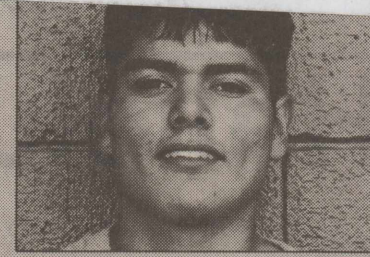


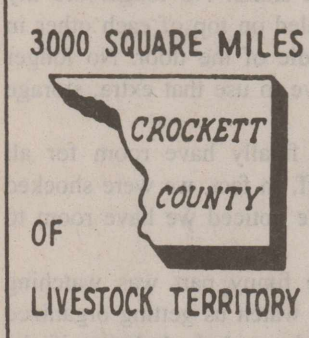
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District Judge Q&A: Position requires travel to five counties

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 The Ozona Stockman

This is the fourth in a series of Ozona Stockman question-and-answer articles featuring county and state officials in our community.

Today's article features 112th Judicial District Judge Pete Gomez Jr.

A district judge often oversees many counties. The 112th Judicial District is comprised of Crockett, Reagan, Pecos, Sutton and Upton counties.

Judge Gomez responded to these questions.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

The longtime presiding judge retired. I felt that being a judge would be a great challenge that I was ready to take. I have always enjoyed helping people with their legal problems and felt that I could do so in this manner.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?

- Bachelor of Art - Angelo State University - 1984

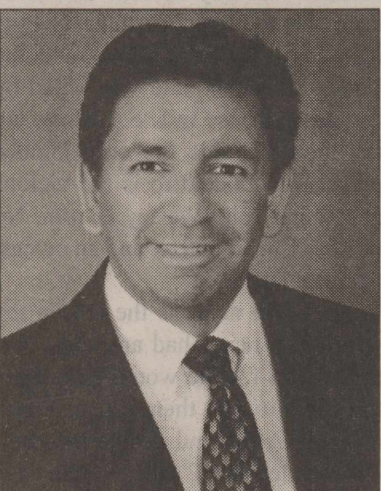
- J.D. Texas Tech School of Law - 1998

- Private practice - 17 years

WHAT IS THE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

Conducting and participating in jury trials. I am a "people person" and I enjoy interacting with the citizens of this district.

112th Judicial District Judge



PETE GOMEZ JR. -
 2 years in office

Qualifications for a Texas District Judge:

Must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of Texas for at least two years, resident of the district for at least two years, must be at least 25 years of age, had four years as a practicing lawyer or judge - Secretary of State's Office

The 112th Judicial District court is a felony criminal court that covers five counties: Crockett, Reagan, Pecos, Sutton and Upton.

This court handles cases for which a person, if convicted, could receive sentences ranging from 6 months in a state jail to life in prison, or in a capital murder case, the death penalty. Felonies include offenses such as possession or delivery of controlled substance (cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and many other drugs), third offense DWI, theft over \$1,500, forgery, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, aggravated assault, sexual assault, burglary, robbery and murder. A Judicial District court also handles civil cases, juvenile cases and cases involving the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

- Source: Texas Secretary of State's Office

WHAT IS ONE DUTY IN YOUR JOB THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

Seeing small children being placed in situations that result in them being removed from their families.

WHAT IS ONE DUTY THAT YOU PERFORM THAT MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE FALLS UNDER YOUR POSITION?

The amount of travel that I do. My district covers five counties. If I am not in court, chances are that I am on my way there.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU

OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

I am asked to give legal advice as an attorney would. However, as a judge I am not permitted to do so. It is very difficult to convey to people I have known all of my life that I am unable to answer their legal questions due to my position as a judge. I would like to tell these friends that I have a different role in the legal system that requires for me not to give legal advice as an attorney would.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING

ABOUT YOUR POSITION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I would like to have more hours in a day to hear more cases resulting in people receiving quicker resolutions of their legal issues.

WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PEOPLE OF CROCKETT COUNTY TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR POSITION?

A day does not go by that a person somewhere in this district is not affected by a decision I make as a judge. That is a lot of responsibility and I take that charge very seriously.

Field house flooring approved, stadium fence placed on hold

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A new floor has been approved for the field house at Lion Stadium.

During the Feb. 18 regular monthly meeting, the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees approved a \$148,684.25 bid from Design Tech out of Lubbock for new flooring for the entire field house.

Superintendent Abe Gott said the district can receive up to \$46,000 from the insurance due to the smoke damage caused by a fire on Nov. 16.

As for the rest of the money, Board Vice President Laurie Hale asked Gott if they district can put a hold on finishing the fence around Lion Stadium. The budgeted amount for the fence is \$60,000.

"The fence does not have to be done. That can wait until you want it to," Gott said.

The board also discussed the \$35,000 budgeted to resurface the tennis courts. However, board members and school officials all said the courts need to be done now.

"They will fall into worst shape if we don't take care of the tennis courts," said Tom Anderson, board member.

"I think we need to do the floor and wait on the fence," added Grizz Medina, board member.

The district received five bids on the flooring, with the lowest being \$71,946 from Carpet World of Lubbock.

However, Design Tech was the only company to present their bid, along with material samples, in person to the board.

The type of flooring Design Tech presented is called SRT, which is a solid coated surface floor. The Design Tech employees stated that the SRT flooring is ideal for weight room and is not torn up by cleats.

Not all of the rooms will have the SRT flooring, some rooms like the coaches' office and the training room will have tile flooring.

The Design Tech employees said the material takes about six weeks to come in and then two to three weeks to install.

"This is the closest to a staph-free environment we can find," said Dwight Childress, board member. "I think we need to do the floor the right way, have it where it is safe and do it right the first time."

TECHNOLOGY BIDS APPROVED

The board also approved a \$370,803.79 bid from Carol Fire & Safety and NSYNC for technology and data for the new elementary school.

The bid covers cabling, phone system, paging system, audio visual, clock system, sound systems in the cafeteria and gymnasium, CCTV system, burglar alarm system and a card access system.

FIRE ALARMS TO BE UPDATED

The district only received one bid on fire alarms.

Gott said to update all current fire alarms to proper working, the district could do so without approval from the board due to the cost being below the \$25,000 limit.

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Allie Black crowned champion at San Antonio

Wool Judging Team wins meet

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County 4-Hers shined at the 60th annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo last week.

Allie Black won Champion Finewool in the Junior Market Lambs.

Along with her honors, Black won a \$10,000 scholarship.

Also placing in the lamb show was Wes McGuire with a third place and Murphey Black with a third place.

In the Junior Market Goat Show, Kelbie Lynn Renfro won first place in her class.

Also in the goat show, Murphey Black placed ninth in his class.

In the Junior Division of Wool Judging, Crockett County placed first in the contest.

Team members were: Erik Carrizales, Jadie Marshall, Laura Stapper, Linda Stapper and Lane White.

Lane placed first individually, thus earning a \$10,000 scholarship.

His score was 15 points higher than the second place individual, an extremely rare occurrence at a wool contest, said Coach Carlon Stapper.

The team's combined score earned them first place overall. Eighty-two kids participated altogether.

Carlon Stapper and Clay Engdahl are the Crockett County coaches.

In the Collegiate Division of the Wool Judging, two former Crockett County 4-Hers placed on two separate college teams.

Kraig Chandler, with Angelo State, placed second. Aaron Renfro, with Texas Tech, placed fourth.

Renfro's Tech team won the event, while Chandler's ASU team placed second.



Submitted photos by San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo and Ann Stapper
ALLIE BLACK (top) was crowned the winner of Champion Finewool Lamb at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo last week. Allie's winnings included a \$10,000 scholarship. Also pictured with Allie are: (left to right) parents Will M. and Vicki Black, brother Murphey Black and Crockett County Extension Agent Chase McPhaul.

RIGHT: THE CROCKETT COUNTY WOOL JUDGING TEAM won the Junior Division at the show. Members are: (left to right) Linda Stapper, Erik Carrizales, Jadie Marshall, Lane White and Laura Stapper. Lane placed first as an individual and won a \$10,000 scholarship.



Sheriff's report on jail upgrades and sheriff's office upgrade

Submitted by the
 Crockett County Sheriff's Office

Newly elected Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton wished to address the citizens of Crockett County on the progress of jail modifications, upgrades and changes in department procedures.

The jail has undergone several modifications to include the removal of unused beds that were earmarked for removal by the State Jail Commission after a jail inspection sometime in the past. The inside work area of the jail has been made more secure with the addition of more doors equipped with an electronic remote control locking system. This has restricted the flow of traffic into and out of the jail making it safer for the officers, inmates and public. A new inmate visitation area is under construction which will isolate visitation to one area and stop the flow of non-jail employee traffic in the secured jail area. Serviceable televisions were placed in all cells for inmate viewing however every television has been programmed for only four channels to include religion, educational, and news channels only. New booking and jail check procedures have been implemented also adding additional security to the jail.

Sheriff Sutton, for numerous reasons has elected to eliminate the inmate/trustee work program. First, the sheriff feels that if an individual has been convicted of a crime and sentenced by a judge and jury then that individual needs to be serving his/her time in prison, not out in the community conducting menial

tasks that someone else has been paid to do. Second, the cost of feeding, housing and monitoring just one trustee, not to include medical and dental care is nearly \$50,000 per year. Third, this program takes up much needed bed space that could be used for newly arrested inmates and in some cases this caused the transfer of inmates to out of town jails only causing additional expense to the county. Fourth, this program constantly demanded the attention of an additional jailer whose time could have best been used in the jail. Last but not least, it is common knowledge that throughout the country some jails have misused the trustee work program to gain political favor or for profit causing investigations, terminations and even the prosecution of elected officials.

The sheriff's office is presently revising its policy on unlocking vehicles when drivers have locked their keys inside and the transporting of fuel to motorist that have run out of fuel. The sheriff is hesitant about offering these services, except in emergency situations, when there are local businesses that offer these services for hire. The sheriff also has to consider the liability factor of transporting fuel in a closed vehicle as well as the damage that could result while attempting to unlock a vehicle with an electric lock and alarm system. The sheriff's offices will continue these services to the elderly, indigent, and disabled. Officers will also unlock vehicles when children or animals are trapped inside or if the vehicle is left running.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Hallelujah! A walk-in closet

Closets are an essential to every household.

Any woman will tell you that when she looks at a house, the first thing she wants to know is how many and how big are the closets.

A closet is essential because that is where we put all our stuff. It's not just a place for clothes and shoes, but also for bags, jewelry, holiday decorations or that stuff that you just want out of the way.

Closets also have sections. There are those clothes you were all the time, clothes for that dressy, special occasion and clothes that you will get back into one of these days after you lose those 10 to 15 pounds.

Anyone who knows me really well knows that the closets in my

house are tiny.

The house my husband and I live in has been in family since 1920. Back then, people didn't have closets. My guess as to why is because they were smart and didn't have a lot of stuff.

Unfortunately, in today's modern age we all have stuff.

In order to house all our stuff in our tiny closets, we had to get inventive. An extra, storage closet stands outside my main closet. Under our beds is clothes and stuff in storage.

In my husband's closet all his clothes were squished together.

However, a new day has dawned in the Perner household.

With the help of family and a skillful carpenter, we are now proud

owners of a walk-in closet.

Hallelujah!

Women, I know you relate to this joyous moment. It's as if the heavens have opened up and you now have a place for all your stuff.

My husband and I were like little kids as we moved stuff into our new space.

Along with bars to hang our clothes, there is also shelving for shirts, bags and a cubical space to plug in our cell phones and other devices that need charging.

Paul took all the tall shelves because he's the tall one. I have the lower shelves because I'm the short one.

One by one, as we began to fill up the spaces, we realized that we finally had room for everything to

breathe.

No longer does Paul have squished shirts. No longer are my shoes piled on top of each other in the middle of the floor. No longer do I have to use that extra, storage closet.

We finally have room for all that stuff. In fact, we were shocked when we noticed we have room to spare.

The funny part was watching our dog watch us getting organized in our closet. I don't know if she knew what to think of us funny humans that day.

As I sit and stare at my new closet surroundings, a thought comes to mind: "I have to go shopping, to fill up the closet with new stuff."

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Naming Names

A name is a very personal and precious possession. Except in my case. I hate my miserable moniker.

Just as a firefly is not a fly and the Harlem Globetrotters never played a game in Harlem for the first 40 years of their existence, I feel that my name does not reflect who I am either. Did you know that more mass murderers have been named Lee than any other name?

Over 8 percent of mass murderers are named Lee and that can't just be a coincidence. They were probably so upset at being called Lee their entire lives they took out their anger on innocent people. Even worse, the few people that don't mistake me for a mass murderer because of my name think I'm a girl!

I am a victim of parents who were ancestor proud. My first and middle names actually belonged to ancient relatives of mine. The prob-

lem is that just because a name was popular in the James Garfield administration does not mean it's a good name for a more modern world. I would have preferred that my parents just drew my name out of a hat: Stetson and Resistol would have been much better names than mine.

In a rare display of honesty, I must admit that my name is not actually Lee; it's a nickname and I'm not about to embarrass myself by revealing my real one.

For reasons unknown to me, instead of giving me a manly nickname I could be proud of, they gave me one that is only slightly better than my real name. Making matters worse, my parents borrowed my middle name from the second worst president in history.

Then there is my last name: Pitts. Why my parents didn't change their name is beyond me. This could

not be a case of being ancestor proud, because the only famous Pitts I've been able to dig up was Charlie Pitts who ran with Jesse James and the Younger brothers and was killed by the largest posse in U.S. history. On my mother's side the only famous person I'm related to is the vicious gunslinger John Wesley Hardin. No wonder I'm an outlaw and an outcast from society.

My last name is the reason my wife and I never had any kids. The temptation for me would have been too great to call them Olive, Peach or Harry Arm. And if, like me, their P's sounded like T's they would have had to undergo a lifetime of being referred to as... well, you get the picture.

Fortunately the name ends with me. My brother only had girls who quickly got married and changed their names and my smart sister was not about to include Pitts in any hyphenated title.

Hopefully, my tortured life can serve as an inspiration for parents to be more careful in naming their children. And their pets too, for that matter. I don't want your dogs, cats, horses and cows to go through life suffering the same public humiliation

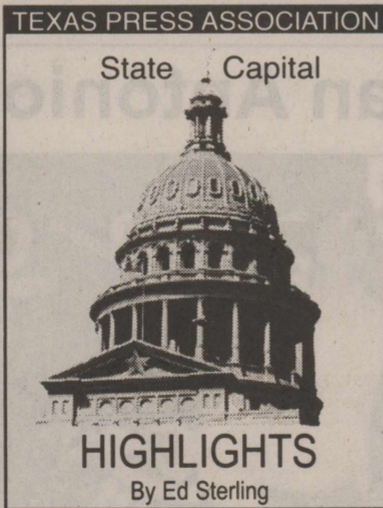
that I've endured. It's bad enough that we make our children suffer, but many of you ought to be locked up for the names you have given your pets. I'll give you an example.

Several years ago we bought a replacement heifer at the county fair from a friend's son. It was our goal to support the youth of our community, and besides, the heifers were cheap that year and the one we bought sold near the end of the sale! (In later years when the price of heifers skyrocketed we found cheaper ways to support the youth of our community.) When the Latino 4-H member handed us the halter to which the heifer was attached he was most adamant that we know the heifer's name. It was Feo Nalga. We called her Feo for short. (Rhymes with Hay-oh.)

Despite her lack of production Feo stayed in our herd for years because I liked her for some reason. Heaven only knows why. Near the end of Feo's life I was thumbing through a Spanish-English Dictionary and decided to translate her name. It turns out that we had been calling this noble cow 'Butt Ugly' or 'Ugly Butt' her entire life.

No wonder I felt a special affinity for the poor creature.

Lawmakers, executives must decide how to spend federal stimulus dollars



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — President Barack Obama on Feb. 17 signed H.R. 1, the economic stimulus package, and Gov. Perry took pen in hand to write the president a letter that made it clear he was against the stimulus before he was for it.

Other Republican governors expressed misgivings about accepting the money, but it appears most state chief executives will accept their states' share of the \$787 billion package after all.

Texas' share is estimated at \$17 billion, which includes about \$5 billion for Medicaid and almost \$4 billion for public and higher education.

"On behalf of the people of Texas," Perry wrote, "please allow this letter to certify that we will accept the funds in H.R. 1 and use them to promote economic growth and create jobs in a fiscally responsible manner that is in the best interest of Texas taxpayers. I remain opposed to using these funds to expand existing government programs, burdening the state with ongoing expenditures long after the funding has dried up."

Perry went on to express pleasure in meeting President Barack Obama in Philadelphia, and said, "I appreciate your concern for the Texans displaced by Hurricane Ike."

On the subject of Hurricane Ike recovery, Perry on Feb. 17 announced he asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive or extend for 180 days the deadline to file proof of loss requirements for flood insurance policyholders whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Ike.

Perry said that currently, policyholders are required to file proof of loss by March 12, but an extension would allow Texans the same amount of time to file their claims as was allowed following Hurricane Rita in late summer 2005.

"With so many Texas homes suffering flood damage related to Hurricane Ike and so many families who have not yet been able to rebuild, a deadline of March 12 is unrealistic," Gov. Perry said. "I urge FEMA to waive or extend the deadline so that Texans with flood insurance have adequate time to file their claims."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Feb. 18 said he and his staff have started looking at the federal economic stimulus bill, a 1,100 page document.

He said lawmakers should be wary about relying on one-time payments from the federal government.

Speaker Joe Straus appointed a House Select Committee on Federal Economic Stabilization Funding.

CHILD PROTECTION BILLS ARE FILED
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith on Feb. 19 joined forces to advance state and federal legislative efforts to protect young Texans from child predators.

"With sexual predators increasingly using new technology to prey upon children, it is critical that law enforcement stay ahead of the criminals," Abbott said.

"Innovative legislative responses to high tech crimes are vital to the ongoing success of our crackdown on cyber predators and online child pornographers. Thanks to creative legislative initiatives at both the state and federal levels, law enforcement will have the legal tools we need to help protect Texas children."

Abbott expressed support for SB 689 by state Sen. Florence Shapiro and HB 1239 state Rep. Aaron Peña, legislation embodying recommendations he made last fall. The bills would require that convicted sex offenders provide their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry.

Cornyn, Abbott's predecessor as attorney general, sponsored the Internet Stopping Adults Facilitating the Exploitation of Today's Youth (SAFETY) Act of 2009 in the U.S. Senate and Smith, a former Texas legislator, sponsored companion legislation in the U.S. House.

HEALTH AGENCY TAKES OVER RECALL
The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 20 announced would take over the recall of products shipped from Peanut Corporation of America's Plainview plant after getting no response from the company to a Feb. 12 recall order.

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers believed to have received products from the company in 2008 are being notified of the recall by DSHS food safety personnel and asked to take appropriate action to protect consumers.

DSHS is hoping to find additional customer lists from prior years in the company's records.

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Free income tax preparation from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7 at the 1st Community Credit Union located at South Divide (Highway 277) in Eldorado.

This is sponsored by AARP. This service is free to anyone and any age in Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora.

All returns will be filed electronically.

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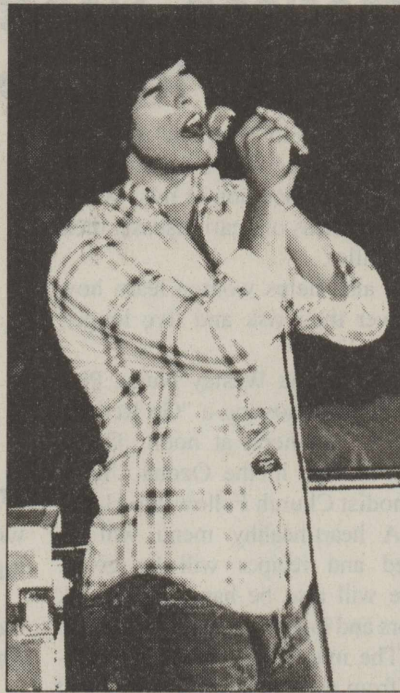


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ROMAN TAMBUNGA performed Saturday at the San Angelo Coliseum as one of the Top 5 Semifinalists in the San Angelo Rodeo Idol competition. Roman is a graduate of Ozona High School and the son of Frank and Irma Tambunga of Ozona. Voting for the semifinals ends at noon today (Feb. 25). Votes can be made at www.rodeoidol.com.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

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In Memory of: Johnny Jones

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In Memory of: Sue Hoover & Brian Montgomery

Given by: Douglas Stuart



Conner-Elliott to wed in Sept.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll J Cowley of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner Jr. of Ozona are proud to announce the engagement of their children Amy Elliott and Tommy Conner.

Amy is originally from Lubbock and resides in Del Rio. She is a Limited Partner and Senior Administrator with Edward Jones for the last 11 years. Amy is an active member of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as a vice president.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orf of Lubbock and the late Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Cowley of Bowie.

Tommy currently ranches the family ranch in Ozona; is a partner in Triple C Hardware & Lumber Inc. and fishes the FLW Stren Series. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner and Mrs. William Dempster Jones and the late William Dempster Jones all of Ozona.

The couple will wed on Sept. 12, 2009 in San Angelo. After their honeymoon they will enjoy living in Del Rio and the ranch.

Free online math TAKS tutorials

Submitted by Benny W. Granger OMS Principal

OMS parents, TAKS time is approaching and we need to take advantage of every opportunity possible that will benefit our kids.

The following website, www.ed2netlearning.com, is offering free math TAKS tutorials.

All you have to do is go online and register your child or get OMS the information and we will register for you. If you do not have access to a computer, we are going to make the OMS computer lab available on tutorial dates.

There are three sessions each of which covers different material.

The sessions are as follows:

DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY

- 6th grade Math sessions are on April 11, April 18 and April 25 at 11 a.m. and last for 45 minutes.

- 7th grade Math sessions are on March 21, March 28 and April 4 at 10 a.m. and last for 45 minutes.

- 8th grade Math sessions are on March 21, March 28 and April 4 at 11 a.m. and last for 45 minutes.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 25

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

Thursday, Feb. 26

- American Heart Association "Go Red" luncheon, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

- Retirement Reception for Paula Maness, 2-4 p.m. at the Senior Center.

- Lions Baseball at the Sonora Tournament.

- OHS Tennis Team at the Central Tournament in San Angelo.

Friday, Feb. 27

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

- Nutrition/Food Pantry class, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

- OMS Track Teams at Crane.

- Lady Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.

- Lions Baseball at the Sonora Tournament.

- Lady Lions Softball vs. McCamey, 5 p.m. at McCamey.

Saturday, Feb. 28

- OHS Academic Team at Andrews meet.

- OHS Track Team at the Comanche Relays in Fort Stockton.

- Lady Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.

- Lions Baseball at the Sonora Tournament.

- Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, 1 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Monday, March 2

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

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

- Senior Center Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, March 3

- Lady Lions Softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

- Helping Hands Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

- Lions Baseball vs. Van Horn, 7 p.m. at Van Horn.

Wednesday, March 4

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

- Lady Lions Golf Team at the Ozona Tournament at the Ozona Country Club.

Ozona Woman's Forum News

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
Ozona Woman's Forum

was welcomed to the Woman's Forum.

Plans for the April 3-4 trip to Post were again discussed. Members donated cookies for EMS and canned goods for Meals on Wheels at this meeting.

Members present were Norma Carson, Arlene Clayton, Jimmie Cloudt, Lynn English, Janie Everett, Katie Friend, Betty Harrell, Charlotte Harrell, Beth Hoover, Virginia Hubbard, Betty Huffman, Dorothy Montgomery, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Diane Phillips, Janet Pullen, Mary Sellers, Ann Shaw, Louise Taliaferro, Nell Wester, Helen White and Rosalind Williams.

The Woman's Forum met Feb. 17 at the Crockett County Senior Center. Jean Odom gave the invocation and led members in the pledge to the U.S. flag. Nell Wester conducted the business meeting, and Brenda Newton served as program coordinator. Hostesses were Betty Huffman, Helen White and Diane Phillips.

Twenty-three members enjoyed a program about Rainwater Harvesting presented by Kay Shaffer. Brochures were distributed, telling how to harvest and use rainwater.

New member Kathleen Shott

Girl Scout Cookies for sale

Brownie Troop 515 has Girl Scout Cookies for sale. Buy a box and they will make sure Ozona soliders receive them. For more information, call Sylvia Longoria at 226-1993 or Bernice Fierro at 226-8093.

OZONA GIRL SCOUT TROOP 535 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We have 332 boxes of cookies left and would like to send some them to our troops overseas and give some to those in need in our community. Please help by calling Katie Friend Troop Leader at 392-5154 today for your donation.

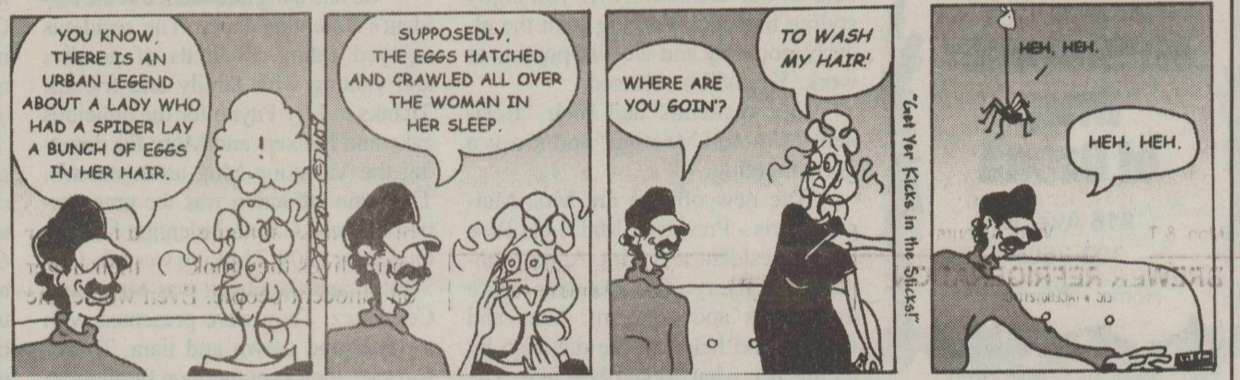
Wedding Gift Selections have been made by **Whitney Hernandez** bride-elect of **Mark Tambunga**

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By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

Sorry there was no Senior Happenings last week. My computer was not working again. I am just not high tech enough to keep it going.

A Concho Valley Home Health nurse was here on Tuesday and took blood tests and sugar levels.

Levis and Lace will be having their square dance here at the Senior Center Saturday. This group of square dancers has a fun time and visitors are welcome.

Betty and Bob Hartley were gone most of last week. Betty's brother, Jack Sinton, became ill and was taken to a San Angelo hospital for several days. Jack has come back this week to our local care center. We are happy as we can be to have Betty and Bob back at the Senior Center to work on our difficult puzzles. A week without B&B is like a week without sunshine.

Our own Eilene Childress was back playing bridge this week after a surgery and a long recovery. We are so happy to have you back. You just can't keep a good girl down.

On Monday, March 2, the Crockett County Senior Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

On Tuesday, March 3, the Helping Hands Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Robilen Miller and Gail Hartman made a generous donation to the Helping Hands and the Senior Center. We were very surprised and grateful.

Our hats go off to Nell Wester and Joe Munoz who spent the better time of the morning last Monday on the floor removing some nasty black, heel markings. We thank you two so much for your time and effort. Our floors look much better.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still going strong. They meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Cen-

ter at 8:30 am. Now is a good time to join this group and get the exercise you need to keep 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 continue to have our regular activities: square dance lessons and dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and three computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We have recently added to our activities a new projector with stand and a screen.

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

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

Care Center Chatter

By **ODILIA SANCHEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

It has been awhile and a lot has been happening at the Crockett County Care Center. We have had parties, visitors have come, donations have been given and we continue to be a busy place.

Our bingo players are getting better and better with each game they play. They enjoy it so much that it is all they want to do. Thanks to Ann Shaw, Anna Yruegas and Elisa Sentena for donating gifts and money for our bingo prizes for our winners.

Beauty Shop Day continues to be a big hit. This past Thursday we styled hair for 12 ladies. Thanks to our new volunteer, Maria Salcedo, who helped us out so much with the ladies. Maria is new in town and wanted to be of help in our community. If you enjoy styling hair and working with the elderly, come by and we will put you to work. You will be blessed.

Our residents had their "Resident's Council Meeting" and it was a good meeting.

The new officers are Mrs. Margie Dorris - President, Mrs. Lola Rios - Vice President and Mrs. Anna Johnson - Secretary. The residents voice their cares and concerns, likes and dislikes and help out the dietician by telling her what foods they like. The

residents elect their own officers and everything works out.

Thanks to Petra Hernandez for bringing Harley, an English Bull Dog, to visit our residents. Harley seemed to enjoy being patted and loved on by so many people. He is an adorable pup and the residents fell in love with him. Hopefully, he will come visit again before he gets too big.

Thanks to Anna Flores also for continuing to bring Peanut Butter, a tiny Mexican Chihuahua, to visit our residents. I know he comes to visit his "Grandmother" Lola Rios, but everyone enjoys him. One of the residents in particular, Mrs. Joann Williamson, held on to Peanut Butter and wouldn't let go and even wanted to buy him from Anna. But of course, Peanut Butter is not for sale. We know that he will continue to visit.

We had a big attendance at the resident's Valentine Party. The residents enjoyed eating all kinds of goodies and visiting with family and friends.

Thanks to Lily Payne for the delicious cake and Baskets and More for donating the Valentine Mug arrangements. The main attraction was the presentation of the C.C.C.C. Valentine King & Queen for 2009. The king was Mr. Jack Stanton and the queen was Mrs. Elisa Cervantez. They were presented with a rhinestone crown and tiara. To our surprise, they kept them on throughout

the entire party, until the king's crown starting shedding several diamonds. By then it was time to take them off and hopefully, we will have a new one made for next year. All the residents were given a Valentine bag of goodies prepared by the activities department.

We have a lot of fun activities that the residents enjoy, but they also have time to exercise. Thanks to Frances and Elsa who do such a great job with restorative exercises for the residents. They start right after breakfast and work until the end of the day so everyone who is able has an opportunity. Another person who does a great job is E.A. Wadsworth. Thanks to E.A. for coming once a week to exercise and another day to read. The residents also enjoy Toss Ball, which keeps them focused and limber.

We would like to take this time to offer our condolences to the Duane Childress family and our thanks for donating such beautiful flower arrangements and plants for our residents to enjoy in memory of Stacey Childress.

Thanks to the many people who give of their love and time to make sure that the residents are happy and well taken care of. The staff at C.C.C.C., friends, family and volunteers do an awesome job and we are truly grateful. Thank you and God bless you and your families. The next newsletter will be on March 25.

American Heart Association 'Go Red' luncheon Thursday

"Go Red for Women" is a national movement led by the American Heart Association to raise women's awareness of heart disease, their No. 1 killer.

It also helps women learn how to lower their risk and live longer, stronger lives.

The Ozona Wesley Nurse Program will be hosting a "Go Red for Women" luncheon at noon, Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

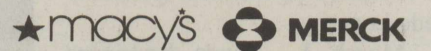
A heart-healthy menu will be served and recipes will be given. There will also be handouts on risk factors and lowering these risk factors.

The main focus is to gain support from each other in learning and Actually Making the changes that



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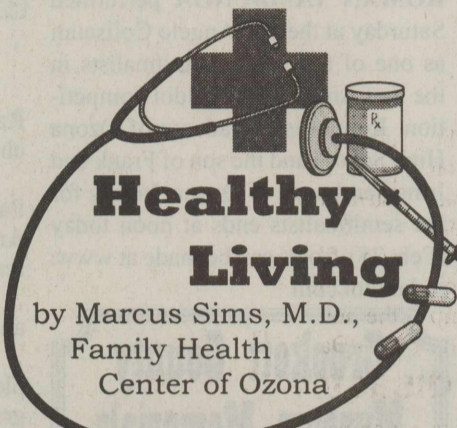
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will increase the chances of us living a longer, healthier life.

So, let's all get decked out in red, come enjoy a good meal and start a healthier life.

For more information, or to RSVP, call E.A. Wadsworth at 392-3060.



Understanding Allergies

or allergens. It is common for people to "inherit" allergies or from their families or share predisposition to particular allergens. Those allergies can be to just about anything - food, pollen, dander or other substances that can cause reactions. Someone with two allergic parents is more likely to develop allergies than someone with one allergic parent.

Allergies may be seasonal in nature. They can develop because of something you breathe in, eat, or touch. Others may follow a bug bite.

For some people, this type of allergic reaction can be deadly. Anaphylactic shock can cause swelling of body tissues (including the throat), vomiting, cramps and a sudden drop in blood pressure.

Anaphylaxis often occurs in sensitive individuals who are allergic to penicillin, stinging insects and shellfish or nuts.

Anaphylaxis can also occur as a result of exposure to pet dander, certain foods or other allergens. This type of reaction can be very dangerous, since swelling of throat tissue can impair a person's ability to breathe.

If you develop severe allergic symptoms (breathing or swallowing difficulties, hives, dizziness or lightheadedness) you should immediately seek medical attention.

These symptoms can be treated with medications such as adrenaline, corticosteroids, antihistamines and intravenous fluids.

If you have a history of severe allergic reactions, (most commonly to bee stings or certain foods) your healthcare provider can prescribe an auto-injector. Auto-injectors often look like a pen and are pre-filled syringes that automatically inject epinephrine.

For more information about treatment for allergies, see your physician or contact the Family Health Center at (325) 392-3788.

The symptoms are familiar - runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes - but it's not from a cold or flu, it's allergies. Allergic diseases are among the most common causes of disability in the United States, affecting over 40 million Americans, as many as one in six, according to the National Allergy Bureau.

When someone has an allergy, they're sensitive to substances that don't affect most people, for example, pollen, mold, medications, even certain foods. An allergic reaction is our immune system doing its job to protect us from foreign substances. Unfortunately, it's a false alarm; most of these substances should pose no real danger to us.

An allergy is an abnormal reaction to a normally harmless substance. While these substances, called allergens, don't bother most people, an allergic person's body will overreact when exposed to them, releasing chemicals that cause the classic allergy symptoms.

Depending on the cause, allergies can affect the skin, the respiratory system, the eyes or the digestive system.

Sometimes, the respiratory symptoms of an allergy resemble that of a cold, but there are important differences. Colds are caused by viruses, whereas allergies are caused by your body reacting to a certain substance.

Also, colds can develop at any time after you've been infected, whereas allergies develop in the presence of the thing you're allergic to.

The substances that set off an allergic reaction are called triggers

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 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.

Card of Thanks

On Feb. 14th, 2009 my daughter Cambry Fierro celebrated her fifteenth birthday. And on that night had the best night of her life. And to all my family, and friends, old, and new one made that night, THANK YOU. A special thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ybarra, Mr. and Mrs. Elpidio Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ramos, and Ashley Ramos. Thank you for all your help during the week. Its greatly appreciated. Also a very, very special thanks to my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fierro. Who without, this would not have been possible. It truly was magical night.

Thank you,
Dean Fierro

Manuel Fierro
10/31/34 to 2/17/08

Well Dad, it has been a year and we miss you today as much as the day you passed away. You were the best father and grandfather ever. I know that you are no longer in pain and that you are in peace with God, Ama, Apa, Tio Chan and the rest of our family in heaven but it still does not make things easier for those of us left behind. I know that some day we will see you again and I take comfort in that. We love and miss you.

Missy, Christen & Brandon

THE POLICE ROADBLOCK

I was on my home after the evening service at Church and I noticed some flashing lights up ahead so I slowed down. It was not only the Highway patrol but it was the border patrol and another car, which I think, was drug enforcement. They had a car pulled over and a young man standing in front of it and I think they were about to handcuff him. As I drove slowly by I began to realize something. Do we have any idea what our world our country would be like if there was no law enforcement? If there, was no one watching our borders to stop illegal drugs, terrorists and what about our towns or big cities? There is going to be a day in the future when things in this old world are going to get out of hand. It will be a day of great revolt against God, (2 Thessalonians 2:3&7, 1 Timothy 4:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:1-5). Right now, the Holy Spirit of God holds the forces of evil at bay but there is coming at time when the Holy Spirit is going to be removed and they will be free to do much wickedness, (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12). Christians are to be aware of what is going to take place and get ready now and stand firm, (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

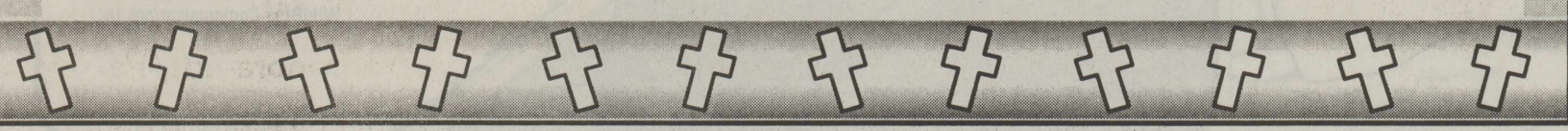
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 6 p.m. Tues., Thurs. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

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Tornado drill Thursday as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week

Submitted by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo invites all schools to participate in our 10th annual tornado warning drill.

Feb. 23 - Feb. 27 is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning.

Do you have more than one way to receive a warning?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., the National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a practice tor-

nado warning.

We will transmit this warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio (formerly NOAA Weather Radio). Some of your local Radio and TV stations, and Emergency Management offices may also relay this warning in your area. The practice tornado warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

We will issue the warning for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett,

Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.

In 2004, a practice tornado warning drill was conducted on March 3. Then on the following day, March 4, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This test proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

For more information, email Hector Guerrero at hector.guerrero@noaa.gov or Buddy McIntyre at buddy.mcintyre@noaa.gov or call 944-9445.

Wadsworth continues ride with undefeated rodeo team

The McNeese State men's rodeo team remains undefeated as it won its sixth competition Feb. 13-14 at the Trinity Valley Community College rodeo in Athens, Texas.

The men's team is currently the No. 1 team in the Southern Region and ranks third in the national rankings of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Trey Broussard of Estherwood won the All Around Championship title while Winn Ratliff of Leesville

finished third in the all around race.

Dean Wadsworth of Ozona, won the saddle bronc riding title, while Broussard finished a close second.

In the bareback riding competition, Broussard finished in second place, Jeremy Mouton of Lafayette finished third and Ratliff finished seventh.

In the team roping, Troy Hudson of Ocala, Fla., and Jeremy Mercer of Crowville finished fourth. In the bull riding, Ratliff finished third.

Dalton Hamrick of Fort Pierce,

Fla., finished fifth in calf roping and Hudson finished in 10th place.

In goat tying, Jordan Dupont of Lacassine finished sixth in the short go round and overall in seventh place, while Kayla Wagnon of Kirbyville, Texas, finished fourth in the first round and overall in eighth place. Lara Dewees of Lacochee, Fla., finished third in barrel racing.

The McNeese Rodeo Team will compete March 13-14 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Non insured crop disaster assistance program requirements

BIG LAKE - Jed W Hruska Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs. Application closing dates for coverage in Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County are: Pecans 3-1-2009 and Forage Sorghum, Watermelons, Sunflowers & Cantaloupe 3-15-2009

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for

noninsurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Hruska.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and

forage crops. However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said Hruska "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date. Application sales closing dates vary by crop.

For county and crop-specific information, call the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA office at (325) 884-3753 Ext. 2.

BOARD: 09-10 calendar approved

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If the board wants to add fire alarms to three buildings, then a motion is needed, he said.

The three buildings are the OHS Library, OHS Band Hall and OHS Home Economics Building. Cost to add the fire alarm systems to all three buildings would be around \$25,800.

By law the district does not have to have the fire alarms in the building and there are front and back exits to each building, said Willie Vargas, transportation and maintenance director.

If Ozona had a city inspector then the district probably would have to install the alarm systems, Gott said.

Childress suggested installing smoke detectors in the buildings and updating the current fire alarms.

DRINK MACHINES and DRINK COOLERS

No action was taken on any new drink machines or coolers for concession stands.

Gott said he received a letter from Pepsi in Abilene stating that the reason the contract with CCCSD was canceled was due to the concession stands selling things other than Pepsi products.

"I have never had that complaint before. I have involved our attorneys. I agreed to cancel the contract due to not filling the machines. The last order they sent, they sent two-liter bottles. They don't even communicate," Gott said.

Gott said he has received verbal permission that anything the district wants can be sold at the concession stands right now and

that he told Pepsi they can come get their machines when they want because the contract is closed.

OTHER ITEMS:
• The board approved the 2009-2010 Official School Calendar. School will begin on Aug. 24 and end on May 28, 2010. Spring break will coincide with Midland College.

• The board approved a two-year extension with the district's depository contract with Crockett National Bank.

• The board also met in executive session to discuss personnel.

A special board meeting has been scheduled for March 4. The regular board meeting is set for March 25. Both meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Holistic management conference to celebrate 25 years in Abilene

"Inheriting the Earth Passing on the Legacy: Celebrating 25 years of Holistic Management" is the theme for this year's annual conference March 4-9 in Abilene, Texas.

Each generation has its frontiers. Once the West Texas land itself was the frontier.

Ranchers risked it all to live in rugged country without reliable surface water for their livestock.

The challenges facing our future generations form the new frontiers. New sources of energy, new ways to ensure abundant water, ways to keep the planet habitable for our grandchildren are needed.

With this land we have inherited from our parents and borrowed from our children comes awesome responsibility.

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the Texas Office of Environmental Defense Fund, Terry Gompert, Nebraska Extension Agent and Collins and a fundraising dinner with author Elmer Kelton.

The dinner will also honor Savory and Jody Butterfield as the founders and hear their challenges of the past and inspiration for the future.

Also during the conference, participants can learn about "Holistic Management Principles for Success-First Phase Planning" or "Holistic Management Financial Planning" with Gompert.

Butterfield will also give the history and heritage of holistic management.

The conference hotel is Hilton Garden Inn, Abilene. Sponsorship, volunteer and trade-show opportunities are available, along with possible scholarships.

Registration fee is \$250 for Thursday evening reception through the end of the conference Saturday afternoon. Classes are \$450. There are discounts for members.

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OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM

OHS Computer Science Teams give stellar performance at Rockport

Submitted by Cathy English
OHS Computer Science Teacher

The Ozona High School computer science team had another very successful competition at Rockport-Fulton High School in Rockport on Feb. 13.

The contest was broken into Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner levels.

Our advanced team, Ethan English, Heather Thompson and Lane White, placed 2nd, falling only 5 points behind the leaders from Refugio. Considering there were over 500 points scored by each team, it was a close contest that could have gone either way.

Both winning teams were able to complete nine of the ten problems in the packet, almost clearing the set.

The Ozona students fell just a little short on the number of times some of the programs had to be submitted before the judges gave the final approval.

Refugio High School's team placed third at the state meet last year, so we are hoping to meet them again in Austin in May.

The intermediate team of Corey Kelley, Michael Medina and Jayce Logan placed 2nd behind another team from Refugio. They were only one program behind.

The beginner team of Duncan Knox and Clarissa Burciaga managed to get two programs running, and placed 3rd in their division. This was another very tight contest, since they were only 10 points behind second place.

Overall, it was a great practice meet for the kids. The experience and confidence gained will be invaluable as we continue through the season.

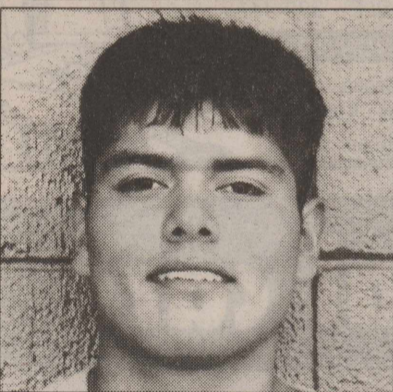
We really appreciate all of the support and good wishes from the staff of Ozona schools and the community of Ozona, and we look forward to representing you throughout the spring.

Keep up the good work, Lions!

Felix Venegas named to 2009 FCA All-Star Squad

Felix Venegas of Ozona High School has been chosen to participate in the 10th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, to be held Saturday, June 13, 2009 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Venegas is the son of Maria and Felix Venegas, Sr.



FELIX VENEGAS

Venegas was one of 133 area student/athletes selected for the game, which benefits the Big Country Area Office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 50+ area schools, the rosters for the North and South squads were announced at a Press Conference on Sat., Feb. 7th, 2009 at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene, TX.

The young All-Stars were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties.

Representatives from Class A - 5A make up the squads. They will report for two-a-day workouts on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. There will be lots of activities that they will be involved in during that time and will be honored at a Victory Banquet in April, at the Abilene Civic Center.

OHS Lions Golf Team competes in Fort Stockton tournament

The Ozona Lions Golf team played last Friday and Saturday in Fort Stockton.

The OHS Lions team only has two returning players, being Josh Smith and Stefan Wilson.

Stefan was playing in a tennis tournament and did not travel with the golf team.

Players playing were Josh

Smith (93, 88), Matthew Garza (88, 86), Ben Flores (118, 109), and Steven Silva (131, X).

"We have a long way to go as a team and hope to improve a great deal before district," said Coach Benny Granger.

The Lions next tournament is in Sonora on March 5.

Expectations are high for Lady Lions Softball Team

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The OHS Lady Lions Softball Team is on an exciting high.

Despite starting the season this past weekend with a tough tournament in Crane, the Lady Lions are hoping to exceed last season's playoff goal.

"We are just on a high, if not even higher. We don't want to be a one-hit wonder. Not only do we want to get back into the playoffs, but we want to make a run," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lady Lions bring back all their starters, except one. They also have two experienced freshmen in Adrienne Sanchez and Stacie Quiroz.

Esparza said he believes the team could have a number of all-district players and that the freshmen are contenders for Newcomer of the Year.

"Every year we keep getting better and better. Last year, getting to the playoffs, showed how much we have progressed," he said. "We are hoping this year to have our first-ever winning season."

The only hurdle the team has right now is numbers. The Lady Lions have 12 players, whereas most teams in the district have 25-40 girls.

Due to the small number of girls, Esparza is rotating out four girls as pitchers - Cristy Rodriguez, Britni Mitchel, Raelynn Arredondo

and Sanchez.

Three senior girls, who have stayed with the program since their freshmen year, bring leadership, Esparza said. They are Alysha Lara, Rodriguez and Stacy Silva.

"We want to beat the numbers. We work everybody at any moment," he said.

At the Crane Tournament, the Lady Lions started with five back-to-back games.

Ozona came out strong against Lamesa in the first game, scoring two runs in the first and then one run in the next three innings. However, Ozona would fall 3-5.

In the next game against Crane, the Lady Lions were unable to put the ball in play and lost 0-14, followed by another tough loss, 5-10, against Denver City. In that game, the Lady Lions would score three runs in the second, but only one run in the third and fourth.

Ozona then fell behind against Junction, but came back with four runs only to come up short 6-10.

The last of five games would be against Wall, where Ozona got off to a quick start scoring three in the first and two more in the next two innings. Wall would win 5-15.

"Friday was a long day and the girls played really hard and we had some girls having to play out of their normal position because of fatigue," Esparza said. "We hit the ball well throughout most of the day, but little



Photo by Melissa Perner

ALYSHA LARA throws the ball to Raelynn Arredondo at first base during the OHS Lady Lions Softball practice. The Lady Lions began their season this past weekend in the Crane Tournament.

mistakes cost us some outs."

Saturday also did not fair well for the Lady Lions. Ozona lost to Denver City in the semifinals bracket 6-10.

"We fell behind early and were having to play catch up. We had to force some things and it cost us a few outs. I was proud of the way the girls handled themselves and never gave up," Esparza said.

In their final game, the Lady Lions would score first taking a 2-0 lead into the second against

Lamesa. Lamesa would take the lead 4-8 going into the fifth and the Lady Lions would rally again to make it 6-8 only to fall 6-12.

"We played fairly well offensively we hit the ball well and were able to drive in runs, but some mental errors on the field hurt us in the long run. Overall there was a lot of good we can take from the tournament, especially with only having all the girls for one week and our expectations are still high," Esparza said.

Lions end basketball season against Alpine, Reagan County

The Ozona Lions travelled to Alpine on Feb. 13 to take on the Alpine Bucks.

The Lions were hoping to get in the victory column against a Buck team who had playoffs on their agenda, said Coach Ted Rohan.

The Bucks jumped out to an early 12-0 lead before Abey Lara converted a three-point play. The Bucks continued to shoot the ball well leading at halftime by a score of 34-10.

The Lions were plagued by poor shooting throughout the course of the game and were defeated by a score of 65-29, Rohan said.

On Feb. 17, the Lions played their last district game of the season at home against Reagan County.

Seniors Tommy Longoria and Steven Silva were honored in Senior Night activities as these two would be playing their last high school game as an Ozona Lion.

The Lions displayed a lot of

patience offensively against Reagan County in the first quarter and led by a score of 16-14.

The Lions resorted to a Triangle and Two defense to limit the scoring of Reagan County's Junior Evans, Junior Hernandez and at times Jamie Gillis, Rohan said.

The score at halftime was 26-21 with Reagan County leading.

Once again, poor shooting by the Lions resulted in 11 points in the second half.

Reagan County outscored the Lions 35-11 and went on to win by a score of 61-32.

The Lions were led in scoring by Steven Silva's 18 points and Abey Lara's 11 points.

"I would like to thank all of the parents, fans, administration, Coach Esparza, Coach Villarreal, Coach Morris, Coach Alls, Coach Porter, Mike Mitchell, Steve Pagan and Pam for making my job easier this year," Rohan said.

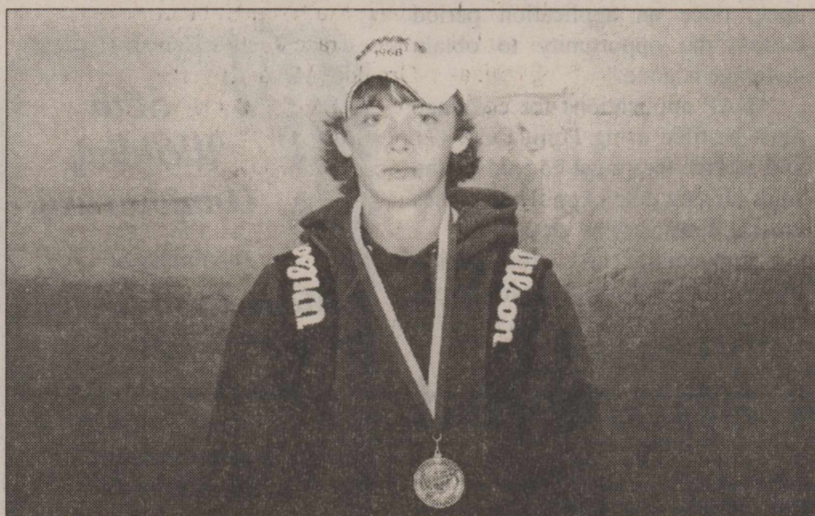


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STEFAN WILSON took home the second place medal in boy's singles at the Reagan County Winter Tournament held Feb. 19-21.

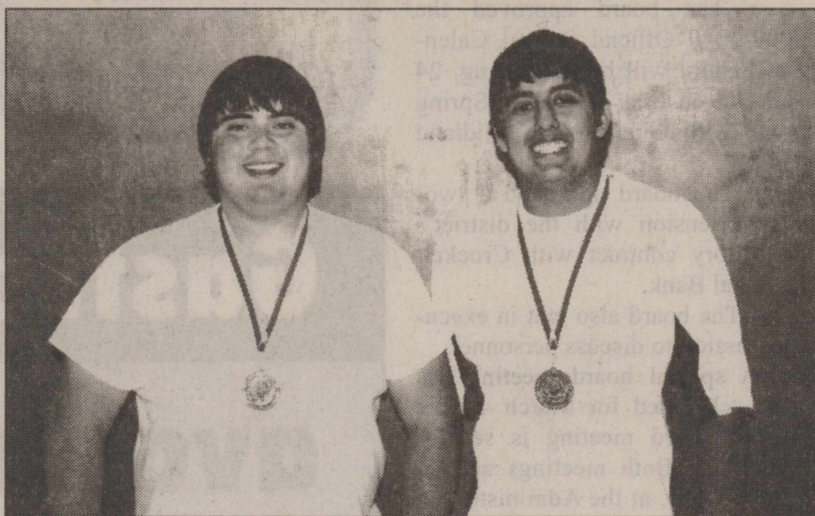


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DEVON DEIHL AND JORDAN MARTINEZ (r.) placed third in boy's doubles at the Winter Tournament held Feb. 19-21 in Big Lake.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 1 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

OHS Pool Tournament Feb. 21

1. Tristan Alvarez 2. Robert Weddle 3. Saul Benson

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Stapper selected to participate in high school youth forum



Laura Stapper was selected by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) to participate in the High School Youth Forum (HSYF), an SRM-sponsored youth activity held jointly during the 62nd annual SRM's annual meeting. This year's meeting was held in Albuquerque, N.M., from Feb. 8-13. This year's meeting theme was "Merging Trails, Culture, Science and Innovation."

The SRM is an international organization that strives to promote public awareness of the importance of sound management and use of rangeland, the world's largest land base. In 1966 the SRM recognized a need to involve youth with the range-related activities and education provided at the annual meeting. Since that time, the HSYF has been a highlight of the SRM annual meetings. Volunteers of the SRM Student Activities Committee conduct the program.

High School delegates to the HSYF were chosen by each of the 21 individual sections of the parent society throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, based on their high degree of interest in the range and natural resources field as well as on their exemplary dedication and effort to learn more about this particular area. While at the HSYF, they had the opportunity to meet people from many countries and

get a first-hand view of what SRM is all about, including its organization, goals, and the role it plays on a world-wide basis. Thus, the goals of the HSYF are: 1) provide insight for these students concerning the function and working of the Society; 2) provide opportunities to meet Society members; 3) provide a format that encourages thinking and enhancement of communicative skills; 4) provide an opportunity to learn about range management and future careers through interaction with Society professionals; 5) provide an opportunity to learn about the ecology and natural resources of the Annual Meeting site; and 6) provide an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie and lasting friendships.

As one of the more important activities, each delegate to the Forum competed in a paper presentation with the content covering a range-related topic.

Laura's oral presentation was titled "Super Juniper Eating Goats: Let's Browse the Subject." Other activities Laura participated in were a tour of the Sevilleta Wildlife Refuge, a visit to the historic Native American Pueblos, and a dance. She also got to meet professors from Texas A&M University's department of Ecosystem Science and Management where she will be attending in the fall of 2009.

Since the number of delegates that can attend each year is limited, selection for this activity is considered a high honor. Laura was encouraged to know that there are other students her age from across the United States that are interested in taking care of our rangelands.

Next year's meeting will be held in Colorado. The Texas Section HSYF representatives are selected from those that attend the Youth Range Workshop in Junction. This year's camp will be held June 21-26. If you know of someone that is interested in attending this Workshop, applications may be found on-line at www.rangelands.org, or they will be available at the Extension Office.

Ozona Middle School Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL Fourth Six Weeks

Sixth Grade - Wade Allen, Harrison Gott, Bryce Gutierrez, Jadie Marshall, Alan Salazar and Nathaniel Valdes.

Seventh Grade - Jonatan Arredondo, Lisa Dorrrough, Vivian Medina, Abby Newton, Jordyn Poin-dexter, Savannah Rivera and Sierra

Elementary Honor Roll

"A" HONOR ROLL Fourth Six Weeks

First Grade - Raelce Borrego, Jacob Childress, Avery Edinburg, Chole Edinburg, Grant Gott, Val-yssa Hartman, Alec Lara, Hanna McGrath, Roslynn Mendez, Alex-andra Montgomery, Austin Moran, Carlie Ramos, Lazaro Rodriguez, Alycia Tambunga, Jaedin Tam-bungo, Humberto Torralba, Manuel Torralba, Davien Vasquez, Tyler Webb and Justin Yeager.

Second Grade - Xavier Coward, Isaiah Gonzales, Jacqueline Guerra, Jazmin Hernandez, Mark Hernandez, Josh Knaack, Isaura Lopez, Dillion McGrath, Coulter McWilliams, Alyssa Perez, Destiny Perez, Ivan Villarreal, Paige Villarreal, Caleb Webb and Justin Weddle.

Third Grade - Cassidy Gon-zales, Brenna Hale, Andy Hernan-dez, Murray Logan and Samantha Torralba.

Fourth Grade - Jahnvi Bhak-ta, Austin Elguea, Abby Gott, Asia Lara, Kamryn Lozano, Timothy Maldonado, Julie Marshall, Caleb Martinez, Jose Martinez, Rachel Mendoza, Jonathan Posas, Eliza-beth Rodriguez, Emmanuel Sara-bia, Kabir Shah, Jasmine Talaman-tez and Azaylea Tovar.

Fifth Grade - Alex Hopper, Estefania Torralba and Kevin Vil-larreal.

"A-B HONOR ROLL" Fourth Six Weeks

First Grade - Esmeraldo Cas-tillo, Sebastian De La Cruz, Krista Dominguez, Jaden Fay, Matthew Galindo, Georgina Garcia, Cam-eron Harrison, Osiel Hernandez, Nathaniel Jackson, Alyiah Ortiz, Peyton Rohan, Precious Samario, Kayla Sarabia, Thomas Talaman-tez, Kaitlyn Tambunga and Josep

Stokes.
Eighth Grade - Allie Black and Tesla Caperton

"A-B HONOR ROLL" Fourth Six Weeks

Sixth Grade - Justice Adkins, Megan Bullard, Kaylenn Elston, Chellil Gonzales-Longoria, Ma-rissa Held, Michael Hill, Melissa Lozano, Jaramie Martin, Bethany

Elementary Honor Roll

Vitela.

Second Grade - Isaac Gonza-les, Edgar Guajardo, Austin Hokit, Hagen Lagrone, David Landin, Karina Marmolejo, Jordan Martin, Marisol Medina, Yasmin Ojeda, Kameron Ortiz, Marcus Perez, Mi-caela Perez, Ebony Ramirez, Irving Rodriguez, Spencer Salazar, Bryan Salinas, Oscar Valadez, Christian Valdes, Adrian Villa and Riley Wil-liams.

Third Grade - Alejandra Cam-arillo, Josac Coy, Gregorio De Hoyos, Kimberlee De La Garza, Roman Esparza, Michel Garcia, Rodrigo Gonzales, Michel Guer-rero, Bladen Hernandez, Ciera Lee, Caleb Martinez, Toni Parker, Zach-ary Perez, Kobe Rodriguez, Kaelan Savala, Jacob Schroeder, Hunter Smith and Mark Valadez.

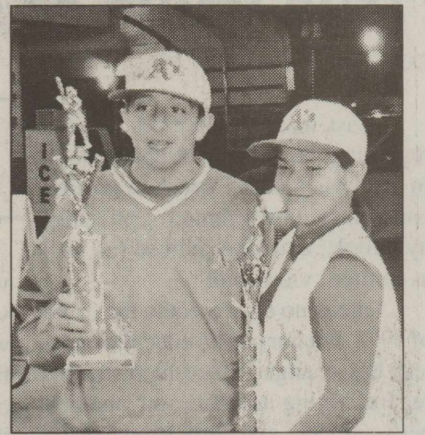
Fourth Grade - Bobbie Jo Benson, Luis Contreras, Thomas Cruz, Edgar Damian, Vanessa De La Rosa, Jake Everett, Jared Everett, Weston Fay, Aidan Fierro, Madi-son Galindo, Timothy Hardy, Gary Held, Madyson Hubbard, Maiah Ju-rado, Trace Justiss, Jennifer Lewis, Oraldo Meza, Ivy Pena, Anthony Perez, Sidney Perez, Amery Robi-son, Alberto Rodriguez, Cameron Rutherford, Kelly Sewell, Juan Tam-bunga, Gabriela Treto, Sarah Vargas and Autumn Villarreal.

Fifth Grade - Narda Agui-lar, Benito Badillo, Javier Barrera, Phillip Benson, Kimberly Borrego, Rikki Chavez, Madison Childress, Mitchell Cox, Kristen Fierro, John Gomez, Dakota Lee, Noe Medina, Maria Mejia, Lauren Miles, Jeremy Munoz, Alyssa Newlin, Jose Oje-da, Kalen Perez, Dulce Rodriguez, Ashley Vargas, Duston Vargas, Nereyda Vega, Juan Venegas and William Whitten.

Martinez, Ricardo Porras, Tanya Reed, Jon-Luke Rodriguez, Leonel Rodriguez, Maira Rodriguez, Abelardo Rodriguez, Nydia Valdes and Dalan Wilson.

Seventh Grade - Saul Benson, O'Rion Bilano, Daisy Guerra, Deyanira Hernandez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Rebecca Hernandez, Desiree Mar-shall, Sydney Mendoza, Eliseo Montanez, Lazarae Rodriguez, Nancy Rodriguez and Michael Ybarra.

Eighth Grade - Alexander Bor-rego, Jessica Borrego, Arleen Cas-tillo, Mayra Diaz, Cynthia Garcia, Cheyenne Lopez, Jennifer Mora, Ingrid Silva, Marley Tambunga and Sierra Trevino.

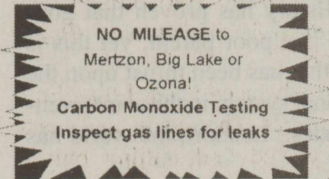


CHASE DEHOJOS and Jayton Rodriguez (l.) traveled to Round Rock with the Athletics baseball team for the first Super Series Tournament of the year. The team won first place in the 12 and under division.



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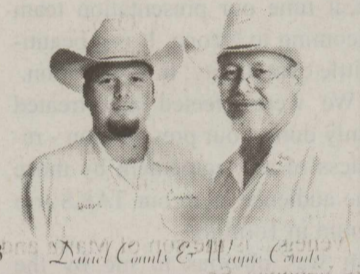


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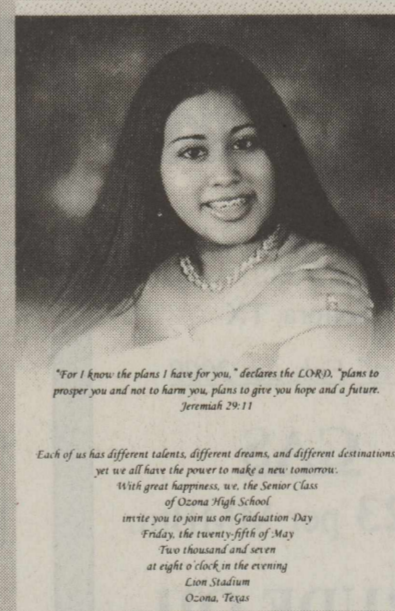
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'True value of sports' lies in what is carried off the field

Dear Editor,

Last week a letter was printed regarding the Ozona High School. In it, a very broad brush was used containing unwarranted criticisms, hyperbole, and a prejudiced (as well as limited) viewpoint.

I mean no disrespect to the Class of 1977, but our public education system has changed since then. In this regard, trying to make an analogy between 1977 and 2009 stretches the credulity of both intellect and common sense. It was a different era when teen pregnancies, single parent families, child neglect, unwed mothers and drug abuse were not growing epidemics. Local school boards still controlled their individual districts, and Federal dictums and "Robin Hood" plans were still far over the horizon.

What was once considered dysfunctional and deplorable behavior is now not only accepted by society, but actually encouraged by segments of it. History has proven that government is a poor parent, yet this is the role that has been thrust upon the educational system in these intervening decades. In short, the world has changed.

I myself am a strong supporter of athletic excellence, which I not only encourage in others but train faithfully in myself. But football or any other sport is not an end unto itself. Our young people will not go through life carrying a football.

Tornillo group enjoys Ozona visit

Dear Editor,

It would be hard to overstate the thrill you brought to our two students who presented in Ozona on Jan. 22. I gave them each a copy of the newspaper containing your article about this presentation you so graciously sent.

I wanted to share with you what a great time our presentation team had coming to Ozona. It is a beautiful little community; in my opinion.

We were greeted and treated warmly during our presentation - regardless of any agreement by those in the audience as to our TAKS trip program in Tornillo.

It was obvious to me by the efforts of Superintendent Gott, as well as the active participation of the staff members who attended this session, that student success and improvement is important to education professionals in Crockett County

Letters to the Editor

Yes, we all would like to have a winning football team. But the true value of sports lie in what you carry with you after leaving the playing field, and continue through the rest of your life. The win-loss records themselves are quickly forgotten by most everyone else as time goes by.

Every day I see teachers, coaches, staff and administration struggling so students can receive the very best education possible. The needs of the students triumph first and last, and these professionals are there to meet them. It is not only a profession for many of them, it is a burning passion. They deserve better than inflammatory rhetoric directed against them.

But what I find most disconcerting is the one-sided and myopic remarks so non-specific as to include not only the faculty and staff of OHS, but apparently the students themselves. It is as if these students are not considered "worthy" of being graduates here, and there is where I take the strongest exception. One only needs to look at what they have accomplished over the past five years to understand why.

A boys' athletic team from OHS won at state level for the first time in the school's history. When you walk

into the gymnasium, their team picture is on the north wall in life size as a reminder of that fact.

Furthermore, there have been several state qualifiers from OHS in UIL academics. Several of these students also possess gold medals. In this year alone, this student body has proven to be outstanding competitors in UIL. Every meet has found them ranked at the top of these events. The CX debate team is already slated to go to state this spring. There will be more.

No, there was no winning football season this year, but these other activities will determine how these students advance and succeed in life. Remember, a state championship in UIL automatically means one year tuition to a state university. In these failing economic times, that could mean the difference in being able to attend college.

The Class of 2009 lists 54 students. Five of those are Eagle Scouts. Many will be attending schools and universities based upon their education received at OHS. Some of them are joining our military forces in the ongoing War Against Terror. What more could anyone expect of any group this size?

Finally, in the past five years three Ozona High School students have been appointed to the military academies of Annapolis and West Point. These are among the finest universities in the world, and the competition to attend them is abso-

lutely fierce every single year. To paraphrase an Annapolis alumni I recently visited with; "We don't know what they are doing out there in those Ozona schools, but tell them to keep it up."

Does anyone know of another school with our demographics which can lay claim to such success stories? Is having a winning football team so important when compared to what these young people have managed to accomplish? In the final analysis, is there any valid reason to try to humiliate them by comparing them to another OHS class that graduated some 32 years ago?

Most certainly, there are improvements to be made. But criticism is only useful when it is specific, and twice more specific in recommendations. All else is counterproductive, the result of misplaced priorities and personal agendas. Before one goes dashing about madly in their quest to find someone to blame, they should first look at themselves squarely in the mirror to determine if they are part of the problem, or part of the solution.

In summation, please allow me to extend a personal invitation to the citizens of Crockett County to observe my own classes. Just check in at the office and come by any time. I am proud of what these young people accomplish every day, and I am honored to be there.

Ben H. English
Ozona, Texas

Times have changed in schools

Dear Editor,

I remember the '70s. In 1977, "Nobody Does It Better" by Carly Simon, was on the top 10 music list. Perhaps that was the inspiration for Mr. De Hoyos' letter on Feb. 18?

The Seventies were great. Being a student in the '70s, I remember what high school was like in Texas: no recommended graduation plan, no No Pass No Play, no required state testing program, no AEIS report, no accountability.

"I'm OK, You're OK" was a top selling book. Life was great wasn't it? Of course 1977 did have its faults...no internet, no home computers, no cell phones. Not much for a high school student to do, except maybe attend class and participate in extracurricular activities...wow, what a bummer....even Elvis died.

Don't get me wrong, I am not being critical of the class of 1977. They are fine individuals who have contributed greatly and have graciously given back to their community. They want for our students their same accomplishments. They could do it, so why are our students not doing it now?

Please remember that high school in Texas is very different now. Our children are required to take rigorous courses. They must graduate with 26 credits and pass a criterion-referenced test to get a high school diploma.

Amanda Jackson
Ozona, Texas

Maness to retire from DPS

A retirement reception honoring Paula Maness, communications supervisor for the Texas Department of Public Safety, will be held

from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Senior Center.

Maness has worked for the DPS for more than 29 years.

FOR THE RECORD: Weekly Court Proceedings

BAIL BONDS:

2-13-09
• Danny DeHoyos, 36, Ozona, driving while intoxicated - second, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

2-15-09
• Michelle Salas, Ozona, driving while intoxicated open container, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

2-16-09
• Glenn Goss, San Antonio, possession of a controlled substance less than 16 grams, felony, \$10,000.

2-17-09
• Paula Kay Jackson, driving while license invalid, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

COUNTY COURT

2-4-09
• Glenn Conner, theft less than \$500 more than \$1,500, dismissed affidavit of non-prosecution.

2-9-09
• Victor Adrian De La Garza, theft by check, dismissed paid restitution, charged was adjudicated, sentenced to five days in jail, \$304 court costs, \$1649.48 in restitution, \$320 probation fees.

• Roberto Ramos Gonzales, driving while intoxicated - first, dismissed defendant incarcerated with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

2-10-09
• Johnny Dee Jowers, adjudicated possession of marijuana less than two ounces, 32 days in jail.

2-17-09
• Maria Arjelia Gonzalez, false report to a peace officer, dismiss does not wish to further prosecute.

• Constance L. Montgomery, driving while license invalid, dismiss - plea in district court.

• Elizabeth Culpepper, two counts of theft by check, both counts dismissed paid restitution and court costs.

• Tammy Nunez, theft by check and failure to appear, dismissed paid restitution and court costs.

• Weston L. Hearne, theft by check, 1 year deferred adjudication, \$2,377.90 restitution and \$340 court costs.

costs.
• Aaron Don Hobson, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, 1 year deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, \$304 court costs and \$140 restitution.

• Louis Alan Lumbreras, furnishing alcohol to minor, 180 days deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, \$304 court costs.

• Richard Pena, theft by check, 2 years probation, \$304 court costs, \$1,262.49 restitution.

• Joanna Dominguez, motion to adjudicate, dismiss motion to adjudicate paid restitution and court costs.

2-19-09
• Christopher Brian Herbold, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, 90 days deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, \$304 court costs.

112th DISTRICT COURT Judges Brock Jones and Pedro Gomez Jr. presiding Criminal Docket

2-18-09
• Jimmy Munoz II, 18, Ozona, pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second-degree felony. He was sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, \$595 restitution, 240 hours of community service and \$304 court costs.

• Monty Karl Worthington, 45, Kerrville, driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony, case dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

• Juan Borrell Villarreal Jr., 41, Ozona, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony; driving while intoxicated third or more; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, second-degree felony and driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in prison, \$140 restitution and \$329 court costs and also sentenced to 10 years in prison, \$140 restitution and \$329 court costs.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

Fire department runs

FEBRUARY 17

• 11:27 p.m. - Investigation of possible fire, was a rig flare in the area east of State Hwy 163 on U.S. Hwy 190. Three units, six fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 4 minutes.

SHERIFF: from page 1

The sheriff's office after much research and personal experience, has purchased two police packaged Chevrolet Tahoe's for patrol vehicles. After five years of service the police package Tahoe has become a favorite of many law enforcement agencies to include the department of public safety. The police package Tahoe has proven to be safer than the sedan, more versatile than the sedan, offers three times the cargo space and is less expensive. By purchasing these vehicles through the state buy board the sheriff's office purchase remained nearly \$5,000 under budget.

The sheriff's office as always will strive to provide security for the dances at the convention center as well as the civic center. In the event a full time security officer cannot be provided from the off duty deputies then the dance will be covered or placed on close patrol by the on duty deputies.

Sheriff Sutton as always, extends to the citizens of Crockett County his open door policy. Anytime there is a problem that cannot be handled by his deputies he welcomes the citizens of Crockett County to contact his office for further assistance or schedule an appointment.

Local EMS runs

FEBRUARY 16

• Transfer - Patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

FEBRUARY 18

• Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center.

FEBRUARY 19

• Local Run- Patient Transported Family Health Clinic.

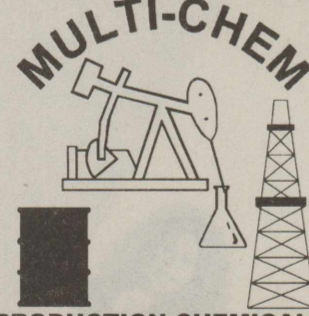
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DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0258927
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 19, 2009 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 2, 2009
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-7324 Email: SRR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US
STATUS/Permit No. 669452
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CHEESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 147715] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code sections 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the AMENDED NEW DRILL PERMIT in sec. 11, BK. 000, JACKSON CO SURVEY, A-3800, MILLER (ELLENBURGER) and MILLER (STRAMM) Fields, CROCKETT COUNTY, being 24 miles S direction from OZONA, TEXAS.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-8848.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY APR. 2, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.
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Lease/Unit Well No. : 4
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0
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FIELD: MILLER (STRAMM)
Lease/Unit Name : MILLER RANCH GAS UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 4
Lease/Unit Acres : 640.0
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 4 additional fields: (1) HUPPLER (DEVONIAN), (2) MILLER (CANYON), (3) WILDCAT, (4) MILLER (MONTYA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
MILLER (ELLENBURGER) : GAS Special Rules 1320/3725, 640.0 acres.
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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 9th day of February, 2009.
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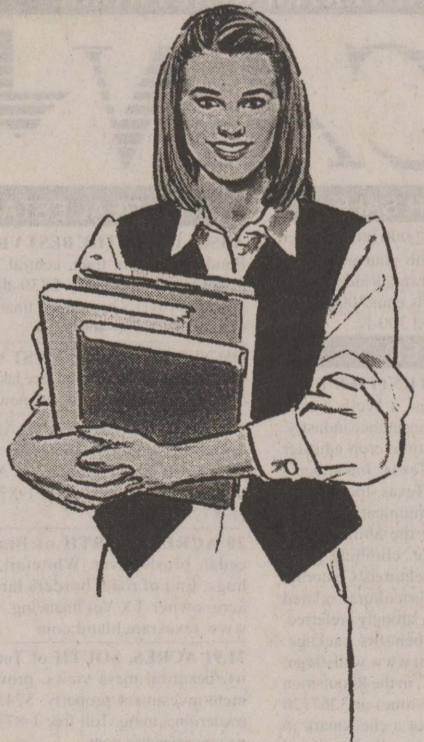
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