument: Percussion  
Favorite Song: "Animal"  
Goal for the Year: "To be better than we were last year"



**JOE BORREGO**  
High Brass  
Classification: Sophomore  
Instrument: Trumpet  
Favorite Song: "Paradise City"  
Goal for the Year: "To do better than we did last year"

## BAND: 'Transformers' is the theme for this year's marching show

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**Q: What type of show is the OHS Band performing this year?**  
A: We are doing a "Transformers" show.

**Q: Why did you pick this show?**  
A: I found a great company that writes custom shows to fit the individual band. They suggested the theme, and the students were really excited about it. The music and marching drill have been custom written for our band.

**Q: Is the Color Guard doing something special to go along with the band's marching?**  
A: The Color Guard has special uniforms to go with the theme and will be performing routines that fit with the theme.

**Q: Who is this year's Color Guard captain and why was she chosen?**  
A: Our Color Guard Captain is Alexandria Macias. She was chosen because she has color guard experience

and is very talented, responsible, and motivated to help others.

**Q: This is drum major Chelsea Spence's second year. How has she matured from last year?**  
A: Chelsea is a wonderful drum major. I can always rely on her to help students and to assist me and Mrs. Hanzik with rehearsals. I think the biggest change I see in her is that she is more comfortable with her conducting and with being a leader of the band.

**Q: The schedule for summer band reads like the football two-a-days schedule. Is this new and why?**

A: This schedule is different from last year's schedule, but this is similar to the schedule we've used in the past. We are just rehearsing for more days than we have in the past. I found out last year, that with the later starting date for school, we just need more time to get ready for the first football game. With school starting on August 25, we have a game the

first week of school. So, we have to use some of the summer to prepare for that game.

**Q: Is the pressure to reclaim a Division I rating still there?**

A: We are certainly motivated to achieve that rating, yes. I have told the students to try their hardest and have a great attitude. The most important thing is that we give it our best effort. With hard work, dedication, and a good attitude, the ratings will come.

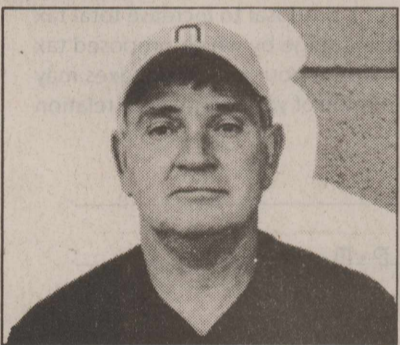
**Q: What is your goal for this year?**

A: Our goal is to improve our performances each week, learn new things, and work together better as a team.

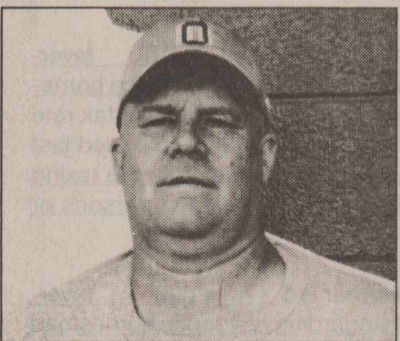
**Q: Any other comments?**

A: I just want to say how fortunate I am to teach in Ozona. We really do have great students here. They are hard working and so much fun to teach. I want to thank them for all of their hard work during summer band.

**OOPS!!!**  
The photos of two of our new coaches were inadvertently switched in last week's edition. We apologize for the error.



**UBALDO ELGUEA**  
From: Boerne  
Family: Daughter, A.J., 16, Son, Austin, 10.



**TED ROHAN**  
From: Celina  
Family: Wife, Dedra (also a new coach), sons, Peyton, 6 and Kyndall, 5.

**DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY**

Wedding Gift Selections have been made by **Mrs. Justin Morris** née **Farren Wilson**

bride-elect of **Marie Pierce**

bride-elect of **Joel Barrett**

bride-elect of **Codi Richardson**

bride-elect of **Taylor Kingman**

**Small Fashions**  
1004 Ave. E  
392-3226

### Youth Center Calendar of Events

Aug. 18 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Aug. 23 - Middle School Dance, 8-11 p.m.

**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

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# COURT: Money in proposed budget for jail renovations, new emergency vehicles

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Also budgeted is \$145,000 for a new ambulance in the EMS fund.

For courthouse renovations, the county budgeted \$500,000 for 2009, which is up \$200,000 from this year.

There is also a new budget item of \$500,000 for jail renovations, as well as \$130,000 for inmate housing and transportation.

The commissioners will discuss the budget in the Aug. 20 and Aug. 25 hearings before making final approval at the September meeting.

## COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Deaton said the architects and

construction company are getting bid proposals for a construction manager.

Work on the courthouse is expected to begin in either September or October.

## OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

- Renovation of the county hog barn.

- Closing of the alley between 13th and 14th streets and Avenue B.

- Reinstatement of the county-wide burn ban for 30 days.

- Fuel bid awarded to T&C

Wholesale, the only bidder.

- Authorize bids for electric provider.

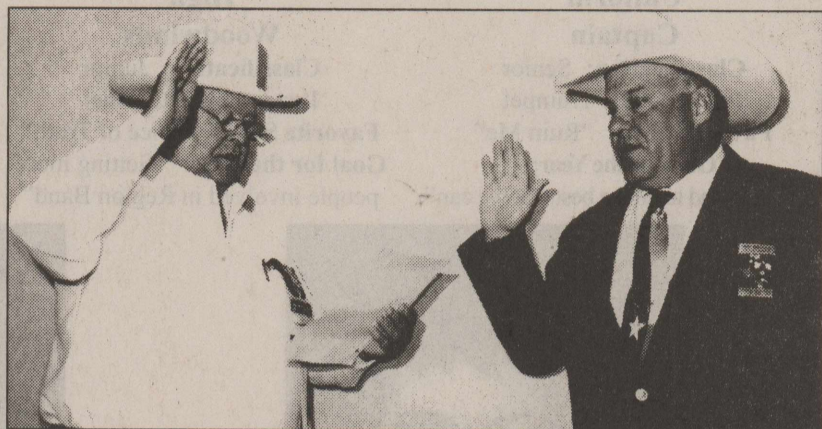
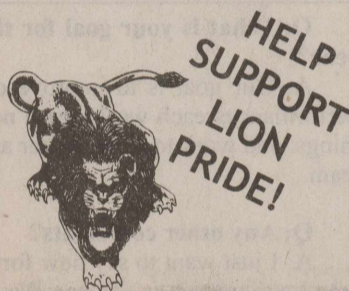
- A \$4,500 state grant for Helping Hands for the Elderly.

- Nathan Knox's Eagle Scout Project of placing two benches and two trees at the Veteran's Wall.

- Changed the name of the street located between Blas and Martinez streets to Gavino Street.

- The next monthly commissioners' court meeting will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 8 at the courthouse annex.

Anyone interested in joining the Ozona High School Booster Club please come to the Crockett County Library at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 25. Everyone from the community is welcome!

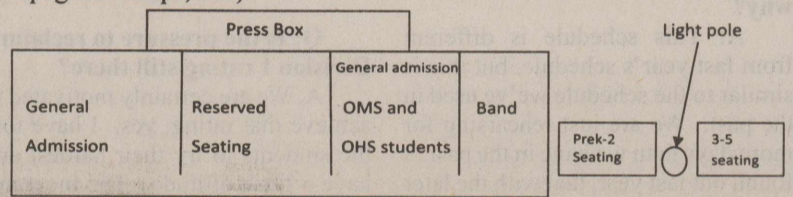


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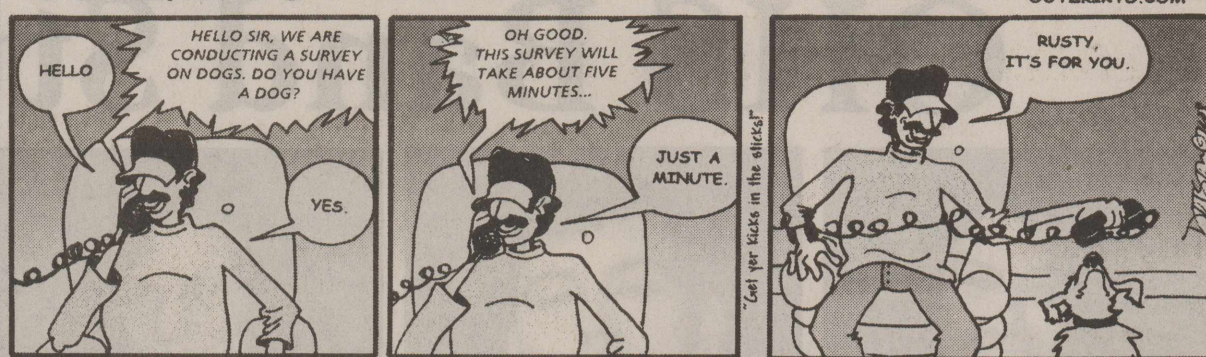
**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF SHANE FENTON** (right) was elected President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at their 130th annual Training Conference held in San Antonio, July 20-23. More than 1,500 participants were in attendance at the conference. Fenton has been sheriff in Crockett County since January 1997. The Sheriff's Association of Texas is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation.

## CCCCSD STADIUM RULES

- All students will be required to sit in the stands. Students may sit with their parents or in designated student sections.
- Students will not be allowed to leave and re-enter the stadium. If a student leaves the stadium, they will be required to pay to re-enter.
- No skateboards will be allowed inside the stadium. They will be confiscated.
- Although some elements of the dress code will be relaxed, the following will continue to be enforced:
  - o Male students will not be permitted to wear earrings;
  - o No clothing which allows the view of undergarments will be permitted (sagging pants, etc);
  - o Girls' tops must continue to be in line with dress code (no spaghetti straps, etc.).



## OUTSKIRTS David & Doreen Dotson



## TO THE CITIZENS OF CROCKETT COUNTY

Our County is blessed with abundant natural resources that generate property taxes which enable Crockett County to provide many services to the citizens and taxpayers and still maintain one of the lowest property tax rates in the State. The property values for Crockett County increased enough that the County Commissioners are able to reduce property tax rates this year by 4.4 cents per hundred dollars valuation or 9.5% and still raise the additional revenues needed to maintain the services the County provides.

We are all aware of the increased costs of living. Our County is no exception. We are all experiencing large increases in the cost of fuel, utilities, steel, paving materials and labor costs. Crockett County has the additional burden of the ongoing maintenance of our many county buildings and hundreds of miles of roads and streets. We also need to look to the future to provide for the restoration of our historic courthouse, upgraded jail facilities, fire fighting equipment and emergency medical equipment.

Your County property taxes account for the largest source of funds to pay for these services. We, the Commissioners Court of Crockett County are also taxpayers; accordingly we take very seriously our obligation to use your tax money as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Commissioners Court of Crockett County

## Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

CROCKETT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Crockett Co. Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 486,895.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ NA
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	2 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	-0- (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The COUNTY OF CROCKETT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on AUGUST 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The second public hearing will be held on AUGUST 25, 2008 6:00 p.m.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Fred Deaton, Frank Tambunga, Pleas Childress III, Alfredo Tobar  
 AGAINST: NONE  
 PRESENT and not voting: NONE  
 ABSENT: NONE

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2007 last year was \$40,400 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$464.85 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$145.86 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in 2008 this year is \$40,100 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$387.98 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$121.74 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$420.5 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$131.18 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

### Special Provisions if Applicable

**Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):**  
 The CROCKETT County Auditor certifies that CROCKETT County has spent \$-0- in the previous 12 months beginning 1-1-07, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. CROCKETT County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):**  
 The COUNTY OF CROCKETT spent \$4,101 from 1-1-07 to 12-31-07 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 22,970.



# Hunting licenses go on sale Friday

AUSTIN, Texas — New hunting and fishing licenses for 2008-09 will be available beginning Friday, Aug. 15, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters to buy early and avoid the rush heading into the Sept. 1 dove season opener.

Sportsmen are reminded all current annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-date fishing license) expire Aug. 31. Texas issues 2.1 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPWD field offices, more than 65 state parks and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas.

Because dove season in the North and Central Dove Zones opens on a Monday, Tom Newton with TPWD's licensing section, predicts there will be a weekend rush to buy licenses. "Last year, we sold over 350,000 licenses during the four-day period around the opening weekend of dove season," he recalled. "It takes an average of three-to-five minutes to process a license sale transaction, so it's likely there will be delays if you wait 'til the last minute."

By comparison, Newton said the department averaged less than 20,000 license transactions a day during the two weeks prior to the dove season opener as opposed to five or six times that number on the days around opening weekend.

A last-minute license purchase rush is probably inevitable in some areas of the state, TPWD officials say, particularly along the I-35 corridor where many dove hunters descend. Fortunately, there are other license buying avenues available.

"They can also purchase licenses online through the TPWD web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>) or by calling (800) 895-4248. There is a \$5 convenience fee for either option and a major credit card is required," Newtons said.

License sales call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday — Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7.

A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase for online and phone orders, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, which is sufficient for dove hunting, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

In addition to a hunting license, all wing shooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp. To hunt doves or teal in September, a Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp and receive HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified and purchase the Federal Duck Stamp to hunt migratory birds. All other state stamp endorsements are included with a lifetime license

"Remember, it's your responsibility to make sure you are properly licensed, so be sure to check your license before you leave the sales counter," Newton said. "We do get a fair number of requests for re-issuance of licenses because the hunter forgot to get HIP certified."

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of purchase, too. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Of course, anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package,

the best bang for the buck, automatically gets these needed stamps.

Hunter Education Certification is also required of any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and who is at least 17 years old. For hunters who are unable to work in a hunter education class before hunting season for whatever reason, TPWD does offer a deferral option.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must first purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the deferral option.

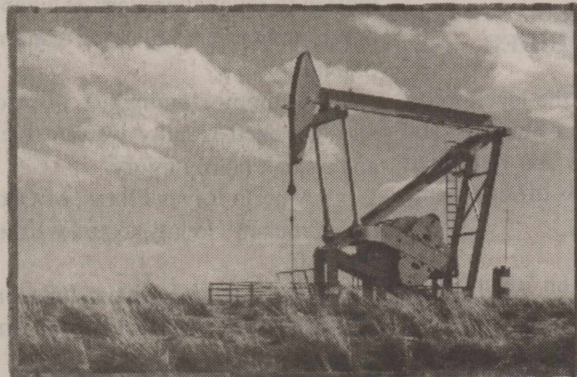
Hunters using the deferral must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas.

The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferred option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option is not available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before going afield.

# WELCOME FRESHMEN!

Incoming freshmen and parents are invited to an open house event specifically for you. Please join us on 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 in the High School auditorium. School administrators will provide you and your parents with information concerning current Texas High School Graduation Plans. Also, the OHS cheerleaders will be on hand to provide guided campus tours. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!



## WE'RE PARTNERS

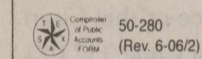
Commitment Runs Deep in our respect for the lands of this region. We value our surroundings and embrace the inhabitants of this beautiful countryside. Through responsible development and environmental awareness we are dedicated to enhancing the land around us and reducing our operational footprint. We are taking action today to improve our tomorrow.



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at our Santa Rita Days Festival Aug. 30 please contact the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce at 325-884-2980 or email: [blcoe@verizon.net](mailto:blcoe@verizon.net)



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 26, 2008 in Board Room, Administration Building, 797 Ave D

Ozona, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.15450 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	10.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	100.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	31.45000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,015,655,860.00	\$ 2,395,337,080.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 45,580,820.00	\$ 3,342,830.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,993,471,600.00	\$ 2,395,377,080.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 45,580,820.00	\$ 3,342,830.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 10,000,000.00

\* Outstanding principal.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 8,115.00	\$ 5,131.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.02867	\$ 0.15495 *	\$ 1.19450	\$ 14,677.00	\$ 3,790.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.15450 *	\$ 1.19450	\$ 14,677.00	\$ 3,790.00

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 38,920.00	\$ 40,100.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,140.00	\$ 17,080.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.19
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 167.86	\$ 204.02
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 36.16

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,500,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 10,000,000.00



# Crockett County Sheriff's Report

**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT**

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints	32
Domestic Animal Calls	4
Civil Complaints	2
Civil Service	3
Courtesy Transports	2
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	27
Juvenile Complaints	6
Locked Vehicles	10
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	5
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	1
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	9
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Security Alarms	7
Assist other Law or county Agencies	1
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	22
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	11
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	1
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	1
Utility Services/complaints	1
Traffic Citations Issued	9
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	9
Prisoners Housed in other counties	4

**2008-2009 CROCKETT COUNTY SCHOOL SEASON IS UPON US - TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS WILL CALL FOR TRAFFIC ADJUSTMENTS FROM ALL OF US. EXTRA, EXTRA SAFE DRIVING WILL BE REQUIRED.**

The Temporary closure of the Primary school, and the locations of the Temporary Classrooms will cause Traffic problems for our Students/ and Parents. Parents might actually have to leave their vehicles and walk their children to and from the classrooms, instead of dropping kids off or picking kids up in the middle of the streets.

1. Classrooms located at corner of 5th & Ave G.
  - 20 mph School zone signs shall hopefully be posted on 5th st before school begins.
  - Parking spaces around the Middle school area is already limited, the additional students means that there will be more people trying to park in an already crowded area.
2. Classrooms located on Miller Lane (behind the High school Gym)
  - These classrooms are between Water works drive, and Rugged Road,
  - Miller Lane will probably be closed for thru traffic, as there is not enough room for safe passage with primary students exiting classrooms.
  - Ave D which runs in front of the High School Gym will already have faculty, and High school students parked in the area, so legal parking spaces could be limited.

**PARENTS PLEASE DONOT ALLOW SMALL KIDS TO WALK BETWEEN PARKED OR MOVING VEHICLES, WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP.**

**ALL VEHICLE DRIVERS OPERATING IN SCHOOL ZONE AREAS ARE REQUIRED TO OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS.**

- All School zone speeds of 20mph are posted by signs, and or traffic signals.
- Some Speed Zones are in effect during the entire classroom day 8am to 4pm (Ave D, Ave G, Monterrey st, and Martinez st.)
- Speed Zones with Traffic signals are in effect whenever the signal lights are activated.
- DO NOT ILLEGALLY PARK VEHICLES, In middle of street lanes, double park, park in private driveways, park in school bus loading areas, and donot block the emergency vehicle driveways (Fire Trucks/ Law enforcement)
- DO NOT PASS- Parked School buses when the bus has it's RED flashing lights activated. Vehicles traveling in both directions on street or highway have to stop, until the RED lights are turned off.
- All Vehicles must stop whenever pedestrians are in a crosswalk crossing streets/highways. Any students causing traffic hazard outside the crosswalks should be reported to the school Office.
- Do Not park vehicles facing opposite of traffic- especially in school zones

**YOUR SAFE DRIVING AND COOPERATION WILL ENSURE A SAFE SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS- THANK YOU FROM THE CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## Local EMS runs

- AUGUST 8**
- Local run - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
  - Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
  - Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
  - Local run - no transport, three patients.
- AUGUST 9**
- Local run - fire standby.

### WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

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

- Jamie Valasquez Blanco Jr., of Ozona - failure to appear/forgery and criminal mischief/failure to appear.
- Brittany Aline Chandler, of Ozona - Crockett County warrants (2), motion to revoke/furnishing alcohol to a minor and motion to revoke/making false report.
- Frederick J. Christensen, of Sonora, Crockett County Court, theft by check.
- John Mansell Clark, of Ozona - Crockett County Court bail jumping/unlawful restrained of a minor, motion to revoke/burglary of a habitation, indictment/unlawful restraint of a minor.
- Anthony Dominguez, of Ozona - Crockett County warrant theft and assault bodily injury.
- Alberto Reyes Flores, of Ozona - Crockett County Court warrant for theft.
- Christopher Lashaun Johnson, of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - no drivers' license.
- Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. - minor 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 check.
- Joe Angel Salinas, of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - two counts no drivers' license.
- Jonathan Lee Munoz, of Ozona, misdemeanor C warrant for theft.
- Reymundo Borrel Villarreal, district warrant - failure to pay child support issued by the Attorney General's office.
- Michelle Romero, of Midland/

Ozona - Crockett County Court - theft by check/motion to revoke/failure to appear.

• Alfredo Moreno Tobar Jr., of Ozona - Crockett County Court - minor in possession of alcohol/enhanced.

### ARREST REPORT

- 8-5-08**
  - James Elmer Upchurch, 54, of Odessa, constable arrest by warrant for failure to appear/driving while license invalid from Ector County Jail. Released on bond.
  - Douglas Wayne Cartwright, 46, of Daytona, Fla., sheriff's deputy arrest from Daytona Beach prison by warrant for burglary of a habitation. Bond set, remains in custody.
- 8-7-08**
  - Erika Fae Fierro, 23, of Ozona, surrendered herself into custody at the 900 block of Avenue D for disorderly conduct/gesture. Released on bond.
  - JoAnn Mata Dominguez, 26, of Ozona, surrendered herself into custody at the 900 block of Avenue D for theft of services over/equal to \$50 under \$500. Released on bond.
  - Robin (Bobbie) Lynne Reed, 47, of Ozona, sheriff's deputy arrest from the 1000 block of Avenue J by warrant for hindering apprehension or prosecution. Released on bond.

### INCIDENT REPORTS FROM AUG. 5-AUG. 11

- Disorderly conduct at the 100 block of Ramos Street report filed by Ozona citizen resulted in a warrant for disorderly conduct/gesture issued and one person arrested.
- Aiding and abetting escape attempts at the 600 block of Avenue J filed by sheriff's deputy resulted in a warrant for hindering apprehension or prosecution issued and one person arrested.
- Assault on the 100 block of Avenue H report filed by Ozona citizen assault causing bodily injury/- investigation continues.
- Assault on the 1900 block of Heraclio report filed by Ozona citizen for assault causing bodily injury family violence enhanced - investigation continues.

## Complaint on school cell phone policy

Dear Editor,

The new cell phone policy is ridiculous and a bunch of B.S. I agree they should not use it in the classroom but they should not restrict it while they are not in a classroom.

What happens in case of emergencies, medications, personal accidents and female accidents? Does everyone need to know in the office? The community needs to speak up.

So, are teachers not allowed to use cell phones either while in the

## Letters to the Editor

The next policy will be for upper management or school officials to check for inappropriate piercings. What's next on the list for Ozona High School?

Mark and Cheryl Galindo  
Ozona, Texas

## Fire department runs

- AUGUST 6**
  - 8:54 a.m. - Acetylene fire on a flatbed trailer on State Highway 163 south. Two units, six fire fighters responded. Time in service 17 minutes.
- AUGUST 8**
  - 4:37 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 368 mile-marker on I-10. Assisted traffic. Two units and nine fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.
  - 7:28 p.m. - Grass Fire State Hwy 163 north and U.S. Hwy 190. Five units and 10 fire fighters. In service 1 hour 28 minutes.
- AUGUST 9**
  - 12:50 a.m. - Grass fire off of County Road 406, three acres. Three units, five fire fighters, Sheffield Fire Department two trucks. Time in service 4 hours 30 minutes.
  - 10:34 p.m. - Grass fire-rekindle on County Road 406, two acres. Three units, two trucks from Sheffield Fire Department. Time in service 1 hour and 14 minutes.
- AUGUST 10**
  - 4:48 p.m. - Car fire on Avenue H near 11th Street. Three units, eight fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 17 minutes.
- AUGUST 11**
  - 4:42 p.m. - Grass fire, lighting, 600 acres on County Road 204 just south of U.S. Hwy 190. Five units, 10 Ozona fire fighters, two Barnhart trucks with four fire fighters, two Big Lake trucks with three fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 14 minutes.
  - 2:10 a.m. - Investigation, possible lightning strike on 12th Street. Two units and six fire fighters. Time in service 22 minutes.
  - 2:31 a.m. - Possible grass fire County Road 101, unable to locate. Three units and six fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 31 minutes.

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## ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated 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 statutes. 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.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of August, 2008.

- Crockett County Commissioners' Court

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Clayton Williams Enc	10500	University -25- #2	Lariat Services/Ode 34	Run Casing 9850'
Newbourne Oil/Tyler	10000	Petner Ranch #34	Nabors Drilling (O) 142	Drig Ahead
New Harrison Interests	10000	University Lands 19-33 #59	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	Baker #2301	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000	West -A- #2101	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000	University 42-13 #2	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	P.L. Childers -A- #1089	Patterson Drilling/A 151	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	J.R. Bailey -A- #813	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
Eg Resources/Mid	8400	Vera Dell State Unit-52- #1	O'Ryan Drilling Lic 4	Assigned
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8300	McMullan -P2- #11	Nabors Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
Foley Resources Inc	8100	Graham Ranch #3a	Nabors Drilling (O) 399	Drig Ahead
New Oxy Permian/Houston	6500	M.K. Daniels #799	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	6200	Seaborn -H- #485c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Baggett -A- #1-165d	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
New Burb Royalty Company	2900	L.P. Powell -F- #1	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 12	Drig Ahead
Sutton County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8700	Duke Wilson -171- #24	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P Tx	8600	Genin #3-27	Helmerich & Payne/S 303	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P Tx	8575	Mayer Ranch -41- #1	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P Tx	8450	Simmons -72- #16	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Drig Ahead
New Kes Resources/Pb	7300	Sawyer -169- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P Tx	7200	Mayfield -33- #25	Patterson Drilling/A 79	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P Tx	6150	Mickel #96	Helmerich & Payne/S 304	Drig Ahead
Reagan County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Martner Energy	12000	North Stiles Sprberry Unit #108	Big Dog Drilling 5	W.O.D. 521'
Wig Exploration	11000	Rocker -B25- #1	Robinson Drilling 7	Drig Ahead 6418'
Martner Energy	10300	Jeffs #1	J.B. Hunt Gas & Oil 3	Drig Ahead 6888'
New Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Stiles Sprberry Unit #9	Robinson Drilling 7	Drig Ahead 487'
Teles Operating	9000	Rocker -B185- #2	Big Game Drilling 1	Assigned
Pioneer Natural/Irv	9000	University 1-9 #3	Lariat Services/Ode 43	Drig Ahead 8768'
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -A- #1421	Union Drilling Texas 206	Drig Ahead 7360'
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -A- #1841	Union Drilling Texas 210	Drig Ahead 6111'
Teles Operating	8999	Rucker -B185- #1	Big Game Drilling 1	Drig Ahead 712'
Pioneer Natural/Irv	8825	Sherrord Unit #3807	Mattlock Drilling 2	Drig Ahead
Pioneer Natural/Irv	8800	Sprberry Driver Unit #D195a	Patterson U/Mid/A 472	Drig Ahead 8318'
Bio Oil Prod Lic	8200	Texaco #8	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
Schleicher County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8550	Powell -3- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
New Hamathon Petroleum	5000	Powell #1	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 4	Drig Ahead
Terrell County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Encore Operating Lp	15000	Banner Estate #99r	Patterson Drilling/H 19	Drig Ahead 14411'
ConocoPhillips/Odessa	12500	Acu -49- #7	Helmerich & Payne/S 214	Drig Ahead
Pedra Operating Lic	12500	Mitchell State -10- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 641	Drig Ahead
Newfield Exploration	12000	Poulter -37- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 471	Drig Ahead
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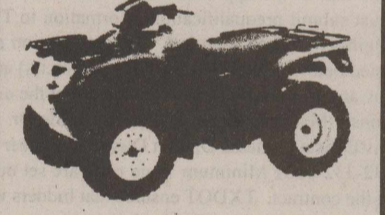
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