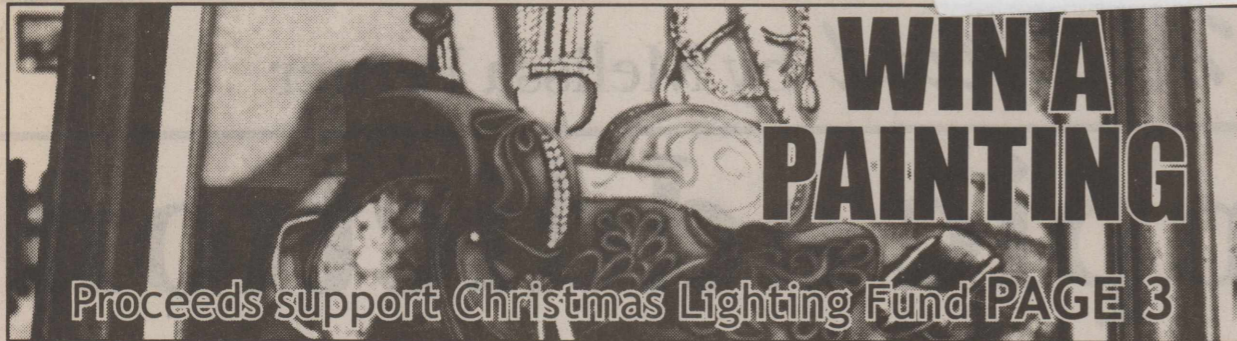


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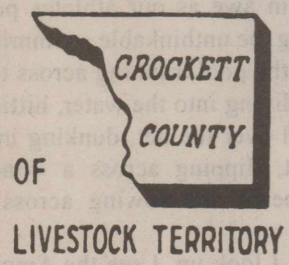


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Portable buildings create new traffic procedures

Everyone urged to drive with caution as classes begin Monday morning

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

While reading, writing and arithmetic are important, getting students to the classroom to learn is just as important.

The first day of classes starts Monday at Ozona Schools, and with the youngest students in the district having been relocated to portable buildings traffic in the high school and middle school areas is expected to be congested.

First and second grade students will be located behind the Davidson Gymnasium and Administration Building.

Pre-kindergarten, PPCD and Kindergarten students will be located near the middle school at the corner of 5th Street and Avenue G.

Initially, three sites were considered for the placement of the portable buildings.

Those were: across from the middle school, behind the OHS library, and behind the intermediate school.

The intermediate school was eliminated early due to the facility not being able to accommodate additional students, said Superintendent Abe Gott.

The cafeteria, computer lab and even lunch schedule would have dif-

ficulty handling additional students, Gott said.

"For example, some student lunch times would have to have begun mid morning due to the number of students using a small facility," Gott said.

Additionally, teachers overwhelmingly saw advantages to being housed behind the high school due to accessibility issues to the basketball concession stand area (for breakfast), lunch times (high school only has one) and a more private drop off area for the younger students, Gott said.

Also, at the intermediate school the entire portable complex would have to be placed on school property eliminating much of the playground, and parking and traffic are already congested without the addition of students, Gott said.

"With Pre-K-second releasing significantly earlier than middle school and high school, traffic congestion will be minimized," Gott said. "With those reasons in mind and the ability of the middle school and high school to accommodate more students through space and scheduling, it was the consensus of the faculty and administration that placing the portables behind the high school and across from the middle school would be in the best

interest of all students."

Gott also said the county has been very helpful in preparing the site for the students' arrival by paving the drive and trimming the trees behind the high school in a timely manner.

DROP OFF/PICK UP AT OHS
 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, according to instructions from the Crockett County CCSD.

According to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Miller Lane will probably be closed for thru traffic, since there is not enough room for safe passage with the students exiting classrooms.

Avenue D, which runs in front of the Davidson Gymnasium, will already have faculty and high school students parked in the area, so legal parking spaces could be limited, the sheriff's office states.

School district officials also state that the county will re-grade the road and either county or maintenance will remove trees, branches and cactus.

DROP OFF/PICK UP AT OMS
 Parents will enter from the west and turn left immediately after the draw into the lot that contains the portable complex (paved road), ac-

ording to school district officials.

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."

There will be 20 mph school zone signs posted on 5th Street before school begins, the sheriff's office states.

Also, parking spaces around the middle school area are already limited. With additional students, more people will be trying to park in already crowded area, the sheriff's office states.

GENERAL SCHOOL TRAFFIC TIPS

With the new buildings, parents might have to leave their vehicles and walk their children to and from classrooms instead of dropping off their children and picking them up in their vehicle, the sheriff's office states.

Also, parents are asked to allow small children to walk between parked or moving vehicles when dropping off or picking up.

Other tips:

Please see **PORTABLES** page 7

16th annual Davy Crockett Festival
 Saturday, Aug. 24,
 at the Crockett County Fair Park
 9 a.m. - 4-H Play Day

10 a.m. - Texas Heroes Parade Featuring the Camels from Fort Lancaster! Come dressed as a Texas hero or decorate a float for the parade. Ride bicycles, horses, 4-wheelers or whatever and join in the fun! All bicycle entries 10 years and under will receive token for a free Dairy Queen ice cream!

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LION ON THE MOVE



Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA LION ERIC TALAMANTEZ makes a move during Saturday's scrimmage against Mason in Mason. The Lions will scrimmage Brackett at 5 p.m. Thursday at Lion Stadium. Meet the Lions will be 7 p.m. Monday at Lion Stadium and the first varsity game will be at 8 p.m. Aug. 29 against Harper at Lion Stadium. More scrimmage photos page 6.

Fierro files for school board, deadline Tuesday for all races

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Dean Fierro has filed to run in District 2 for the Crockett County CCSD school board race.

Fierro filed for the District 2 position, which is currently held by Jana Wilson, who has not filed yet for re-election. Grizz Medina has also filed for District 2.

Those who have filed for the school board race are:

- At-Large District - Dr. Marcus Sims current school board president, and Ray Don Myers.

- District 6 - Tom Anderson, incumbent, and Jerry Cantu.

Other positions up for re-election are District 1 - previously held

by Carol Buie. Nobody has filed for this position yet.

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 Tuesday, 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.

Commissioners to hold tax hearings tonight, Monday

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will host two public tax hearings starting tonight, Aug. 20 at the courthouse annex.

The hearing will start at 6 p.m. The second hearing is set for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, also at the courthouse annex.

Both tax hearings are due to the commissioners' voting to go above the effective tax rate of .38798 per \$100 evaluation to .4205 for 2009.

This rate is still lower than the 2008 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.

However, for the county to keep the same amount of services the commissioners decided to they had

to go above the effective tax rate, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

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

Also on the agenda for tonight's hearing:

- Discussion and action to pay utility bills for the Senior Citizen Center.

- Budget workshop.

A hearing on the proposed appraisal district will also take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at the courthouse annex.

This hearing is for the new appraisal district's proposed budget of \$486,895 for 2009.

During their last meeting, the appraisal board discussed splitting the county's tax assessor-collector and chief appraiser into two positions.

For more information, call the county judge's office at 392-2965.

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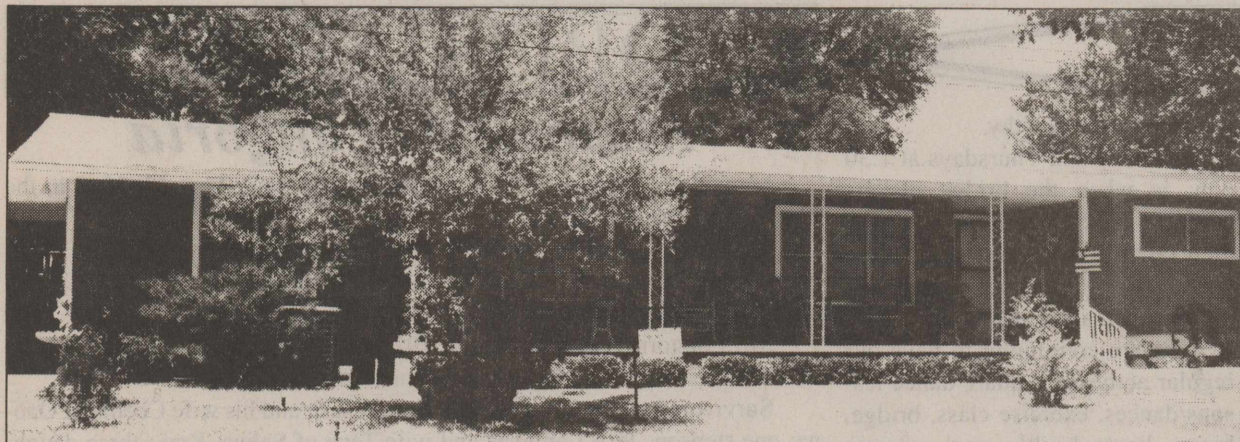


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THE HOUSE OF REYNALDO AND ADELA GARCIA has been chosen as the Garden of the Month by the Ozona Garden Club for their beautiful yard and plants and flowers in both their front and back yards.

Happy Birthday

Aug. 20 - Deric Albers, Walter Harger II, Tommy Conner, Toby Pagan, Christen DeLaRosa, James Kirkland, Ronald Koerth and Grielda Mata

Aug. 21 - Lara Gott, Kris Gray, Elsa T. Galvan, Chelsea Moore, Will Jennis, Ashley Moran, Janie De Ioyos and Elisa Sentena

Aug. 22 - Alonso Quiroz, Edward Borrego, Wendy Tambunga and Albert Talamantez Jr.

Aug. 23 - Kevin Vargas, Mayra Badillo, Juanita Sandate, Jason antiago, Ben English, Jared Spence and Lisa G. Gonzalez

Aug. 24 - Allison Skehan, Ray amos Jr., Cody Gotcher, Rianne Iartinez, Mayra Rios, Virginia Cotton, Rod Miller, Joseph Knaack and fadalyn Harris

Aug. 25 - Tell Churchill, Joe orres, Stefani Bush, Lupe Castro, Carol Adcock, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim ouch and Bill Williams

Aug. 26 - Bryan Skehan, Jimmie acoby, Shelby Kathryn Wilson and Chris Sanchez

Financial Statements seminar Tuesday in San Angelo

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a seminar entitled, "Understanding Your Financial Statements" from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the Angelo State University campus.

Cost is \$10 per person. What are your financial statements saying about your business's health?

Learn how to understand your financial statements and determine if change is needed with your operation tactics in this seminar.

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: T. Richey Oliver, CPA and Partner of Oliver, Rainey & Wojtek, L.L.P.

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

IRS workshop Aug. 28

The ASU Small Business Development Center will be conducting a free workshop entitled, "IRS Tax Requirements" from 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 28 in the SBDC Conference Room in the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus in San Angelo.

Getting good accurate information on tax regulations can save any business large or small lots of stress, headaches and sometimes even money. This workshop will cover the five different types of organizations the advantages and disadvantages of each. You will learn how to keep a good record system and determine how long to keep specific records from a tax expert. You will get familiar with federal tax forms; the deadlines for filing and what you can or cannot use as a business deduction.

Speaker: Dave Erickson, ASU SBDC Director and Certified Business Advisor IV

For more information, call (325) 942-2098 or pre-register online at www.sbdc.angelo.edu



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THIS BEAUTIFUL ACRYLIC PAINTING, donated by Celia West, is the prize for the Christmas Lighting Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10 at the Crockett County Public Library. The 20x16 painting is matted and framed in a dark wood. The painting is of a child's western saddle lying on an Indian blanket with the girth and bridle. It is done in natural shades of browns, reds and tans. Proceeds from the raffle go to the Christmas Lighting Fund. Drawing will be Oct. 7 at the Christmas Lighting Fund Monthly Meeting.

It's a boy

Ashton Daniel Gonzalez was born Aug. 7, 2008 at Shannon Medical Center.

Ashton weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces.

Proud parents are Daniel and Maria Gonzalez. Grandparents are Juan and Mabel Hernandez and Francisco and Maria Hernandez.

It's a boy

Jonathan Y. Hernandez Jr. was born June 24, 2008 at Shannon Medical Center.

Jonathan weighed 8 pounds and 8.5 ounces.

Proud parents are Jonathan and Kimberly Hernandez. Grandparents are Juan and Mabel Hernandez and Debra and Elia Swearingen.

'Good Wine, Good Heart' event

Sept. 3 in San Angelo

Healthy Women of San Angelo will host "Good Wine, Good Heart" event on Sept. 3.

The event will be from 5:30-7 p.m. at D'Vine Win. The event is sponsored by San Angelo Community Medical Center.

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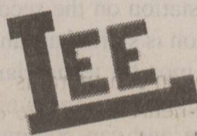
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Wednesday, Aug. 20

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' court meeting and public tax hearing, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Thursday, Aug. 21

- CCCCSD employee district-wide breakfast, 9 a.m. at the OHS Cafeteria.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions football scrimmage vs. Brackett, 5 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- 4-H Enrollment Swim Party, 5-7 p.m. at the park next to the swimming pool.

Friday, Aug. 22

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

Saturday, Aug. 23

- Mini-Cheer Camp, 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Davidson Gym.
- Davy Crockett Days, starting at 9 a.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park.
- Sporting Clay Shooting, 2 p.m. at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex.
- 2nd annual Zane Coates Memorial Bronc Riding, 7 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

Monday, Aug. 25

- Ozona Schools first day of classes.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' court meeting and public tax hearing, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

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

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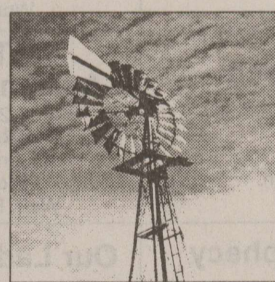
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State, national representatives visit Ozona

Hilderbran, Rodriguez discuss issues while talking with local citizens

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Issues around the state and the country were addressed last week in Ozona.

State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, and U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, both made stops in Crockett County to visit with local citizens.

Hilderbran spoke on Aug. 12 at the courthouse annex.

During his visit, he said the State Legislature will be looking at pursuing a bill to restructure the Texas Department of Transportation.

"TxDOT is not being responsible to the Texas Legislature," Hilderbran said.

During the discussion, Hilderbran said many in his district have been concerned about the Trans-Texas Corridor which has been proposed as a plan to reform the state's traffic problems.

"The Trans-Texas Corridor will never come west of Interstate-35," he said. "They are going to build where they need more traffic flow and that is Dallas, San Antonio and Houston."

Hilderbran also discussed health insurance reform and a new parks bill that will be coming up in the legislature.

During a short question and answer session, Superintendent Abe Gott spoke to Hilderbran about the problem the school district is having concerning parents who check their children out of school and claim they are homeschooling the child.

Gott said the school district has no oversight when a parent chooses to homeschool their child, and neither does child protective services or law enforcement.

"We have a generation of kids not being educated and their not concerned to be. We have parents who do homeschool correctly, but I fear we have children who are not learning. Deep down this is not right."

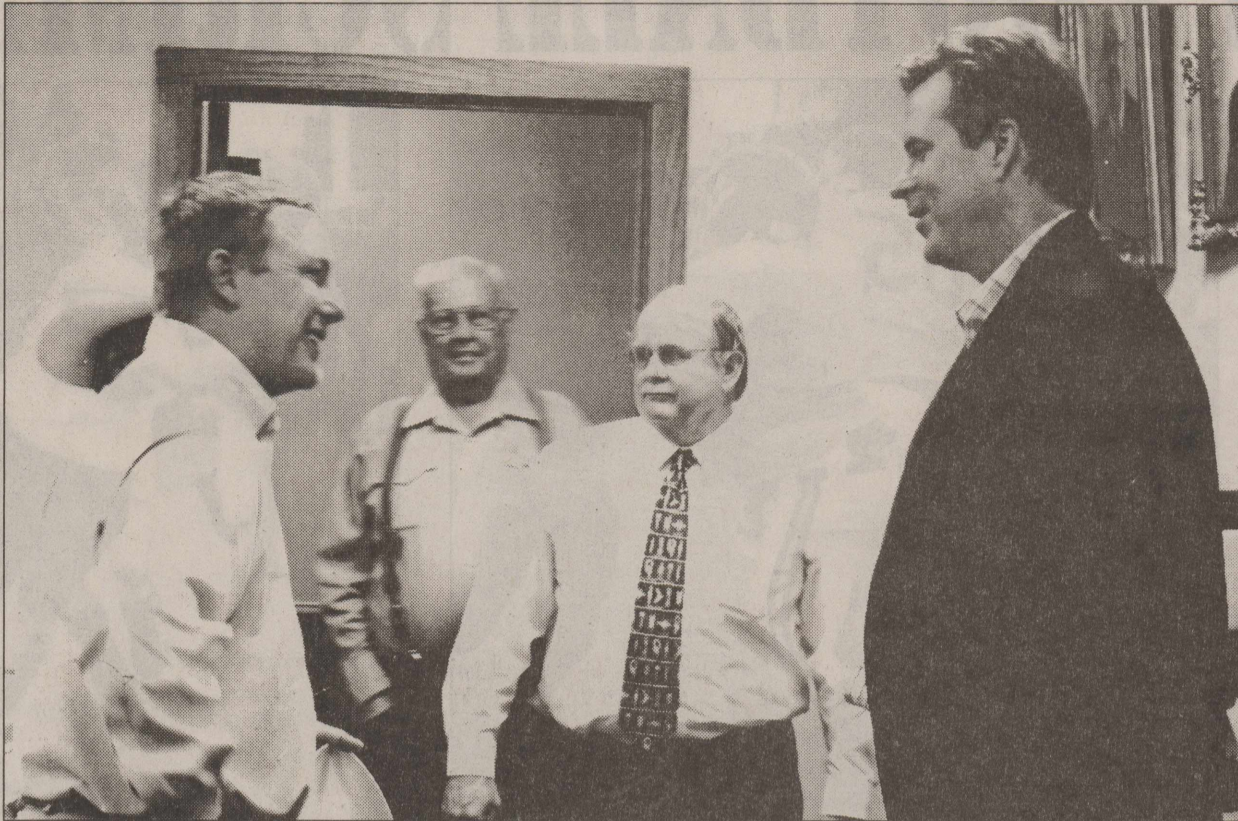
District Attorney Laurie English said her office, along with other county offices, are seeing a "spill over" affect that is starting to show as case dockets start growing.

"Most people are using the school system as a baby-sitter," said Justice of Peace Jim Hearne.

Hilderbran told the group that he did know what the answer was in solving the problem.

"I see parents that do a good job and some that don't at homeschool. I believe rural Texas is producing the leaders in Texas. If kids are committing crimes during the day, then through the legal process the homeschool procedure should come out," he said.

In a roundtable discussion, Rodriguez discussed the state of the



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REPRESENTATIVES COME TO TOWN: State Representative (top) Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, and U.S. Representative (right) Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, both made stops in Ozona last week as part of tours of their district. Hilderbran spoke at the courthouse annex on Aug. 12 to an audience of county and school officials, as well as local citizens. Rodriguez held a round table discussion on Aug. 15 taking questions from several people at the Visitor Center. This is Rodriguez's second visit to Ozona this summer.



U.S. economy, energy, health care and veterans benefits.

Rodriguez said oil and gas companies need to start diversifying their portfolios in terms of energy and start spending money on research for alternative methods.

"Texas is the leader in wind energy. We can't afford to keep doing what we're doing today," he said.

Irene Gonzales asked Rodriguez about getting more veterans benefits in rural areas, particularly having a representative come to Ozona.

Rodriguez said he is working on additional money for his district, which does not have many veterans' facilities available. This includes the possibility of a mobile unit and a pilot program where local clinics can have access to benefits for veterans, he said.

"This area is the most difficult one to get access for veterans," he said.

As far as the economy goes, Rodriguez said Texas is "blessed" due to oil and gas revenues keeping the state strong.

He also said that the nation's \$9 trillion deficit is one that needs to start being paid back.

Rodriguez said the war in Iraq is the first one in recorded history that the government has not had a tax to pay for it, and that the middle-class is the ones carrying the burden.

"We've got to start paying our bills," he said. "We will not be able to deal with countries like China until we start investing in ourselves."

In the next presidential administration, Rodriguez said he hopes

to address more funding for education, particularly in the trades and vocational programs.

He also said health care needs to continue to be addressed, as well as the country's infrastructure and military.

"We don't have the equipment to defend this country. We have to learn how to rebuild Rome," he said. "We have to deal with health care for the 47 million Americans who don't fit in Medicare and Medicaid and come up with a program to incorporate them, and we have to become more diligent in balancing our budget."

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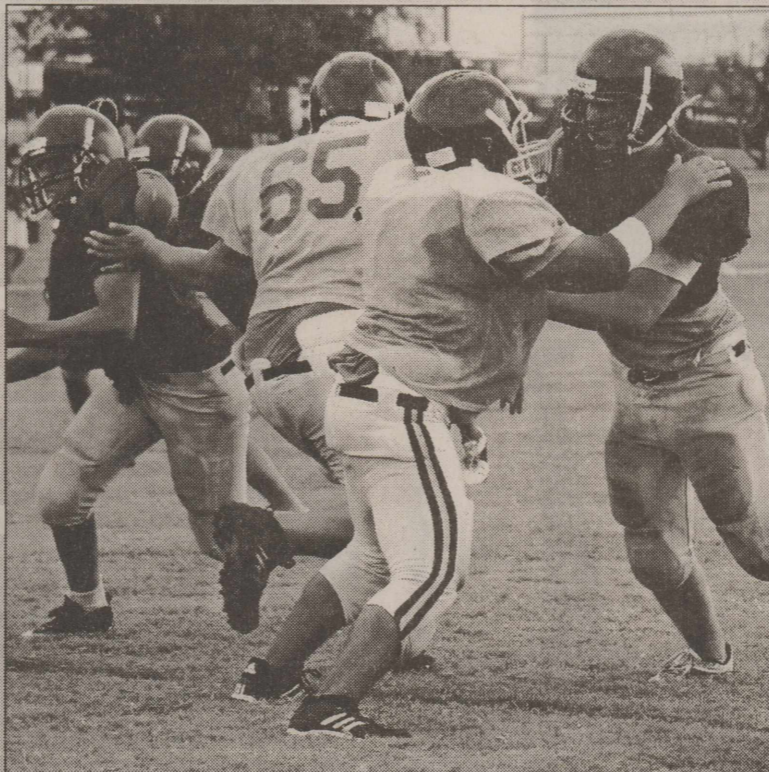
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OZONA LION FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE



STEVEN SILVA runs the ball for a touchdown in the varsity Lions' scrimmage with the Mason Punchers last Saturday.



MIKE MEDINA (r.) makes a good block on his man as #65 Anthony Tambunga moves to cover the left side for the JV Lions.



FELIX VENEGAS has a firm grip on this varsity Mason Puncher and takes him to the ground at the end of the play.



MARK GALLARDO tucks the ball in with #1 Abey Lara by his side to block for some more running room.

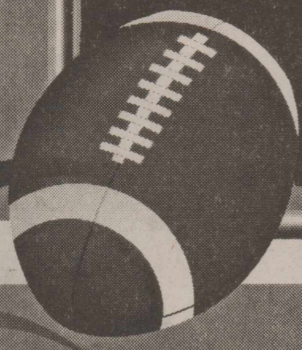


ANTHONY GONZALEZ GAINS SOME YARDS carries the ball in the JV Lions scrimmage against Mason.



BEN FLORES (r.) moves the ball down the field for the varsity Lions as Daniel Anderson prepares to block for him.

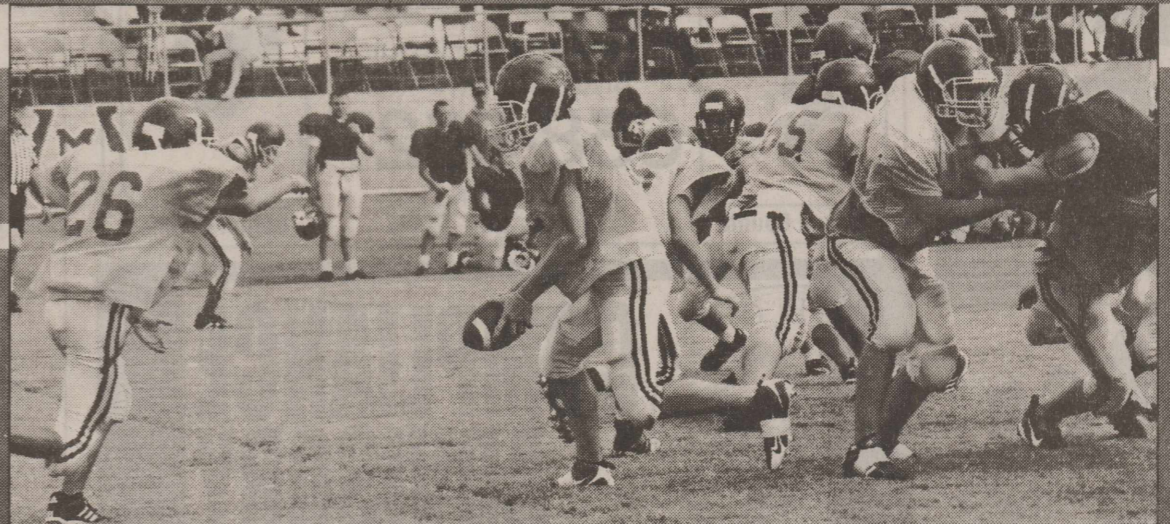
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MATTHEW GARZA (r.) carries the ball for the varsity Lions while #2 Ruben Rivas covers his right side and Hunter Perez (l.) is in position to clear out some running room.



#26 ERIC TALAMENTEZ (l.) PREPARES TO TAKE A PITCH FROM RUSSEL KOMECHAK as the offensive line blocks well for the JV Lions.

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- Speed zones with traffic signals are in effect whenever the signal lights are activated.
- DO NOT ILLEGALLY PARK VEHICLES (ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PORTABLE BUILDINGS) in the middle of street lanes, double park, park in private driveways, park in school bus loading areas and do not block the emergency vehicle driveways (fire trucks/law enforcement).
- DO NOT PASS parked school buses when the bus has its 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.
- All vehicle drivers operating in school zone areas are required to obey all traffic laws and parking requirements.

NEW SIGN OUT PROCEDURES FOR PRE-K - SECOND GRADE

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 Pre-K - 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.

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For an afternoon of Sporting Clays

2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23
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\$5 Round (25 targets)

Ozona Trap & Skeet Club Memberships available for Individual or Families

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4-H Enrollment Swim Party

5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21
at the park next to the pool

4-H will pay pool admission for every 4-H member that fills out an enrollment form

Members must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Hot Dogs with all the trimmings
& the new 4-H Centennial
Blue Bell Ice Cream.

Mini-Cheer Camp

Saturday August 23, 2008

8:30 a.m. - noon

at the Davidson Gymnasium

4 years old - 6th Grade

Camp shirts are \$10

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All Participants will cheer
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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.).

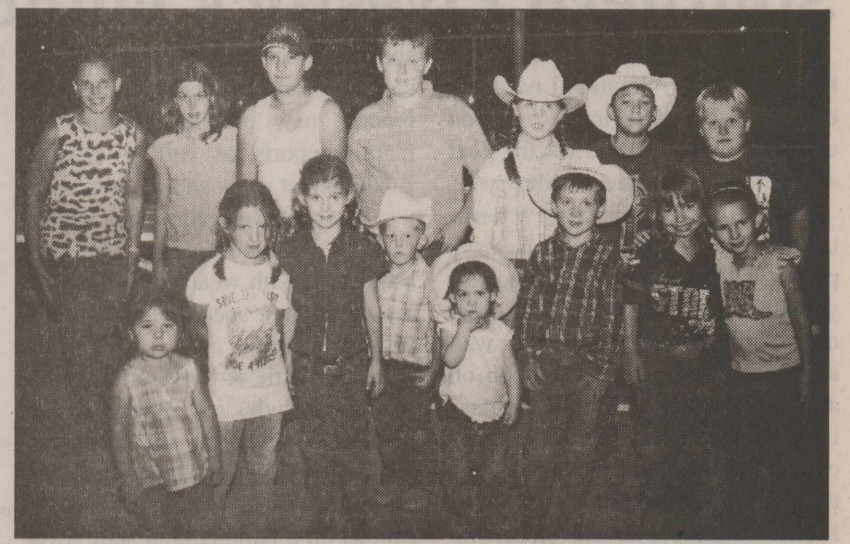
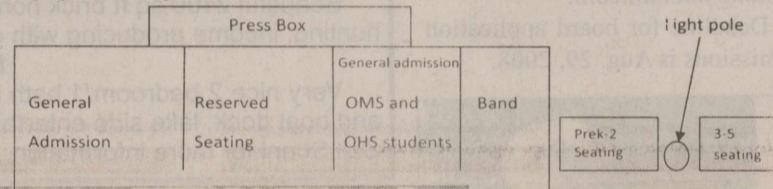


Photo by Joe Hernandez

CROCKETT COUNTY OPEN PLAYDAY SERIES PARTICIPANTS celebrated the end of their summer run on Aug. 12 with ice cream at the rodeo arena. The students participated in two days in July and two days in August. Everyone received awards.

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The Ozona High School Booster Club Aug. 25 meeting has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.



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Youth Center Calendar of Events

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

Aug. 25 - Closed for Meet the Lions

Aug. 26 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 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

On Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center, the Crockett County School District will be hosting a back-to-school dinner for parents and students from all grade levels.

The purpose of this dinner is to give school officials the opportunity to go over the student handbook and highlight some of the rule changes and expectations. There will not be an opportunity for parents to ask questions that evening so parents will be encouraged to make an appointment and visit with the campus principal at a later date to answer specific questions.

Please come and join us as we kick off the year with a good meal and some good information.

Wedding Gift Selections have been made by Mrs. Justin Morris née Farren Wilson Marie Pierce bride-elect of Joel Barrett Codi Richardson bride-elect of Taylor Kingman Small Fashions 1004 Ave. E 392-3226

Southern Livestock launches website

Southern Livestock Publishing has launched SouthernLivestock.com, an informative, interactive, and comprehensive website for the beef segment of the livestock industry.

"Having a web presence is a natural extension of the services we have provided beef producers for almost 20 years. With the website we can offer daily and late breaking news as well as provide thorough information on almost every topic. As postage rates increase and postage delivery times continue to be erratic, we felt this was the avenue we needed to pursue to further connect with our readership and industry," explains Michael Sturges, co-publisher.

"One unique feature of our website, which sets it apart from most other publication based websites, is our archive files. Our site, SouthernLivestock.com contains every piece of editorial published by the company since 1997 and in addition to the extensive information provided, it will also serve as a historical data base," adds Jim Banner, co-owner of Southern Livestock Publishing.

SouthernLivestock.com will also have breaking ag news, continuously updated Associated Press (AP) news feeds of world events and breaking stories, customizable weather information, an all breed,

special replacement female, feeder calf sales and events calendar, sale reports, new product information, market reports, as well as current stock market news and reports.

The site will allow readers to make it their home page and personalize it with weather and market reports to their specific location and areas of interest.

The Cattle & Service Directory section includes a comprehensive listing of university and extension contact information, breed associations, as well as listings of organizations on a national and state level related to the beef industry.

Because the contents of SouthernLivestock.com is searchable by all the major search engines or with an on-site search engine, it will also serve as an unlimited advertising avenue for cattle operations. Due to the extensive archive files, the site will be linked to almost every word related to the beef industry bringing interested persons to the site.

Access to the site and listings is provided at no charge. SouthernLivestock.com will serve as an invaluable resource to producers large and small and new land owners seeking information on the beef segment of production agriculture. Although there is a no fee, users must register

to personalize the home page to their particular location.

Sales and events calendar can also be sorted by state and by breed to make it very user friendly.

"This website has been in the making for almost two years and we have devoted a lot of thought, time, energy and resources to make it state of the art, useful, and an invaluable source of information for our customers and the industry," describes Sturges adding, "We were excited to add Loren Jackson, commercial advertising manager, to our staff in early 2007. One of his roles has been to research and coordinate the formation of the website. He has done a phenomenal job. He will now also serve as manager for our web department."

SLP also conducted a survey in early 2008 and found that 85 percent of cattle operations do indeed have a computer in their operation or home and that 29 percent of that number did use the technology and rely on it for information.

"The statistics point to how our industry is changing and the need for immediate access to information, data and assistance. We feel the website complements our main publication, "Southern Livestock Standard," and is an added way for us to serve beef producers," says Banner.

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, pro-

motion 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, Glass-

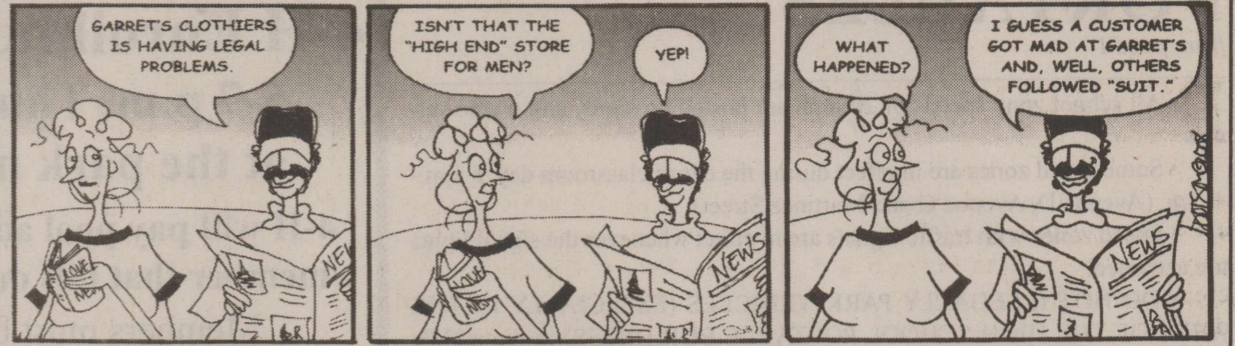
cock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

Board application packets may be downloaded from the Pecos Trail web site at www.texaspecostrail.com.

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.

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

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346.7 acres - Coke County
Very nice ranch, 165 acres of farmland, 181 acres of thick native pasture, 2 water wells, 2 large surface tanks and Kickapoo Creek. Excellent hunting. Minerals negotiable.

510 acres - Coke County
Nice ranch, good cover of native vegetation, 2 wells, 1 spring and 1.4 miles of Colorado River. Excellent hunting. Small house and other improvements. Conveying all minerals owned.

4140 acres - Tom Green County
Hand cut Limestone 3/2 house, hunters cabin sleeps 27, outdoor fireplace, 12X12 gun safe, cleaning facility & cold storage. Excellent White tail deer, Turkey, Dove and Quail hunting. High fence, roping arena, barns, good set of pens.

857 acres - Gillespie County
Beautiful mountain ranch with scenic views covered in Live oak, Post oak, and Spanish oak. Excellent cover of native grasses and browse. Lots of Deer and Turkey. Live water, springs and one windmill. Good fences.

42 ac - Glen Rose, Tx
Beautiful 3/2 hm, large garage/shop, over 1,100 ft of Paluxy River. Private with highway frontage, 45 miles from Fort Worth. Income producing, 30 acres of sub-irrigated coastal fields, good water. Several fruit trees and Live oak trees.

5,946 acres - Runnels County, Texas - Talpa Ranch
Improved ranch, abundance of water, Mustang Creek, 4 new lakes, several surface tanks, a tap off of Abilene waterline with new pipe, along with 4 additional taps not in use. Excellent cover of native vegetation. Exceptional Bob White Quail hunting, trophy White tail deer, Black buck antelope, and Turkey hunting. Hunting cabin.

New to the market - 59 cultivated acres - Bronte
Beautiful 2400 sq ft brick home with 4 bed room/3 bath, 30X50 metal shop, 3 stall horse barn, dove hunting, income producing with garage apartment. Call Sunni for more information.

New to the market - Oak Creek Lake
Very nice 2 bedroom/1 bath home with possible 3rd bedroom, on Oak Creek Lake, Crappie house and boat dock, lake side entertaining room with 1 bath. Exceptional views of the lake. Two water wells. Call Sunni for more information.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The COUNTY OF CROCKETT conducted public hearings on 8-20-08 and 8-25-08 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the COUNTY OF CROCKETT from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of .46485 for each \$100 of taxable value was 9,477,482.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .4205 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 10,260,637
(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by the difference between current total value and new property value.)

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .4205 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 10,275,345
(insert amount computed by multiplying proposed tax rate by current total value.)

The COUNTY OF CROCKETT is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPT. 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
(location of meeting, including mailing address) (time of meeting)

DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY

Happy 52nd Anniversary on Aug. 19th!

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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

Texas forest owner among first to earn payment for carbon sequestration practices

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA - For Doyle Lucas of Nacogdoches, Texas, enrolling his 50 acres of young pine trees in the carbon credits market last fall was an easy decision.

"I was glad to find out I could get paid for the carbon my trees are holding. It helps a bit with the taxes," Lucas said.

Lucas is one of 269 forest owners in 16 states who this month received checks totaling \$273,000 from the sale of carbon credits marketed by AgraGate Climate Credits Corporation. The money was the first installment forest owners will receive during the 15-year contract term.

"I got my first check just this week," Lucas said. "I'm happy to see the program is working."

The funds represent the first sale of Exchange Forestry Offsets (XFOs) by AgraGate on the Chicago Climate Exchange, according to CEO Dave Krog. Research shows that trees are very good at converting atmospheric carbon dioxide to a sequestered, stable form of carbon within the tree.

"We began collecting carbon credits from afforestation projects, or new tree plantings, in the fall of 2007," Krog noted. "We have sold only about 17 percent of this first XFO pool, so owners can expect considerably larger payments as we complete sales later this year and early in 2009."

Krog said that the forestry program was expanded earlier in 2008 when the Climate Exchange (CCX) approved protocols for sustainably

managed "working forests." That action has opened the carbon credits market to many other landowners. Aggregation of these credits is under way.

AgraGate collects credits from individual landowners and combines them into "pools" that can then be sold on the CCX. The company manages and administers the pools, registers projects, maintains the database of credits, interfaces with the CCX, manages the sales of the credits in the pools and distributes sales proceeds to participants.

Chicago Climate Exchange is North America's only and the world's first global marketplace for integrating voluntary legally binding emissions reductions with emissions trading and offsets for

all six greenhouse gases. The CCX launched trading in December 2003. Member companies have voluntarily committed to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Though they must reduce actual emissions, they also can purchase carbon credits to offset a portion of their carbon dioxide reduction commitment.

AgraGate, a subsidiary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, is the leading aggregator of carbon credits from agriculture. On behalf of farmers, ranchers and private forest owners, the company has marketed more than 3 million carbon credits from enrollments in 26 states on the CCX.

For more information, call AgraGate at 866-633-6758, or visit www.agagate.com.

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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

Public Safety Commission names Garland Patrol Major Clark interim DPS director

Submitted by the
Texas Department of Public Safety

The Texas Public Safety Commission has named Texas Highway Patrol Major Stan Clark of Garland as the interim director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. His appointment is effective Sept. 1 and will continue until a permanent director is named.

"I am pleased to announce that Major Clark is our choice for interim director of DPS," said Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Public Safety Commission. "Major Clark is committed to implementing the

commission's vision for the most modern state police force in the country."

Polunsky said that the Commission will take the time necessary to make a judicious, informed decision in selecting a permanent director.

"We will conduct an extensive, thorough search for a new director. Major Clark may want to submit an application for the permanent position, but his appointment as interim director does not give him an advantage in the selection process," he said.

Clark, who has been with DPS since 1973, has served as the com-

manding officer of the Highway Patrol in DPS Region 1 (Northeast Texas) since September 2003.

"I am honored by the confidence that the Commission has placed in me," Clark said. "The men and women of DPS make up one of the best police agencies in the nation, and I look forward to leading them toward being even greater."

Clark joined the DPS in June 1973 and was stationed with the Highway Patrol in Tyler when he graduated from the DPS recruit school.

He promoted to sergeant with the Highway Patrol in 1980 and was

stationed in McAllen until he transferred to Tyler in September 1983.

He promoted to Highway Patrol lieutenant in October 1993 and remained in Tyler.

Clark promoted to Captain and transferred to the Capitol Police in Austin in 1996, where he remained until he transferred to the Highway Patrol in Beaumont in 1998.

He was appointed as a Major with the Highway Patrol and moved to the Chief's office at DPS headquarters in Austin in 1999.


He remained at headquarters until he transferred to Region 1 headquarters in Garland in 2003.

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CCCCSD will be selling the windows from the Heritage Building that have been removed to make way for the new windows. If you would like to purchase a window, please come by the administration building. Windows will be sold for \$25 for a full window and \$15 for a half. All monies will be deposited into the Ozona High School Scholarship Fund.

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AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

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 low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler this summer by saving energy and money.


- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints	21
Domestic Animal Calls	6
Courtesy Transports	3
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	19
Gas Thefts	2
Juvenile Complaints	4
Locked Vehicles	3
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	19
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	3
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	4
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Security Alarms	7
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	20
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	21
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	7
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	3
Utility Services/complaints	1
Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries	2
Traffic Citations Issued	4
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	12
Prisoners Housed in other counties	5

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.
- 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. warrant - 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.

ARREST REPORT

- Rani Christian Davis, 24, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrant from district court for failure to appear/delivery of a controlled substance. Released on bond.
- Clinton Mack Galloway, 38, of Hammond, Ind., arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrant from Fulton County, Ind. for first-degree forgery, Case dismissed, released.
- Josie Borrego Rodriguez, 43, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from Avenue J for criminal trespass. Released on bond.
- Timothy Samuel Longoria, 19, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from Pecan Street for minor in consumption of alcohol. Fine paid and released.
- David Daugomah Landin, 42, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from Pecan Street for purchasing/furnish alcohol to a minor. Released on bond.
- Noe Valencia Perez, 30, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrant from district court. Bond denied, remains in custody.
- Javier Gallardo, 32, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from Crockett Heights for driving while intoxicated and retaliation. Bonds set, remains in custody.
- Doreen Lee Miller, 34, Grants Pass, Ore., arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from 1-10 and 15th Street

for public intoxication. Fine paid and released.

- Randy Allan Wakeland, 48, of Grants Pass, Ore., arrested by sheriff's deputy on view from I-10 and 15th Street for driving while intoxicated and enhanced and display fictitious license plate. Bond and fine served, remains in custody.

- Alfredo Moreno Tobar Jr., 19, of Ozona, surrendered into custody on at 900 block of Avenue D for possession of alcohol by a minor, enhanced. Waiting arraignment.
- Jonathan Lee Munoz, 23, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrant from Justice of the Peace court for theft under \$50. Waiting arraignment.
- Raymundo Borrell Villarreal, 38, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrants from district court for motion to adjudicate/assault bodily injury/family violence and failure to pay child support.

INCIDENT REPORTS

- 8-13-08
Criminal trespass filed by Ozona citizen, one arrested for criminal trespass from Avenue J.
- 8-14-08
Missing person report filed by Ozona citizen, juvenile missing from Swaps Street. Juvenile returned.
- 8-15-08
Criminal mischief report filed by Ozona citizen, personal vehicle damaged on Swaps Street, investigation continues.
- 8-15-08
Purchase/furnishing alcohol to a minor report filed by Ozona citizen - adult providing alcohol to minors on Peach Street, one arrested.
- 8-16-08
Reckless driver report filed by Ozona citizen - minor motor vehicle accident at Crockett Heights, one arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- 8-17-08
Retaliation report filed by sheriff's deputy, arrestee threatened sheriff's deputy at the 900 block of Avenue D, one arrested.
- Reckless driver report filed by an out of county citizen - two arrested for driving while intoxicated - third or more and public intoxication.

Be on the lookout for school children, buses

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety

As Texas school children prepare to head back to school, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses--and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.

"DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children."

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert. The most dangerous time of a student's journey on a school bus is when they are entering or exiting the bus, and state law requires that approaching drivers stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or

a stop sign).

STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

PUNISHMENT FOR DRIVERS WHO DO NOT STOP

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

For more information on school bus safety, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/schoolbus>.

Future traffic problems for Ozona

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my concern about the future traffic problems along Avenue D for the upcoming school year.

During school season, traffic is already taxed from 11th Street to Fairview along Avenue D.

The proposed traffic flow will create more congestion at the Water Works and Avenue D intersection.

I live on the east hill and have witnessed traffic flow first hand.

The majority of traffic flows from south to north along Avenue D. By directing the added traffic for the temporary building from Rugged Road to Water Works, this will create a major back-up problem at the three-way intersection of Avenue D, Water Works, and 10th Street.

This will not only create delays for parents but also for the sheriff's office and fire trucks located behind the sheriff's office.

Hopefully there will not be a

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grass fire or any kind of law enforcement emergency between 7:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning!

However, if traffic was routed from south to north - from Water Works to Rugged Road, then you have three exit options; east over the hill, south back along Avenue D or north over Avenue D.

I understand this is a necessary inconvenience but I feel some grief can be avoided by taking another look at traffic flow.

Especially since my family and the rest of "Water Works" hill will feel the brunt of the congestion for the next two years.

Thanks for your time.

Martin Childress
Ozona, Texas

Local EMS runs

- AUGUST 12**
Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
- AUGUST 13**
Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
- AUGUST 14**
Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

- Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
- Transfer - patient transported from Shannon Medical Center.
- AUGUST 16**
Local run - no transport 3 patients.
- Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

Fire department runs

- AUGUST 12**
3:30 p.m. - Mutual Aid Grass fire, Cole Ranch Val Verde County, 5 acres. Three units, nine Ozona fire fighters, three units and 6 Val Verde fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 39 minutes.
- 4:18 p.m. - Grass fire County Road 406 Mitchell Ranch, 3 acres. Three units, six Ozona fire fighters, one unit and three Sheffield fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 12 minutes.
- AUGUST 13**
Noon - Grass fire two miles south on State Hwy 163, 2 acres. Four units and seven Ozona fire fighters, three Texas Forest Service units. Time in service 2 hours and 50 minutes.
- 9:10 p.m. - Grass fire off of County Road 406, fire out by a helicopter drop. Four units, six fire fighters. Reported by Texas Forest Service. Time in service 2 hours 4 minutes.
- AUGUST 14**
9:46 a.m. - Grass fire State Hwy 137 and U.S. Hwy 190, 2 acres. Two units with four fire fighters. Time in service 2 hours 54 minutes.
- 12:02 p.m. - Rekindle of grass fire on State Hwy 137 and U.S. Hwy 190, all fire in burn area.

- Two units with four fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 24 minutes.
- 2:13 p.m. - Public service call at 907 Avenue D. Two units with three fire fighters. Time in service 14 minutes.
- 2:58 p.m. - Second false rekindle report at State Hwy 137 and U.S. Hwy 190. All fire was in burn area, no danger. Two units with three fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 55 minutes.
- AUGUST 15**
5:17 p.m. - Grass fire, lightning at 337 mile-marker on I-10. Heaven's firemen put the fire out with heavy rain. Four units, seven fire fighters.
- 5:30 p.m. - Grass fire, lightning, County Road 406. Rain put this fire out also. Four units, seven fire fighters, Texas Forest Service task force.
- 5:48 p.m. - Grass fire, lightning, also County Road 406. Rain put this fire out. Four units, seven fire fighters, Sheffield Fire Department 1 truck, 1 man, Texas Forest Service Task Force.
- 6 p.m. - Grass fire, lightning, at Old U.S. Hwy 290 on Lancaster Hill. Rain put the fire out. Four units, seven fire fighters, Sheffield Fire Department 1 truck 1 man, Texas Forest Service task force. In service on all five calls 1 hour and 35 minutes.

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New Hamathon Petroleum	5000	Power #301	Rings Drilling Lp 4	Drig Ahead
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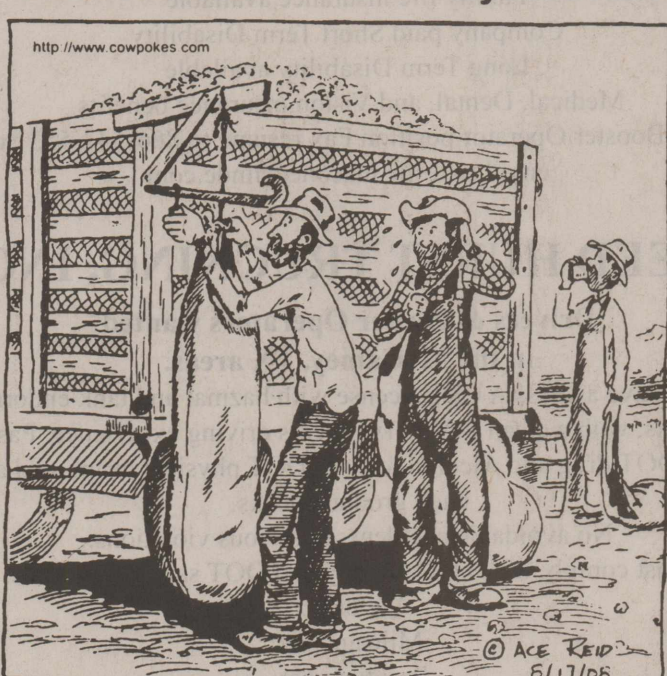
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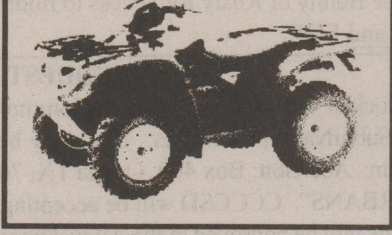
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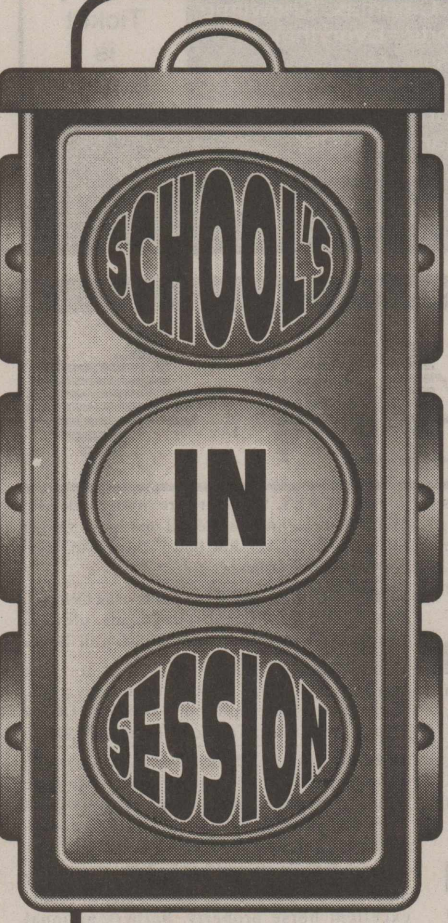
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