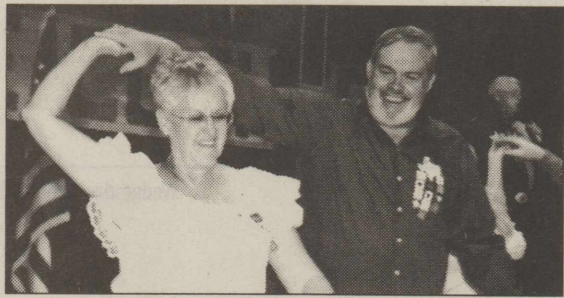
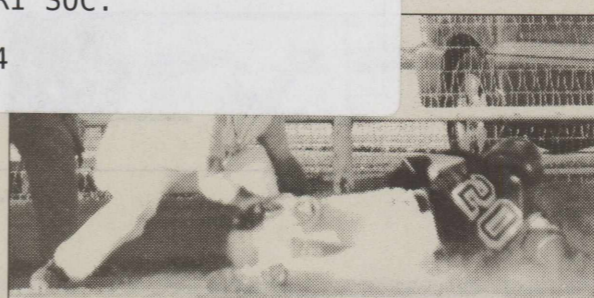


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OUT IN THE WEST, WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, THE CLIMATE AGREEABLE AND THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY—THE BEST PLACE ON EARTH TO CALL HOME

OZONA, TEXAS

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Gas or electric? That is the heated question

A missed line prompts school board discussion on change in utilities for new elementary

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

'There was a big gas meter right at the front (of the building). As far as I know, the cost of gas is cheaper.'

DWIGHT CHILDRESS, TRUSTEE FOR THE CCCSD SCHOOL BOARD

The discovery of gas lines at the site of the new elementary school prompted a discussion during the April 15 regular meeting of changing from electric to gas heating.

During the meeting, architect Aida Latorre said SKG Engineering did not specify in their survey of the site that there was a gas line available.

Officials from Waldrop Construction estimated that to change the entire school from electrical heating to gas heating would be around \$230,000.

Willie Vargas, the school district's maintenance and transportation director, said he found the line after he noticed in the plans that the school's cafeteria kitchen would be using propane instead of natural gas.

"My concern is the kitchen and the big areas," Vargas said.

Dr. Marcus Sims, board president, said that SKG Engineering shouldn't be paid for their work and that the architects should have to "eat the cost" because the board was never asked what type of heat and air conditioning system was going to go into the new school.

"That is an oversight on your part," Sims said to the ar-

chitects during the meeting. "It seems like gas heat is the right way to go, but \$230,000 scares me off a little bit."

"There was a big gas meter right at the front (of the building). As far as I know, the cost of gas is cheaper," added Dwight Childress, board member.

Architect Douglas Koehne said that during the last four to five years he has seen a shift in most school construction for buildings to be all electric.

"Energy costs are so close. We are designing the best economical system for you guys and the electrical system is the best system," Koehne said.

Schools built in more urban or cities areas tend to go more electric, while schools out further west still have gas, said Paul Waldrop Jr., president of Waldrop Construction Inc.

"I think we could look at options of what areas are more feasibly converted to gas. We can do a little study on energy costs and see if there is a payback on that. None of us know the long-term costs. We can look at the costs of the lifecycle of the building. It may be

very inexpensive. We will find that out," Waldrop said.

The board agreed to keep the two-story main building electric but for the architect and construction company to look into the costs for using gas heat in the larger areas like the gymnasium and the cafeteria. The board asked that hard numbers be brought to the next regular meeting on May 20.

The board also approved \$5,537 for override lighting switches.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT EXTENDED

Due to plan revisions, construction on the new school has been delayed six weeks.

Waldrop Construction still plans on having the building open by the time school starts in the fall of 2010, but asked the board for an additional 42 days on their contract.

"It's not untypical in our industry for contractors to ask for additional time," Waldrop said. "What we don't want to do is get down to July of next year and be charged \$2,000 a day to get you into the building because I need more time."

Latorre recommended the board give 30 days extension.

The board voted on a motion to give Waldrop Construction 42 days, but it failed due to a 3-3 tie.

The board then voted on a motion for 30 days, which passed 4-2. Childress and Harvey Sanchez voted against the motion. Board member Tom Anderson was absent from the meeting.

The original date of completion was July 1. With the extension it is now set for Aug. 1.

TEL-PRO REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS ON TECHNOLOGY BIDS

Mickey Scott, a representative with Tel-Pro out of San Angelo, spoke to the board about the technology bids for the new elementary school.

During the February regular meeting, the board approved a \$370,803.79 bid from Carroll 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.

Tel-Pro was one of the companies that bid. Scott said he was upset that during the meeting Latorre said that the bid was too low.

Scott said that his company installed the new phone system for CCCSD and that while his bid did not cover the security systems for the school, it was a better bid than the one the board approved.

"I felt like I needed to come back and defend my company," he said. "She (Latorre) stood up and said we didn't know what we were doing. We could be more expensive. I certainly respect your decision. It's your school, your money and you can spend it like you want to."

Latorre said part of the issue was that Tel-Pro's proposal was one page and did not have a thorough explanation like the other bids.

"That with the low bid made us suspicious," she said.

Elementary Principal Dan

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Webb resigns for position in Andrews

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

After nine years with Crockett County CCSD, Ozona Elementary Principal Dan Webb is leaving.

Webb announced his resignation Monday after stating that he is taking a position in Andrews.

During their April 14 meeting, the Andrews ISD Board of Trustees approved Webb as the assistant superintendent of operations, according to an article in the Andrews County News. Webb said he signed the contract on Saturday.

According to the Andrews ISD website, the position oversees the care and maintenance of the district's buildings, vehicles, equipment and grounds.

"This district has been very good to us. I will miss the teachers," Webb said.

Webb would not discuss details of his resignation until speaking with Superintendent Abe Gott. Gott was out of town Monday and Tuesday.

According to the school district's policy, Gott can approve Webb's resignation without having to get approval from the school board.

Webb has been employed with Crockett County CCSD since 1999, where he started out teaching chemistry

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Auditor Q&A: office oversees financial records

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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

Today's article features Crockett County Auditor John Stokes.

The auditor is an appointed position, not elected. The office oversees financial record-keeping of the county.

Auditor Stokes answered the following questions:

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

I was approached by the former county auditor to apply for the position when he retired in 1988.

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

I am a Certified Public Accountant with a degree in accounting and experience in public accounting and govern-

County Auditor

The county auditor maintains the integrity of financial administration of county government.

The county auditor's primary duty is to oversee financial record-keeping for the county and to assure that all expenditures comply with the county budget. The county auditor, by law, has continuous access to all books and financial records and conducts detailed reviews of all county financial operations.

The office of county auditor is neither created by nor under the hierarchical control of the administrative body - the commissioner's court. While commissioner's court is the budgeting body in county government, both the county auditor and commissioner's court are required, by law, to approve or reject claims for disbursement of county funds. The integrity of county financial administration is entrusted to a dual control system of "checks and balances."

The county auditor has general oversight of all the books and records of all county officials and is charged with strictly enforcing laws governing county finances.

- Source: Texas Association of Counties

mental auditing.

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

Working with the citizens of Crockett County.

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

When a county employee is experiencing difficulties in their personal life or their job, and that we only have limited resources to assist them.

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

Our office is responsible

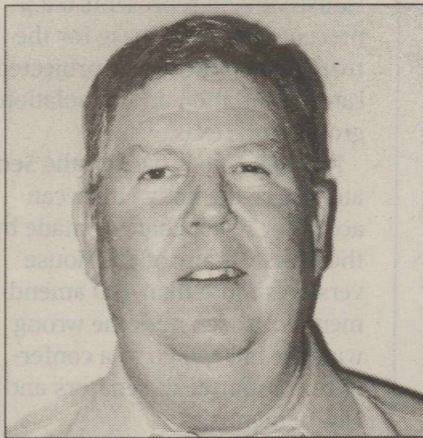
for administering the county's indigent health program. That program allows the county to help qualifying citizens with financial assistance with medical expenses.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

We are often asked questions that require a legal opinion that are referred to the county attorney's office.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POSITION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Crockett County Auditor



JOHN STOKES -
20 years

Every two years, when the State Legislature meets they pass laws that place more financial obligations at the county level without giving the county the revenue sources to meet these obligations.

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

Our office strives to take care of the resources of the taxpayers of Crockett County. Our goal is to see the county's assets are accounted for and the use of these assets improves the lives of the citizens of Crockett County.

Eleven qualify for regional track



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHSTRACK TEAMS had 11 athletes qualify for the regional meet to be held May 1-2 in Odessa. Back row: (left to right) Steven Silva, Ruben Rivas and Felix Venegas. Middle row: (left to right) Ethan English, Fabian Onate, Russel Komechak and Jesse Badillo. Front row: (left to right) Melanie Miller, Rebecca Ramos, Vanessa Rodriguez and Jessica Elston. For more, see page 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sheriff's office doing their job patrolling our community

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the citizen who is deeply concerned about the sheriff's office.

As a former police officer in a much larger town, I have had the opportunity to see first hand what types of false complaints go in against our peace officers. I have the privilege of knowing most of the officers in Crockett County, both state and county. At the present time, I feel we are being protected by some of the finest officers in the State of Texas.

I would like to address some of the comments made in the letter penned by Mr. Perez. If you have law enforcement officers following you to and from work, you should think about why they are following you and try to abide by the law. I hope that while I am asleep at night that Sheriff Sutton does have the man power and wisdom to place officers on patrol, so that he can watch over my property and my well being while I sleep. If you find that your license plate is being run while it is parked at a house, you may need

to change whatever habit that has brought you to law enforcement attention.

I have a real concern with any parent that would have their children out playing at night in an unlighted area and probably without reflective clothing, especially if that person is worried about the officers running over their children. This might be why the officers are in the area. They are attempting to locate a non-caring parent who is endangering his children.

It is my opinion that Sheriff

Sutton and his deputies are doing a wonderful job considering the budget that he was to work with. Personally, I would be gravely concerned if Sheriff Sutton did not have his officers doing regular patrol. I would like to see twice as many deputies on patrol looking out for the children playing in the street, and running license plates of potential suspects so that we can live in a safer community.

Paul Stroope
Ozona, Texas

Jail conditions need work

Dear Editor,

About three weeks ago, I went to Ozona to visit with my family. I was having a great time just until my nephew called from the jail. He was very upset about the water situation and that he was not feeling very well due to the poor plumbing at the jail.

Who knows how long this has been going on? The poor plumbing most importantly affected their drinking water.

When he would bring the water issue up their response from

the jailor was rude, disrespectful and hateful. I do say jailer because he only talked about one.

The more I spoke with him, I found out that he had been feeling sick for a while and felt he needed medical attention. This was also denied.

I tried reaching the sheriff several times and was unsuccessful. So, I had to deal with a jailer who told me not to tell her how to run her jail.

I did inform her who the jail

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It's okay to be a little green

It's not easy being green. Just ask Kermit the Frog.

However, in today's world Kermit fits right in as "Going Green" has become a hot trend.

As we celebrate Earth Day today (April 22), the idea of going green is easier than you may think.

I'm not saying you have to go out and find solar panels for your house and buy a hybrid car, but there are some simple, inexpensive things that all of us can do to start living green.

Using old towels and T-shirts instead of disposable wipes and paper towels will cut down on waste and save you money. Plus, cloth is softer, so it's better for cleaning delicate items.

Turn out the lights when you leave a room, activate the power-down setting on your computer, and reduce standby power consumption by unplugging electronics you aren't using. Or try plugging electronics into a power strip and turning it off when you go to sleep or leave for long periods of time.

Turn off the tap while you're brushing your teeth. You'll save up to 8 gallons of water a day or 2,880 gallons a year. If everyone in the U.S. did this, we'd save 875 billion gallons of water a year.

Use caulk, spray foam, and weather-stripping to stop heated or cooled air from leaking out of your home. Installing door sweeps is another easy and inexpensive way to keep your house from leaking cash.

Water grass in the cool of the morning to avoid evaporation, make sure sprinklers are watering your plants and not the pavement, and check hoses for leaks.

Stop idling. Maximize fuel efficiency in your car by driving the speed limit, rolling up windows when you're on the highway, and taking

good care of your car.

- Drive less often.
- Try carpooling to work.
- Run errands on your bike or by foot. If you need to drive, then bundle all your errands together so you take

fewer trips in your car.

- Each of us spends about 70 hours each year dealing with junk mail. Junk mail destroys 100 million trees every year, and some of the junk paper can't be recycled because of toxic inks. When you stop junk mail at the source, you're saving time and trees. Go to https://www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference/ or www.41pounds.org.

- Fix leaky faucets to save on your water bill.

- Find books and CDs at the local library for free entertainment.

- Lower your water heater temperature to 120°F, lower your thermostat in winter, wash your clothes in cold water and air dry your clothes in summer.

- Plant a vegetable garden.

- Print on both sides of the page.

- Try to keep a paperless office by sending emails instead of memos.

- Decorate with plants to improve air quality (my mom already does this one).

- Run the dishwasher when it is full and skip the heat dry.

- Match pot size to burner size so heat doesn't escape.

- Buy in bulk: less packaging means lower cost.

For more, visit www.earthday.gov.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She turns off the water when she brushes her teeth.

Rubbed The Wrong Way

My wife looked at me, as if for the first time, and said, "I think there is something really wrong with you."

"You've lived with me for 35 years and you're just now figuring that out?" I sarcastically replied. "What do you think is wrong with me this time?"

"I think you are an anthropophobic!" "That sounds serious. You've been watching Oprah again haven't you? What does it mean and how long do I have to live?"

"You aren't going to die, silly. It won't kill you, it just means you are afraid of people. You haven't been to town for two weeks, haven't shaved in five days and you're getting a little seedy. You're turning into a hermit right before my eyes."

"Its not that I don't like people, it's just that I don't like them in big bunches," I explained. "The last time I went to town there were three other people in the hardware store, including one in the same aisle as I was! It gave me the heebie jeebies!"

"You are sick. I think you need to see a shrink or a support group."

"Too many people in a support group," I replied. "It's just that I prefer the company of cows to people. Now what would Oprah call that condition Miss Big Words?"

"Sick! Really sick! That's what! People need people, haven't you ever heard that Streisand melody," my wife said as she



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

had any of those people on her show?"

"Not that I know of," said my wife. "Well, those are the kinds of people you find in town, or at least you would if our town had an elevator. Which it doesn't."

"How long have you felt this way about crowds?" asked my wife.

"Ever since the first time I went to a really big city. I was 18 years old when I went to Washington D.C. for an FFA leadership conference. The whole town seemed to be filled with pickpockets and perverts. And that was just the politicians. The other residents freaked me out too. I saw things there that I'd never seen before, like subways and transvestites. Men dressed

in dresses I tell you!!! I'd never seen such a thing! It was the 1960's and I was wearing my FFA jacket and had real short hair. Those people gave me the strangest looks, as if I was the weird one."

"They'd probably never seen an FFA'er before," suggested my wife.

"Maybe not, but ever since then I've avoided any town that showed symptoms of civilization, like sewers instead of septic tanks, parking meters and elevators. You won't catch me at a football game with 100,000 people in the stands crowded arm pit to arm pit. I'll barely go to a local game and that's only because the visiting strangers sit on the opposite side of the field where I can keep my eye on them."

"This is unhealthy for you to feel this way," said my wife. "Oprah says people like you need to be desensitized. We'll start off slow by taking you to the auction market where you can be amongst people of your own kind. Then we'll slowly build up your courage by taking you to bigger and bigger towns until we eventually find one with an elevator. As a final test you can enter the elevator with other strange people."

"I don't know why you want to punish me like this, but I'll tell you right now... if I get on that elevator and some-body rubs up against me she'd better be good looking and wearing a dress." I paused, "and be a real woman!"

House passes \$178 billion budget for fiscal years 2010-2011

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives spent Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, amending and finally passing SB 1, the upper chamber's proposal for the 2010-2011 state budget.

The House version of SB 1 totals \$178 billion while the Senate version totals \$182.2 billion. The House version represents a 2.5 percent annual increase for the two years, a rate below projected rates of inflation and population growth for Texas.

Now, SB 1 goes back to the Senate, where the body either can accept or reject changes made by the House. If any of the House version's more than 400 amendments rubs senators the wrong way, the bill will go to a conference committee of senators and House members.

Differences must be reconciled before the bill can be forwarded to the governor.

The tax-writing House Committee on Ways and Means is working on legislation to fund the appropriations.

COMMITTEE EYES SMOKING BAN

Two dozen other states have outlawed smoking in public

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venues. Texas would join them if SB 544, considered April 14 by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, passes.

The bill, by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would extend the ban to all cities in the state.

Already, 28 cities in Texas have ordinances against smoking in public places.

In laying out his bill for consideration, Ellis said there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, and second-hand smoke presents a public health risk.

"Our state and our state's employers need to embrace policies and programs that will truly clear the air, improve health for every Texan, and make a positive contribution to managing rising health care costs in Texas," he said.

TOBACCO PURCHASE AGE MAY RISE

The Texas Senate on April 15 approved a bill by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, raising the minimum legal age to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products from 18 to 19 years of age.

Senate bill analysts say Uresti's SB 1049 may cost the state about \$12 million in tax revenue from tobacco sales. But Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, pointed out, "You are going to save the state multiple times this amount of money in tobacco related illnesses that we would see on down the line."

STATE GRANTS TO STEM TOBACCO USE

Grants available from the Texas comptroller's office are intended to help keep tobacco away from underage users.

Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$150,000 can be used for tobacco education, keeping schools and school events tobacco free and sting operations to catch retailers selling tobacco products to minors.

Texas teen-agers illegally buy or smoke more than 67 million packs of cigarettes each year, and combating the threat to children's health is critical, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The deadline to apply for 2009-10 grants is May 4 for schools

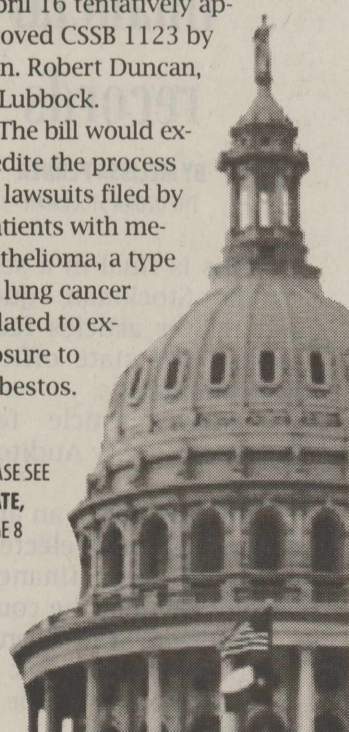
with on-campus law enforcement and May 11 for police departments, sheriffs, constables and district attorneys.

SENATE PASSES MESOTHELIOMA BILL

Following a four-hour floor debate, the Senate on April 16 tentatively approved CSSB 1123 by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

The bill would expedite the process of lawsuits filed by patients with mesothelioma, a type of lung cancer related to exposure to asbestos.

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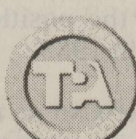
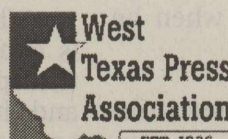
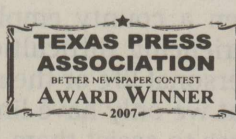
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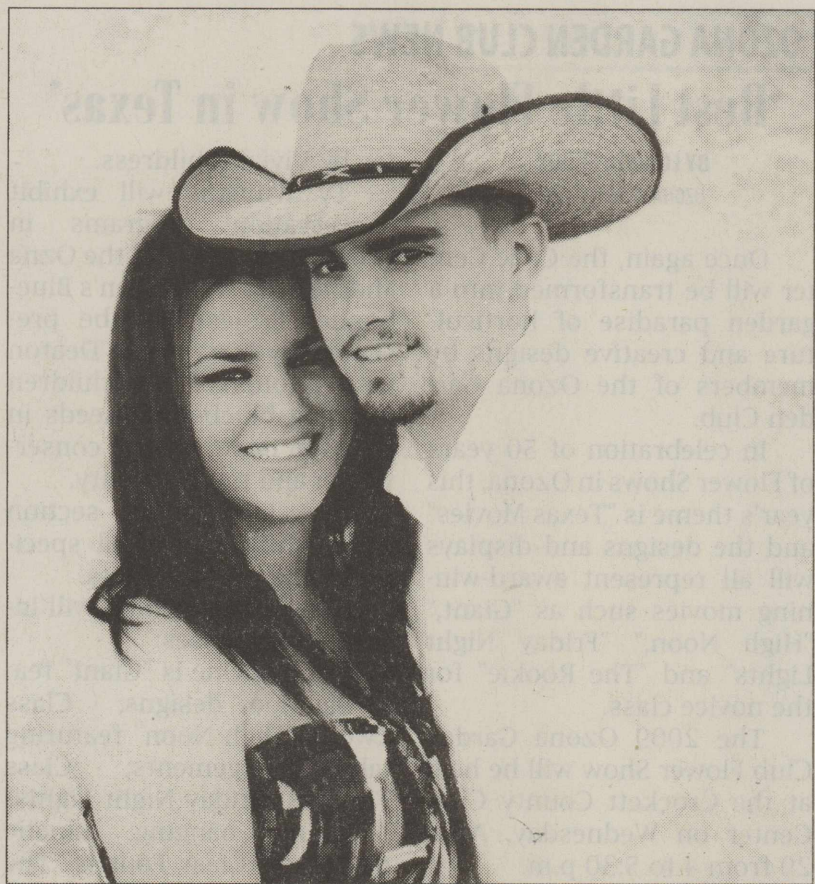


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Riley-Gray to wed in June

Jimmy and Vicky Riley, of Midland, is pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Nicole Riley, to Thomas Hunter Gray, son of Tommy and Tamie Gray, of Ozona.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Myrna Allbritton of Monahans. The groom-elect is the grandson of Louise Gray and the late Billy Gray of Rankin and Johnny and Betty Rogers of Caraway, Ark.

The couple plan to wed at 7 p.m. June 13, 2009 at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.



THE SIGN AND FENCE AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY recently received a new look. The Crockett County Historical Commission designed the sign and the work was done by the Crockett County Road Department.

Cinco de Mayo celebration planned

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a "Cinco De Mayo Tardeada" on May 3 at the Rodeo Arena Slab Area.

The celebration will begin with a parade starting from the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Besente and Martinez at 2 p.m.

There will be prizes for best float in three categories: four-wheelers and bicycles, cars and truck with trailers and animals.

There will also be some live music and some DJ Music,

with lots of food booths and game booths.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth may do so. The booth space is available for \$30.

One item per food booth will be allowed, and it will be on a first come first serve basis.

The Tardeada will be from 2-7 p.m. So come on and join in the fun this is a celebration for everyone.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827.

Hilderbran bill proposes lock in tuition rates at public universities

AUSTIN - The Texas House Committee on Higher Education Wednesday considered a bill by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, that would freeze undergraduate tuition for public universities at its 2008-09 rate and would ensure that the voters, through their elected officials, have a say in future tuition increase proposals.

"In 2003, the Texas Legislature made the mistake of deregulating tuition. We gave the power to each university's board of regents, and we didn't set a cap on how much schools could charge," Hilderbran said. "Between the fall of 2003 and fall of 2007, the statewide average tuition for a student taking a 15-hour course load increased 53 percent. HB 3837 proposes to repeal what we did then."

For example, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board reported that, from 2003 to 2007, the total academic charges for a student taking a 15-hour course load at The University of Texas at Austin have increased from \$2,721 to \$4,065. The UT System Board of Regents has also proposed a 4.5 percent increase in tuition for next year.

Hilderbran added that the Legislature would have to ensure that schools received enough funding from the state to remain world-class institutions.

The bill was left pending in committee.

Wedding Gift Selections
have been made by
Amy Elliott
bride-elect of
Tommy Conner
Lacey Bollman
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Shane Albers
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LINDA CONNER | SUBMITTED PHOTO

BOY SCOUT TROOP 153 attended the Council Camporee April 17-19 at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Michael Hill, Josh Smith and Taylor Newton. Back row: (left to right) Duncan Knox, Nathan Knox, Lane White and Wilson White. Adults Melvin and Linda Conner also attended. The boys participated in flight simulators, static plane displays, radio control planes, visited with U.S. Border Patrol officers, Air Force firefighters and watched a demonstration of a working attack dog. They also received second place for a model campground.

Conner receives scoutmaster award

Melvin Conner recently received the Scoutmaster Award of Merit.

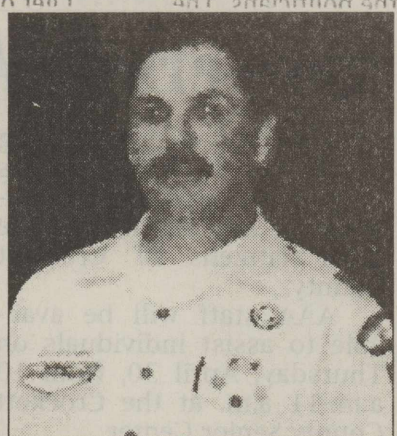
He was nominated by members of Ozona Troop 153 and a committee.

Conner became Scoutmaster with Troop 18 in Eldorado in 1999. He moved to Ozona the latter part of that year and became Scoutmaster with Troop 153 as well.

Melvin and his bookkeeper (Linda) drove back and forth for a year, taking care of both troops. They took 31 boys to summer camp in 2000; taking both troop with three of them being Maverick campers.

Conner has helped 12 young men become Eagle Scouts and has more on the way.

He received District Scoutmaster of the Year in 2005, District Scout Family of the Year in 2005 and District



Award of Merit in 2007.

Conner helped host the Permian Basin District Banquet five years in a row. He served as an assistant Girl Scout Leader for five years.

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Wednesday, April 22

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Tennis Team at the Regional Tennis Tournament in Odessa.

Thursday, April 23

- OHS Tennis Team at the Regional Tennis Tournament in Odessa.
- Monthly diabetes support group, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Lions Baseball vs. Crane, 7 p.m. at Crane.

Friday, April 24

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Western Frontier Days, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Lancaster.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, April 25

- OMS Tennis at the Ozona Tournament, 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.
- Western Frontier Days, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Lancaster.

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

- First Baptist Church Senior Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Hoover Building.
- Care Center Family Council, 6 p.m. at the Care Center.

Wednesday, April 29

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Garden Club Flower Show, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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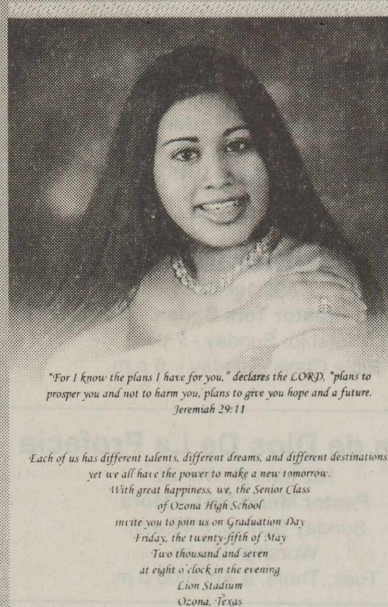
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- April 25 - Abbey Maldonado Hobby
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We are all blessed to have received about two inches of rain last week. The landscape should be turning green soon.

Patti Jones came by last week and donated to the center a beautiful arrangement of silk wild flowers. Thank you so much Patti as the flower donation was greatly appreciated.

I was surprised to see that Jonnie Johnson was in town over the weekend to attend two showers and visit with her friends. She drove by today going back to San Angelo. Jonnie use to spend quiet a lot time at the Senior Center when she lived in Ozona. It was good to have gotten to see her.

We learned today that Leroy Adcock may be well enough to leave the hospital in Midland and return to Ozona

some time this week.

On Tuesday, April 28, Concho Valley Home Health will be here at the center to take blood pressures and sugar levels. This service will be no charge.

Area Agency on Aging will be here April 30 to answer information concerning Advocacy, Benefit Counseling, Care Coordination, Caregiver Support, Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Companion Program and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley. They will be here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still faithful about doing this exercise every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 am. You are welcome to join this group and get the exercise that 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.

Class hula hoops their way to leadership

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Crockett County Building Connections Leadership class found themselves working with hula hoops to learn how important it is for groups to work together as a team.

Matt Tarpley, District VI, 4-H Regional Program Director from Fort Stockton placed a hula hoop on a table and asked the class to raise the hula hoop up off the table as a group with just one finger, without talking. Sounds simple right?

The group quickly learned that some wanted to lift the hula hoop higher than others, and there were several different methods on how to lift the hula hoop. The point being, when you are working with a group of people, there are going to be different ideas and opinions.

In order to accomplish your goal, you must listen to one another, communicate and organize as a team.

Team building, leading teams, working in groups, embracing the differences in generations within your group, and motivating were the key topics at the third session of a seven part series of this year's Chamber of Commerce and Agri-Life Extension Office Leadership Class. The class meets once a month for seven months and is designed to seek out and help develop future leadership for Ozona. Individuals will leave the program realizing their personal leadership traits and styles, strategies to effectively lead organizations, and understand the political process. Participants will be acquainted with community needs, challenges and oppor-

tunities. This program will encourage participants to get involved in their community. Participants graduate in October and receive a certificate of completion.

The April class began with a presentation from Bea Ramsey, Assistant Emergency Response Coordinator and Frank Tambunga, Ozona Command Coordinator on the C.E.R.T. program (Citizens Emergency Response Team).

This program trains local residents to assist first responders during disasters or emergencies, or individuals may simply take the course to educate themselves on how to help their families.

For more information about the Leadership or C.E.R.T. programs, call the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737 or the Agri-Life Extension Office at 392-3722.

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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

'Best Little Flower Show in Texas'

BY LOUISE LEDOUX
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Once again, the Civic Center will be transformed into a garden paradise of horticulture and creative designs by members of the Ozona Garden Club.

In celebration of 50 years of Flower Shows in Ozona, this year's theme is "Texas Movies" and the designs and displays will all represent award-winning movies such as "Giant," "High Noon," "Friday Night Lights" and "The Rookie" for the novice class.

The 2009 Ozona Garden Club Flower Show will be held at the Crockett County Civic Center on Wednesday, April 29 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The show is open to the public with free admission.

Special exhibits this year will include a display of floral paintings by Mary Jo Mason, and "Flowers of Russia" pho-

tos by Vivian Childress.

Ty Williams will exhibit conservation programs in Crockett County and the Ozona Middle School Children's Bluebonnet Project will be presented by Mary Anne Deaton with photos of the children planting bluebonnet seeds in Johnson Draw for soil conservation and public beauty.

The horticulture section will include cut floral specimens and potted plants.

The design section will include four classes:

- Class One is "Giant" featuring floor designs;
- Class Two is "High Noon" featuring table arrangements;
- Class Three is "Friday Night Lights" featuring hanging, kinetic designs;
- Class Four is "The Rookie" featuring creative line mass designs by our novice members.

Mark your calendars now and don't miss the 2009 Ozona Garden Club Flower Show.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

Monthly diabetes support group to meet Thursday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This support group is a good continuation of the "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes"

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.

Various topics and activities are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

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

Answers on Aging April 30

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County.

AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, April 30, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services? Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have. Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Home Modifications), Care-

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

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

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

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated for the April 19 Bingo at OLPH Catholic Church: Irma Flores, Rusty and Flor, Irma's Cafe, Linda K. Vasquez, Abel and Mari Campos, Jesse and Lupe McGuire, El Chato's Restaurant, Debra Tambunga, Nora and Robert Madrid, BB and Lenell Garica, Pep and Amy, Albino Yruegas, Humberto and Mati Cervantez, Kiko, Gloris, Frankie and Amber Moran. Thanks to all the Bingo Helpers!
Veronica T. Fierro

The Ozona Military Support Group is looking for sponsors

to help with mailing expenses. The community generously donated Girl Scout cookies to be mailed to our local troops overseas and in the states. Any individual or business that would like to sponsor a box, call Allison McGuire at 226-1613. The price to mail a box is around \$10.

NEWLY WEDS

My wife told me she found a special vacation trip in the newspaper for four days which included airfare, meals and hotel so I told her to book it. My mother and dad had promised to keep the children. As we were boarding the airplane we realized the vacation was a honeymoon special. They only needed half of the seats on the flight there because everyone was sitting so close. The next few days the story began to change because some of the couples started having little disagreements that sometimes led to out and out arguments and even shouting and door slamming. On the flight back many were not sitting very close or talking to each other and one young woman refused to even get on the same plane with her new husband. That trip reminded me of something all Christians face in life. It is one thing to accept Jesus Christ but it another thing to live for Him. We must learn to do what he wants or expects of us, not just having our own way. Selfishness probably destroys more marriages than anything else. We must be willing to submit or yield ourselves to each other, or love the other person more than ourselves, (Ephesians 5:22-33). We can grow in our marriages for the better or worse and so it is in Christianity, (1 Peter 2:2, 2 Peter 3:18, Hebrews 6:1). 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>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</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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BOARD:

Salary increase approved

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Webb said he hasn't been satisfied with phone system that Tel-Pro installed for the district, and that a year later he still doesn't have all the pieces for his phone.

Scott attended the February meeting. He never addressed the board when the bids were being discussed and after the bids were approved, he stormed out of the board room not saying a word.

"If he was upset he should have explained it that night. He didn't say one word. When we awarded the bid, he got up and left," said Laurie Hale, board vice president.

Superintendent Abe Gott said a meeting was held with all companies who bid on the technology and that since Tel-Pro did not bid for the entire amount of work a true comparison cannot be made. Carroll Fire & Safety and NSYNC put their bids in together as a package.

Gott also said that he contacted the district's attorney, Sarah Leon, and that she stated since the district went through the legal, public-bidding process, if the board retracts the bid they approved they could open up the district to a lawsuit.

"I think we need to go over her head (Leon) and get the full information. I want to know in business law if that will hold up," Childress said.

"You can't reject once you award. You can, but you will put the district in a legal liability mode," Gott added.

SALARY INCREASE APPROVED

The board approved a three percent raise in salaries for teachers and staff, along with covering the \$160 per month cost to the employees on their insurance.

The board also approved \$161,028 in stipends, which included a request for an \$800 stipend for the flag sponsor. Money for the stipend is already in the OHS Band Budget, Gott said.

CONTRACT WITH JOHN KING APPROVED

The board approved a contract with John King to perform a superintendent search for the district and to be interim superintendent.

Cost for King to conduct the superintendent search would be around \$3,000 plus expenses, along with a \$475 per day plus expenses for a consultation fee.

King was interim superintendent before Gott was hired in February 2006. Gott will be leaving Ozona in June to become superintendent of Blackwell ISD.

According to the district's application brochure, applications are due May 8; interviews will be held May 11-June 9; a finalist is expected to be announced around June 9 with hiring around June 30 and date to assume office July 6.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 20 at the Administration Building.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS



MELISSA PERNER (THE OZONA STOCKMAN)
DANNY MONZINGO (right) gives his wife Tami a twirl during the 23rd annual Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival Saturday night at the Civic Center.

Annual festival held

BY TINA JARVIS
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Levis and Lace Square Dancers held their 23rd annual festival this past weekend.

On Friday night, callers Bill Prichard of Eagle Pass and John Geen of San Angelo led the dancers on the floor.

Raul De La Rosa and Debbie Gaskill celebrated their birthdays.

The Honey Pot was won by L.D. Adams.

On Saturday, Benny Logan posted the colors during the grand entrance ceremony. Invocation was by Bobby McDonald and welcome by Jim Couch.

Tami Monzingo sang "The National Anthem" with a little help from the crowd.

There was a barbecue supper held and a workshop that afternoon.

A special thank you goes to Danny Monzingo, Bobby McDonald and Jim Couch for cooking the briskets and sausage, to Allen Williams and his helpers at the Civic Center and to Melissa Perner for covering the event.

Food Handlers Course April 30

The Texas Agriife Extension Service will be offering a Food Handlers Course on April 30.

If interested there will be two classes offered. The first class will be from 9:30 a.m.-noon and the second class will be offered at 12:30-3pm. The cost of the class is \$15 per person.

Upon completion of the Food Handlers course, you will receive a Food Handlers card that is valid for two years. The cost of the course does not cover any fees asso-

ciated with your local health department.

This course is recommended for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. It is a basic overview of food safety principals and practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe food at your establishment.

Anyone interested in taking one of the two classes being offered, call Susie Bishop at the Crockett County Extension office at (325) 392-2721 to register.

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and physics at Ozona High School.

Webb then was hired as principal for Ozona Primary School in 2004-2005. He moved to the high school for two years and then back to the primary school.

This year, he became the elementary school principal.

Webb's wife, Cindy Webb, currently teaches math at OHS and is an assistant counselor.

As to her new position in Andrews, Dan Webb said they are not sure but will probably be a combination of math and counseling.

Concho Valley Community Action

Agency to visit May 5

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mined physical or mental condition which is determined to last); households with children under 6 years; households with the lowest income that pay the highest portion of their income for home energy; and households that have been on the weatherization waiting list for 2 or more years.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency administers these programs in the Concho Valley.

The CVCAA will be in Ozona from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at the Senior Center.

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Lions scratch, claw and fight to a district win

Abey Lara showed why he was the Heart of the Lion award winner on last year's team Saturday in Big Lake as he pitched and pitched 7 gutty innings.

The Lions never gave up, which has been their forte all season, and got their first district win of the season Saturday against Reagan County.

The Lions took the early lead in the top of the first.

Abey walked to start the game. Kyle Dean followed with a double to center to score Abey. Anthony "Guto" Gutierrez walked and Anthony Villarreal reached base on an error.

Bases were loaded for Johnathan Martin who delivered a double to left center to score all three runners.

Johnathan had a good day at the plate as he had three hits on the day and 4 RBIs, said Coach Ronny Clayton.

Freshman Marty Moran also had three hits on the day and 1 RBI.

"We would not score again until the top of the sixth. By this time we had lost the lead

and were behind 6-4," Clayton said.

Johnathan led off the inning with a single and finally scored on Eric Talamantez fielder's choice to short stop.

"That pulled us with in one. However, Reagan County added a run in the bottom of the sixth for insurance," Clayton said. "We were not going down that easy. These kids had battled in every game and I kept telling them they are very close to busting through that win column. All their hard work and perseverance paid off as we scored three runs in the top of the seventh and held on to win our first district game of the season."

Guto lead off the top of the seventh on a hit by pitch. Anthony reached base again by an error.

Anthony hit the ball well all game, but hit it right at somebody, Clayton said.

"He hit a shot in the third that would have gone out in most places where we play but their centerfielder was able to chase it down. An-

thony has worked very hard and has just gotten better and better as the season progressed," Clayton said.

Johnathan followed with his third hit of the game scoring Guto. Marty singled again to knock in Anthony to tie the game.

After a strikeout, Eric lays down a beautiful bunt than the Owls failed to cover first base.

"We hit into an infield pop up for our second out. Abey comes to bat with two outs and bases loaded and walked, scoring Johnathan, the winning run," Clayton said. It was a great win for us. For some reason that first district win is always the toughest one to get. We played a tough team the night before in Kermit and lost 12-0 in seven innings, so I was a little concerned about our mental aspect of playing again. But our attitudes have been such that we look at every game as another opportunity to get a win since we have been so close in so many games this year. This was our fourth win of the season but being a dis-

trict win makes it that much more special."

Tuesday the Lions made the long trip to Presidio.

Presidio clinched the district title this weekend by defeating Sonora.

"Presidio had almost beat us by the 10-run rule in the fifth inning but we scored a run in the top of the fifth to extend the game at least one more inning," Clayton said. "We fought back and made some what of a game of it before falling 11-5. Alejandro Mendez was 3-4 in that game with 4 RBIs."

The Lions finish in Crane on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The game is suppose to be on the radio for those that can not make the game.

Crane has beaten the Lions twice so far this year.

Ozona lost 6-1 in their tournament and 4-1 in the first district meeting.

"I know our guys will show up and play hard and with this win. Saturday, having that taste of victory can do a lot for morale," Clayton said.



PHOTO BY MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ANTHONY GUTIERREZ HUSTLES to try and tag a Kermit Yellowjacket.

Ladies finish season with wins

The Lady Lions defeated, Presidio and Reagan County to finish the season at 10-12.

"That is one win better than last season. We may not have reached our ultimate goals this year of returning to the playoffs and winning a playoff game, but we were able to accomplish a few of our other goals," said Coach John Esparza. "We won more games this year than last, we out scored our opposites for the year and we won the Angelo tournament."

The Lady Lions would make the long trip to Presidio and win the game 10-2.

Ozona was able to get some runs early and play some great defense.

Alex Cruz would take to the circle and strike out 8 batters and allowing only two runs.

Offensively everyone got at least one hit with Lauren Najar getting a triple.

"We played a great game, especially after the long bus ride. I was proud of how well we played," Esparza said.

On Friday, the Lady Lions would face off against the Kermit Lady Jackets falling 1-11.

"We had a tough start to the game and had a few errors that cost us momentum at the plate. We struggled but were able to put the ball in play

late in the game. It was just to late the girls played hard and it was a special night for our seniors who played their last home game," Esparza said.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions traveled to Big Lake for the last game of the season and came away with a 9-5 victory.

Alex Cruz would get the win striking out 5 batters.

"Alex did a great job and forced a bunch of ground balls. We made some great plays behind her, especially from Adrienne Sanchez at short stop," Esparza said. "We played great defense all day allowing only one run through the sixth. They had a bit of a rally late in the game, but all the girls came together and did a great job of sealing the victory."

Seniors Amber Lewis was 1-3 with a double and an RBI, Cristina Rodriguez was 3-3 with two runs scored and Alysha Lara was 3-4 with a double and an RBI.

"This group of seniors have never lost on the field at Big Lake and they were going to do everything they could to keep it that way. Thank you seniors for all of you're hard work over the years. We will all miss you and good luck in all that you do," Esparza said.

Track teams finish third at district meet

The OHS Track Teams competed in the District 4-2A track meet last week in Crane.

The Lady Lions placed third as a team with a score of 89. Other team totals - 1. Crane, 210; 2. Sonora, 146; 4. Kermit, 76; 5. Reagan County, 57; 6. Alpine, 33; 7. Presidio, 7.

Long jump - 4. Vanessa Rodriguez, 15-8.5.

Shot put - 3. Jessica Elston, 31-0.

Triple jump - 3. Vanessa Rodriguez, 33-11.5.

3,200-meter run - 4. Alejandra Rodriguez, 14:00.27.

400-meter relay - 5. Brenda Venegas, Brandyn Tebbetts, Stacy Silva, Emalee Hamilton, 55.81.

800-meter run - 1. Rebecca

Ramos, 2:26.74; 3. Vanessa Rodriguez, 2:30.69.

100-meter hurdles - 3. Melanie Miller, 17.12.

800-meter relay - 4. Brenda Venegas, Jessica Elston, Brandyn Tebbetts, Stacy Silva, 2:03.05

400-meter run - 2. Vanessa Rodriguez, 1:04.46.

300-meter hurdles - 2. Melanie Miller, 51.82.

1,600-meter run - 1. Rebecca Ramos, 5:52.82; 6. Rodriguez, 6:18.04.

1,600-meter relay - 4. Melanie Miller, Rebecca Ramos, Brandyn Tebbetts, Vanessa Rodriguez, 4:21.95.

Regional qualifiers are Vanessa Rodriguez, Jessica Elston, Rebecca Ramos and Melanie Miller.

The Lions also placed third. Other team totals - 1. Crane, 168; 2. Sonora, 157; 4. Reagan County, 65; 5. Alpine, 61; 6. Kermit, 59; 7. Presidio, 31.

Discus - 1. Steven Silva, 147-11; 2. Ruben Rivas, 128-3.

High jump - 5. Felix Venegas, 5-6.

Shot put - 1. Steven Silva, 45-6.

Pole vault - 4. Russel Komechak, 12-0.

3,200-meter run - 6. Fabian Onate, 11:14.77.

800-meter run - 3. Jesse Badillo, 2:05.95.

110-meter hurdles - 2. Russel Komechak, 15.69; 4. Matthew Komechak, 16.34.

400-meter run - 2. Ethan

English, 52.66.

300-meter hurdles - 5. Russel Komechak, 44.57.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Ethan English, Fabian Onate, Jesse Badillo, Felix Venegas, 3:40.31.

Also competing were: Lane Hale, Lalo Longoria, Stefan Wilson and Anthony Villarreal

Regional qualifiers are Jesse Badillo, Russel Komechak, Ethan English, Fabian Onate, Felix Venegas, Steven Silva and Ruben Rivas.

In the JV Division, Kramer Hall placed second at the 800-meter run at 2:22.13 and third in the 1,600-meter run at 5:48.72.

OHS Golf Teams wrap up district play

The OHS Golf Team competed in the final round of the District 4-2A Tournament on April 13 at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

The Lions finished in seventh place with a team score of 771. Team totals - 1. Sonora I, 634; 2. Alpine, 711; 3. Sonora II, 718; 4. Kermit I, 721; 5. Crane I, 736; 6. Reagan Co., 770; 8. Kermit II, 869 and 9. Crane II, 925.

Individual results: Josh Smith - 85-96-181; Matthew Garza - 95-98-193; Stefan Wilson - 91-98-189; Trey Fierro - 123-114-237 and Ben Flores - 99-109-208.

The Lady Lions placed fourth with a 1,010 team total. Team totals - 1. Kermit, 751; 2. Alpine, 949 - won team playoff; 3. Crane, 949; 5. Rea-

gan Co., 1,075.

Individual results: Jady N Poindexter - 137-134-271; Melissa Miller - 116-114-230; Kelbie Renfro - 134-128-262 and Kelsie Childress - 134-113-247.

"I have had a blast this year coaching these kids. They have done everything I asked them to do. I appreciate all of their hard work," said Coach Benny Granger.

Photos needed for Band Banquet

Photos are needed for the annual slide show at the May 12 OHS Band Banquet at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Email photos to Diane Lott at ddlott2@yahoo.com.

Bids being taken for high school athletic banquet

Bids are being taken for the annual Athletic Booster Club Banquet to be held May 7 at the Civic Center.

The menu should include hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea.

Bids must be submitted by April 30 to Frank Tambunga at 226-2827 or Patty Villarreal at 226-1900.

Bids being taken for Ozona Middle School Banquet

Bids are being taken for the annual Ozona Middle School Banquet to be held May 5 at the Civic Center.

The menu should include Chicken strips, green beans, potatoes, gravy, bread and drink.

Bids must be submitted by April 30 to OMS Principal Benny Granger. For more information, call Granger at 392-5501 ext. 5722.

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End of School Events Calendar

April 28 - First Baptist Church Senior Banquet, 7 p.m. at the Hoover Building.
 May 1-2 - Regional Track Meet in Odessa.
 May 4 - Fish Camp at Ozona High School; Senior Banana Spilt Party, 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ.
 May 5 - Ozona Middle School Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
 May 7 - OHS Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
 May 8-9 - State UIL Academic Meet in Austin.
 May 11-12 - State Tennis Tournament in Austin.
 May 11 - OHS Guitar Class Concert, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center; Ozona Schools Spring Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
 May 12 - OHS Band Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
 May 15 - Del's Little Schoolhouse Graduation, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
 May 15-16 - State Track Meet in Austin.
 May 18 - OHS Academic Awards, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
 May 22 - OHS Senior Class Trip.
 May 23 - OHS Prom at the Civic Center.
 May 24 - OHS Baccalaureate, 8 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
 May 27 - PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Awards, 9-10:30 a.m. at the intermediate school gym; Ozona Head Start Graduation at the Civic Center.
 May 28 - Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Awards, 9-10:30 p.m. at the intermediate school gym.
 May 29 - OHS Graduation, 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

- If you would like add an event to the calendar, call 392-2551.



4-H JUDGING WINNERS: (back row, left to right) Kinsey Chandler, Lanna Stapper, Madison Childress, Jadie Marshall, Erik Carrizales and Preston McCutcheon. Front row: (left to right) Julie Marshall, Laura Stapper, Alex Hopper, Linda Stapper and Kevin Villarreal.

4-H judging teams compete at Boerne

Eleven 4-Hers traveled to Boerne for Range Judging and Wool and Mohair Judging on April 18.

Contestants were Erik Carrizales, Kinsey Chandler, Madison Childress, Alex Hopper, Jadie and Julie Marshall, Preston McCutcheon, Laura, Linda, and Lanna Stapper and Kevin Villarreal.

In Range Judging, our two junior teams placed first and second, and our senior team placed second.

In Wool and Mohair, our two junior teams again placed first and second, and our senior team placed second.

Individual awards went to Julie, Kinsey, Lanna, Laura, and Linda, with Laura and Linda placing first and second in an overall combined score from the three contests.

Congratulations to our 4-H kids, and thanks to our parents who drive the kids to the many contests!

Youth Center Calendar of Events

April 27 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.



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Save the date for the OHS Athletic Banquet

The annual OHS Athletic Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 7 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

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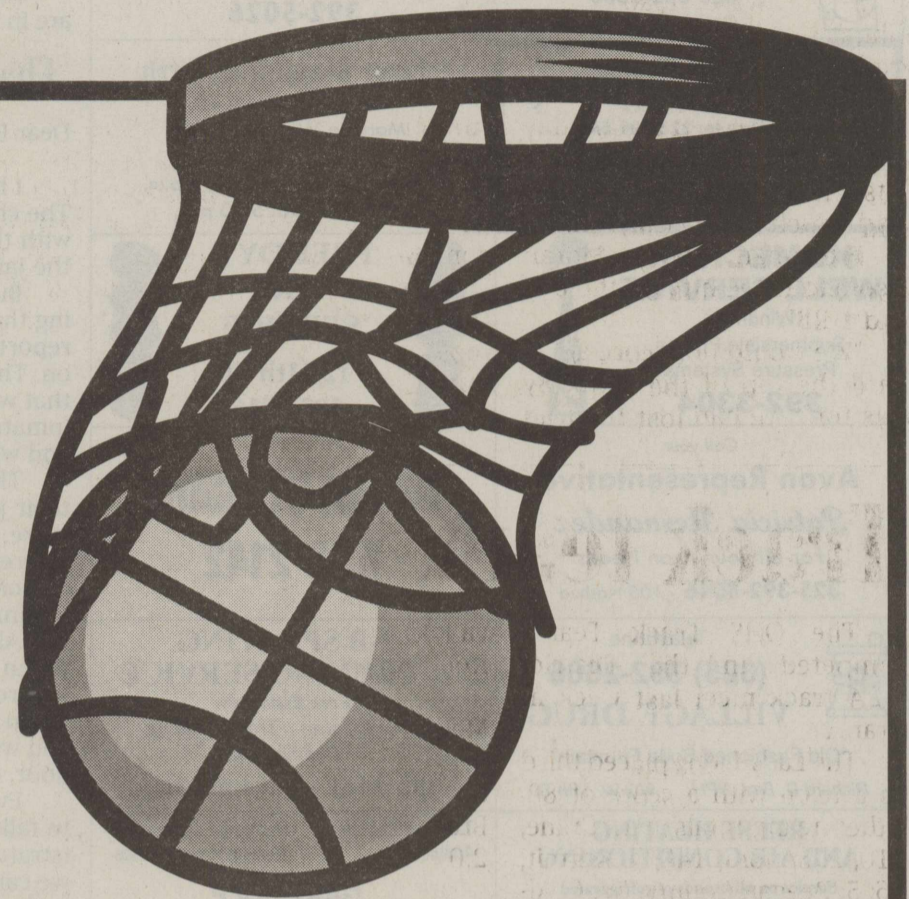
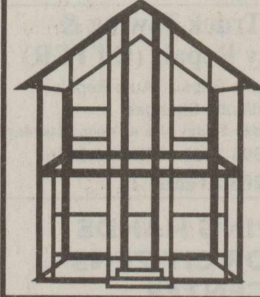
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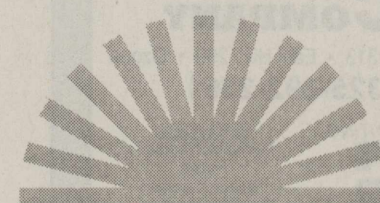
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS: 'Who is the next chain of command?'

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belonged to in case she had forgotten.

We exchanged words and finally hung up. So, I took it upon myself to call the jail commission and explain the situation. They were surprised to hear what was going on, yet before hanging up they assured me that they would take care of the situation.

I am sure they received a call because the next day there were plumbing contractors on the ground and, to my surprise, a doctor's appointment was set. There was also documentation being taken when an inmate needed water, every hour on the hour.

For whatever reason they are in there, they still should be

treated fair. We are their voice out here. Don't be afraid they are humans just like you and if they are not being heard, we must speak for them.

If the sheriff is not available for important decisions or complaints, who is the next chain of command?

You can go online at www.jailcommission.com and submit a complaint online or call (512) 463-5505. If you cannot go online or call, you can also write your complaint on paper and fax it to (512) 463-3185.

Makes you wonder, what else goes on in between the jail walls?

Pauline V. Gonzales
Rocksprings, Texas

Changes in law enforcement 'make me furious'

Dear Editor,

I have lived here all my life. The changes that I have seen with the law enforcement and the jail make me so furious.

But, of course, there is nothing that we can do unless we report what we hear is going on. There are people in there that want to be so strict on the inmates, knowing what they are and where they came from.

The only reason they call it their jail is because they work there. But remember that is where our taxes go. There is no reason, whatsoever, to mistreat the inmates.

Also, about the Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton, just remember we are the reason you are there. When it came to the election, you were knocking on everyone's door, or did you forget?

Every time we call we have to talk to the "jail house administrator." It is pretty sad that we can never go straight to the

sheriff.

Also, about cleaning this town of drugs, if you think it is bad, now I'm sorry to tell you that it really is going to be hard. Maybe they should start with their jailers family members.

But, of course, that makes the law enforcement feel good when they bust one person. But they always start on the wrong side of town.

My last comment. My family travels to San Angelo three days out for the week and talking about harassment, everybody knows what we do at 4 a.m. Law enforcement apparently doesn't. But that's okay because we know we are not doing anything wrong.

They should be out looking for criminals instead of wondering what we are doing out that late, which is not anyone's business what we are doing.

JoAnn V. Galindo
Ozona, Texas

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CURRENT INMATE LIST AS OF APRIL 20, 2009.

• Alfredo Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated - motion to revoke, housed in Reagan County, booked 4-2-09.

• Larry Ryan Keith, driving while intoxicated second, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous drug, sex offender violation and multiple San Antonio DPS warrants, housed in Reagan County, booked 1-18-09.

• Diana Lara, 10-day court sentence, housed in Reagan County, booked 4-14-09.

• Kindall Porras, assault family violence, housed in Reagan County, booked 4-11-09.

• Jonathan Lee Munoz, driving while intoxicated third or more and affidavit surety to surrender, housed in Crockett County, booked 3-12-09.

• Oscar Sanchez, theft by check, housed in Reagan County, booked 4-15-09.

• Eric A. Williams, motion to revoke-aggravated assault, housed in Reagan County, booked 3-20-09.

• Brandon Michael Roe, evading arrest, possession of a controlled substance, New Mexico warrant for burglary, housed in Reagan County, booked 3-24-09.

• Martha Jean Williams, homicide and injury to the elderly, housed in Reagan County, booked 6-25-08.

• Daniel R. Gonzales, waiting for transfer to CRTC, housed in Crockett County, booked 2-10-09.

• Jimmy Sanchez, aggravated assault family violence, housed in Reagan County, booked 4-17-09.

• Timothy Friesen, Ector County warrant, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-17-09.

• John Mendoza, Lubbock County records indicate wanted or stolen, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-19-09.

• Justin Lee Mendoza, possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams and possession of marijuana more than four ounces and less than five pounds, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-19-09.

• Christopher Espinoza, possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams and possession of marijuana more than four ounces and less than five pounds, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-19-09.

• David G. Burselson, unlawful carrying of a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-17-09.

• Joshua Mendoza, driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana more than four ounces and less than five pounds, housed in Crockett County, booked 4-19-09.

BAIL BONDS

4-19-09
• Heather Friesen, Fort Stockton, possession of marijuana more than 2 ounces and less than 4 ounces, \$5,000.

COUNTY COURT

Closed Cases April 2009

• Daniel Chavez, resisting arrest, search and transport, case dismissed.

• Russell Jay Hicks, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$500 fine and \$304 court costs.

• Hector Rodriguez, driving while license suspended, case dismissed.

• Steven Mack Poindexter, driving while intoxicated - second and driving while license invalid enhanced, 140 days in jail and \$404 court costs.

• Robin Lynne Reed, hindering apprehension or prosecution, case dismissed.

• Joshua Cole Tebbets, two counts evading arrest/detention, pled in district court.

• Rani Christian Davis, two counts of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pled in district court.

• Raymundo Borrell Villarreal, criminal trespass, case dismissed.

• Terry Milton Holliday, speeding and failure to appear, \$194 fine, \$304 court costs.

• Henry Galindo Salazar, speeding and failure to appear, \$194 fine, \$304 court costs.

• McKenzie Jesse Fred, theft by check, \$390.06 restitution, \$304 court costs, three months deferred adjudication.

• Alfred H. Gonzalez, assault bodily injury family violence, three months pre-trial diversion.

• Jose Alfredo Galvan-Olvera, driving while intoxicated, six months pre-trial diversion.

• Alan Cruz, assault bodily injury family violence, 180 days pre-trial diversion.

GLOSSARY OF LEGAL TERMS

• Pre-Trial Diversion - a diversion program which is offered to certain offenders who qualify for participation as an alternative to prosecution. Participants receive coordinated assistance in personal and group counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and other community agencies appropriate to their needs.

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

STATE: Ag Commissioner sends request to President Obama on Cuba

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Duncan said a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling made it too difficult for mesothelioma patients to prove the source of their cancer.

Duncan's bill is subject to a vote by the full Senate before it can move to the House for consideration.

CUBA POLICY CHANGES ARE ASKED

The White House on April 14 announced the relaxing of restrictions on travel to Cuba and on sending money to the Caribbean island nation that has been under communist rule since 1959.

Upon that news, Texas Agricul-

ture Commissioner Todd Staples wrote a letter to President Obama asking for two more changes:

1. The easing of travel restrictions for Cubans seeking trade opportunities with the U.S. and those traveling for educational purposes; and 2. The authorization of a Texas-based air service that will offer direct flights to Cuba.

"While I disagree with Cuba's political philosophy, Staples said, "I believe by expanding trade, Cubans can see the success of democracy and embrace a free market society, and at the same time, Texans will benefit through job growth."

Fire department runs

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Local EMS runs

APRIL 14	nity Hospital
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.	• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital
APRIL 16	APRIL 17
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Commu-	• Local run - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic

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