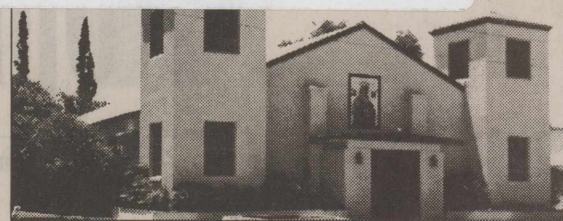


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New athletic director could be decided tonight at special meeting

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A new athletic director could be decided during tonight's (June 24) special meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

On the agenda, the board will meet in executive/closed session to discuss the athletic director/head football coach. Any vote or action the board takes will then be done in open session.

On Monday and Tuesday, interviews for a new athletic director and head football coach were conducted.

The district is also seeking principals for all three schools.

Superintendent Chris duBois said his intention is to fill the high school principal position by reassigning Benny Granger, who is currently the middle school principal. That reassignment cannot become official until a 10-day posting rule has

passed, duBois said.

When made official, Granger will replace retiring principal Carole Allen. The district has posted an opening for middle school principal.

Interviews for a new elementary principal are also being conducted this week.

During the June 17 regular board meeting, the board met in executive/closed session for around an hour and a half for personnel matters. No action was taken when the board resumed in open session.

ELMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In his first week in office, duBois said he spent several hours talking with architect Aida Latorre, along with officials from Waldrop Construction getting up to speed on the construction of the new elementary school.

To the best of her ability, Latorre and Waldrop Construction went through the project with a "fine tooth comb" with duBois.

"Right now everything

seems to be going as planned. We are on schedule," duBois said.

Latorre is also bringing some flooring samples for the new gymnasium to duBois who requested them. He said that he is concerned about the flooring since the gymnasium's bleachers will be moved in and out over the floor.

"I'm not familiar with the product and now is the time to ask questions because the materials are ordered months in advance," duBois said.

Even though Ozona does not have UIL volleyball, duBois also asked Latorre about installing volleyball sleeves in the gymnasium floor since the building will be used for physical education and recreational activities.

"We are building a building that will be in use for hopefully 50 years or more. They are not every expensive and I wanted to make sure the holes are installed in case we ever want to use them," he said.

duBois also said he felt the building could go with a three percent blackout blind instead of a full blackout blind. He said that the same effect could be achieved and it would not cost any extra.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

In his transportation and maintenance report, Willie Vargas informed the board on all the projects his department is working on this summer.

Vargas said that they have been painting the Davidson Gymnasium, the high school art room, the middle school boys' locker room and the weight room area in the field house. He also said that they are working on cleaning the new flooring at the field house, along with maintenance at the superintendent's house, a new table at the nurse's office and flooring in the high school teacher's lounge.

As soon as the department knows about teacher's moving and any new housing situations, he said the priority will change to focusing on

those buildings.

For long-term projects, Vargas said that carpet needs to be replaced in all buildings throughout the district. He also said the district needs to get a program or schedule going for next year for maintenance projects.

Vargas met with duBois last week and took the new superintendent around the district and discussed maintenance that does need to be done.

"I can already tell that there is a lot of attention in the Heritage Building that needs to be paid," duBois said.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Approved a bid from Griffin Fuels out of Eldorado for gasoline products for 2009-2010. Griffin was the only fuel bid the district received.

Approved athletic supply bids for 2009-2010.

The board will also meet in another called meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the Administration Building. Their next regular meeting will be July 15.

Commissioners continue courthouse renovation discussion

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners will have to wait a bit longer before approving a bid for Phase III of the Crockett County Courthouse Restoration project.

During a called meeting, the commissioners had planned on approving a maximum bid with Templeton Construction, but architect Henry Schmidt was unable to have the bid prepared in time for the meeting, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

At the June regular meeting, Schmidt presented the commissioners a guarantee maximum price of \$288,425 for phase three of the project was presented by architect Henry Schmidt. This part of the project includes door modifications, wood floors, sound panels, wood blinds, metal ceiling, bench seating, electrical, painting and sound system.

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Crossing Tyler rocks Ozona

BY SAM SMITH
 SPECIAL TO THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Friday night marked a turning point for local artists in search of a venue to express themselves. Two weeks after successfully debuting "open mic night"... Java Rocks was at it again with the second appearance of "Crossing Tyler," an upstart San Angelo band deep with Ozona roots.

Pearl and Ramos, 2008 graduates of Ozona High School, are joined in the band by lead guitarist Bobby Schuyler and bass player Seath Smith...two "outsiders" from San Angelo that complement the childhood bond of Pearl and Ramos.

The chemistry that exists between Crossing Tyler was evident from the opening chord and that close tie set the tone for the night.

In the same manner that guitarist Robert Jones performed for the crowd during the break two weeks ago, local talent Alisha Bullard took advantage of the open mic and stunned the crowd with her powerful voice. The focus of the crowd who was milling about as the band took its break abruptly returned to the stage when Bullard began performing. The highlight of Bullard's set came when she was accom-



CROSSING TYLER performs at Java Rocks. Pictured are: (left to right) lead guitarist Bobby Schuyler, lead singer Aaron Pearl bassist Seath Smith and drummer Rylee Ramos. at Java Rocks.

panied by Crossing Tyler's drummer Rylee Ramos on the guitar for an impromptu performance...WOW...the magic of spontaneity from talented artists is too difficult to describe, and the moment was not lost on the appreciative audience.

Beth Hallmark, owner of Java Rocks is excited about the community response in supporting local talent.

"We are continuing to visit with community members in search of other local artists to feature and afford this opportunity. It is amazing the level of artistic talent that this area has and it is exciting to be able to allow a place for that artistic expression", Hallmark said. "In addition to Crossing Ty-

ler, our first open mic night also featured the poetry of local Cowboy poet Jim Fish and that was a real treat. The stories as told in his poetry were gripping and we look forward to his return to the stage."

Crossing Tyler was formed a few short weeks ago when Pearl was approached by members of "Buckshot Bradley", an established San Angelo band looking for an opening band.

Having heard Pearl playing and singing from his apartment, one of Buckshot Bradley's band members tracked him down for the opportunity.

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Stockman wins Texas Press Awards

The Ozona Stockman won four awards this past weekend at the Texas Press Association 130th annual convention in Austin.

Ad Director Susan Calloway won third place in the Division 9 Advertising category for her 2008 ads from Small Fashions "Snug as Bug" ad, the KYXX Radio Station voting ad and Permanent Makeup ad from Monica's Hair and Nails.

Judges comments on the ads included: "eye catching artwork, creative artwork mixed with text, original, fun, easy to read, moves readers to react and all around cute!"

Photographers Joe Hernandez and Paul C. Perner IV won second in the Division 9 News Photo category.

Hernandez won for his 2008 photo of the fire at Mingo's Salvage Yard. Judges' commented that the photo was "dramatic" with the black smoke.

Perner won for the 2008 photo of a helicopter dropping water on a grass fire at the Watson Ranch. Judges' comments were "excellent photo, good composition and



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best of the bunch." Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner won second place in the Division 9 News Writing category.

Perner's win came from coverage of the 2008 trial of Commissioner Alfredo Tobar and the funeral of the late Deputy Fred Fierro. Judges' comments were "good research, heartwarming and well done."

Perner also won third place in the Division 9 Editorial Writ-

ing category. The two winning 2008 editorials were on the May 2008 school bond issue and one during Christmas on how to give back in the community. Judges' comments were "well-written approach to a perennial problem and ordinary subject matter raised to a higher level by good writing."

Papers from all across Texas were judged in the contest.

Melissa Perner is also a Regional Director of the TPA Board of Directors.

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Cap and Trade: The Best Way Forward for Texas?

As Texans swelter this summer, we are turning up our air conditioning and hitting the road for vacation. These seasonal routines — as well as many aspects of daily life — would become more expensive because of proposals pending in Washington. The cap and trade provisions of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 will have a significant impact on Texas families, businesses and consumers. The legislation would cap emissions and allow companies to buy and sell their rights to emit carbon dioxide. The concept is that industries would reduce emissions over time as

the government lowered the cap and it became too expensive for companies to continue to buy allowances to emit carbon dioxide.

I am worried about the disproportionate impact on the Texas economy.

Texas has the nation's second largest population and a high concentration of energy-intensive industries pro-



COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

SUSAN COMBS

ducing products used around the world. These and other factors, such as our climate, make Texas one of the country's leading energy users.

The proposal to regulate greenhouse gas emissions will weigh far more on Texas than other regions. Costs will increase for energy-intensive industries such as aluminum, chemicals, forest products, glass manufacturing and petroleum refining, among others. Houston, the corporate home to more energy companies than anywhere else in the world, could be especially hard hit.

Many studies of the legislation show decreased employment

and increased energy prices. My office's initial look at the cap and trade provisions of the bill concluded that Texas could lose 135,000 to 277,000 jobs in 2012. Those losses could increase up to 400,000 by the year 2030.

The impact would fall disproportionately on Texas but the legislation's impact will be felt nationwide as higher costs are passed to every sector of the economy.

Texas will pay more to fuel their vehicles, cool their homes and purchase everyday goods. Our office estimates that as a result of the cap and trade provisions of current legislation, the typical Texas household might spend up to

\$1,100 a year more on goods and services. This includes ordinary items such as diapers, cell phones, aspirin and lipstick.

Texas has been blessed. Our diverse economy has helped the state weather the recession. But, as Texans look to the future, we must employ all of our resources to sustain our prosperity and global economic competitiveness as we address environmental concerns.

Our experience with a diverse energy industry can help achieve environmental goals with innovation instead of burdening vital industries with too much regulation.

A leader in oil and gas production, Texas is already enhancing

its renewable energy potential and making its industries even more efficient.

Just this month, the Pew Research Center identified Texas as a leader in creating clean energy jobs. Employment in the emerging field has grown 15.5 percent in the past decade.

Texas is the nation's leader in wind energy, with almost three times the megawatts of the next closest state, Iowa. New transmission lines under construction will increase our wind energy capacity to more than 18,000 megawatts.

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Where is Ozona?

Living in Ozona we all know where our community is located. Trying to tell a person outside of Ozona where our town is located is not so easy. This past weekend, my husband and I attended a newspaper conference in Austin. Newspaper owners, editors and publishers from all over the state descended on this hotel in downtown Austin.

While meeting and greeting people, one of the first questions we often asked was "Where are you from?" Answers ranged all over the state from Port Lavaca to Canadian to just down the road in Round Rock.

When Paul and I were asked about our Texas town, the follow up question of "Where is Ozona?" was often heard.

As we listened to where other people were from, I noticed how easy it was for people to describe their hometown locations.

"Oh, we're located near the Dallas/Fort Worth area," "Up in the Panhandle between Amarillo and Lubbock," "Down by the coast, near Galveston" or "Just 30 minutes down the road."

It seemed to be easy for others to describe the location of their towns. For Paul and I, we've learned telling people where Ozona is can be difficult if they've never been here.

Our stock answer was often "between El Paso and San Antonio on I-10."

That doesn't really narrow it down for a person. A lot of times, the person would give us a mixed expression and then follow up with "basically you all are in the middle of nowhere."

A few more times we just told them that Ozona is located 80 miles from San Angelo, thinking most people know where San Angelo is located. Surprisingly, we met a couple of people who had no idea where San Angelo was.

It was at that moment that I wished I had a small map of Texas so I could show them.

While doing some Internet surfing, I searched the ques-



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

tion "where is Ozona?"

Answers to this question were quite familiar:

"West Texas. On a map, follow Interstate-10 from San Antonio towards New Mexico, and you'll find Ozona."

"Take I-10 west towards El Paso from San Antonio and it's around mile-marker 368. The mile-marker where I-10 and 1604 Loop cross on the west side by the Rim Shopping Center (in San Antonio) is mile-marker 556, so it's about 195 miles. It would take less than four hours to drive."

"WAAAY out west. Four or five hours from San Antonio."

Of course, many people know where Ozona is. Last year our Visitor Center received 5,773 in visitors.

This year, they have received 3,203 so far. On our chamber's website, there are detailed directions, mileage to other cities and a map, a very detailed page to describe our little town.

Luckily, at our convention, there were a few people who knew where Ozona is located.

A woman from Rockdale, that's near Austin, stops in our town every time she travels to El Paso to visit her parents. Another person had car trouble and had a tire fixed and one just stopped because they were too tired to go any further.

It's hard to explain to people where our town of 3,500 is located but once they find us, many keep coming back. Once you move here, however, it's really hard to leave as well.

So, next time you are asked "where is Ozona?" give some creative answer that maybe will compel that person to look up or drive to our unique, little town.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She is constantly describing Ozona's location to those who are clueless about Texas geography.

Dog Children



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I love dogs as much as the next person but things have gotten a little out of hand in the pet department lately. Have you seen the pet clothes section in PETCO recently?

There's just no good excuse these days that any dog should appear naked in public! Americans are now spending \$16,400 on average to raise a medium size dog to the age of 11! That's twice the amount we were spending just ten years ago.

Remember when our dogs were not children? Call me old fashioned but I don't think we loved our dogs any less when we only bathed them twice a year and fed them out of a sack instead of gourmet meals.

And I don't think our dogs loved us any less because we made them sleep in the pump house instead of their own doggie mansions.

Some of the products being marketed for pets are great. Certainly locating your lost pet using Hi Tech's GPS locator is preferable to riding around urban neighborhoods calling it's name or repeatedly calling the animal shelter.

If you want to spend \$15 every month to get text and e-mail messages notifying you every time your dog leaves the "safety zone", hey, it's your money. And I'm sure Hallmark is pleased that half of dog owners buy birthday or holiday cards for their pets, although I hasten to add that there is no reliable evidence to indicate that Rover has fully developed reading skills.

In the old days if we wanted to give our pet a treat it was usually a ball, Milk Bone, pat on the head, flea collar, or, in the case of our goldfish, a clean bowl of water. Now you can buy a soccer game for goldfish, a self flushing cat box called the Cat Genie and a Jog A Dog treadmill for \$3,000! There is breath freshener for dogs and wigs for cats! Seriously, I kid you not.

Back when I was a kid pets just lived together in sin but now they can get married in an official ceremony complete with a wedding cake. I know for a fact that sizable trust funds are being left for pets and I'm sure there must be lawyers somewhere willing to write pre-nuptials for wealthy cats. There are pet therapists, pet travel agents, dog acupuncturists and doggie day care so that your pooch can network with other upscale mutts.

The urge to splurge on our pets knows no bounds and nowhere is this more evident than in the pet food aisle. More dog food is sold in America now than baby food! You can buy pet pate, soufflé, brulee and kibbles and Bits Brushing Bites to freshen their breath. Rather than just throwing their

dog a bone people are buying all-natural premium jerky and low-fat rawhide treats with turkey stuffing.

I'm sure it will not come as a news flash that California has really gone to the dogs in San Diego dogs can attend a surf academy where they get lessons, room service meals of beef tenderloin and salmon, a pa of doggie board shorts and a surf bandana. If they are good enough they can compete in the annual surf dog competition. If surfing is not their style they can go 'dog paddling' in a kayak to Fiesta Island, a leash-free paradise for pets.

There are Easter and Halloween pet parades and a doggie bus in Orange County take them to a doggie beach. All the while listening to a music CD compiled just for them with pop hits like Who Let the Dogs Out. When they are done partying, the pet can be buried at the Los Angeles Pet Memorial Park where cremation, grief counseling and special rooms are available for final good-byes. If the thought of life without Fido is just too unbearable you can have your pet cloned for just \$150,000.

I'm not making this stuff up. Every pet product I mentioned is real. A dog's life indeed! Some dogs these days are sleeping on \$395 Burberry doggie mattresses while single mothers are sleeping in cars and veterans are living on the street.

And the poor moms and the old soldiers probably have dog children too!

Governor vetoes 35 bills before June 21 deadline

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry signed the 2010-2011 state budget and vetoed 35 bills two days before Sunday, June 21, the deadline for approving or vetoing legislation passed by the 81st Texas Legislature.

The budget leaves the state's \$6.7 billion rainy day fund untouched but includes \$12 billion in federal stimulus money.

Perry said the final outcome of all bills would "move Texas in the right direction."

Now, here are samples of a few bills the governor vetoed:

• HB 130, creating a pre-kindergarten education grant program. In his veto statement, Perry said a similar grant program already exists, and the new state budget contains \$25 million earmarked for HB 130, so the Texas Education Agency should use those funds to bring 21,000 more students into the existing program.

• HB 821, mandating that television manufacturers collect and recycle a quantity of televisions to be determined annually by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

• HB 1293, creating

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By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

disclosure requirements and consumer education standards relating to the sale and marketing of life insurance and annuities.

"Although the bill establishes standards of transparency and improvements that are important, I believe it will do more harm than good" because it would create more opportunities for frivolous lawsuits, Perry said.

• HB 3481, authorizing the expunction of criminal records, including law enforcement case files, 180 days after an arrest if no formal misdemeanor or felony charges have been filed.

• HB 3485, relating to certain county, municipal, district, and other governmental functions, procedures, powers, duties, and services, including certain criminal procedures.

"The bill's provision regarding physician liability was neither debated nor discussed, but rather amended onto this bill late in the session.

"It risks unraveling the progress we made in curtailing excessive liability and ensuring that patients who need physicians will be able to find them," Perry said.

• SB 1440, clarifying guidelines on how the Department of Family and Protective Services takes children into custody. Perry said he vetoed the legislation because it could infringe on the rights of parents and guardians.

• SB 2558, allowing beer and malt beverage tastings to be held in a branded vehicle on the premises of a retailer with a permit to sell alcohol, therefore allowing alcohol consumption in a vehicle.

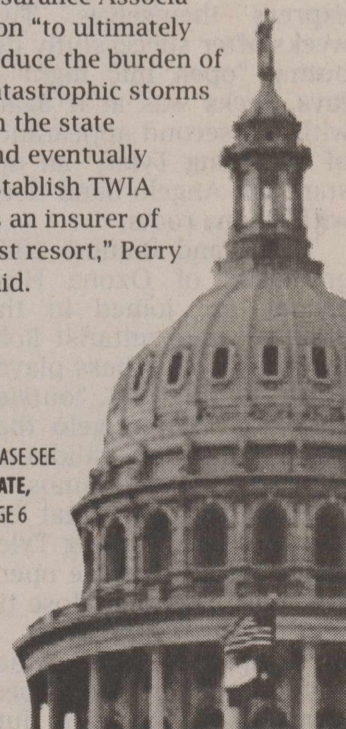
"The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission would be required to increase its on-site inspections to ensure the proper precautions are taken to prevent serving to minors and over-consumption," Perry said, in explaining his veto.

And, here are a few samples of bills the governor approved:

• HB 4586, the supplemental appropriations bill that includes \$150 million in funding to help the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike.

• HB 4409, reforming the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association "to ultimately reduce the burden of catastrophic storms on the state and eventually establish TWIA as an insurer of last resort," Perry said.

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USDA celebrates 'Homeownership Month'

USDA Rural Development, an agency that has been making home loans since 1949, is celebrating "Homeownership Month" during the month of June.

The theme for 2009 is "Preserving Homeownership". USDA's Direct and Guaranteed loans do not require down payment money or mortgage insurance which reduces the cost for the owner.

Texas has set a new record through the Guaranteed Program since Oct. 1, 2008 to over 3,300 Texas residents.

Rural Development also has repairs loans and grants that allow very low income homeowners to make essential repairs and upgrading of homes to be more energy efficient.

Local resident Velma Fierro received a Direct loan from Rural Development and had this to say about her experience: "After going through a divorce, I was not sure when I would be able to own a home again. Kay Stewart referred me to Randy Verner with USDA Rural Development for down payment assistance. I qualified for the direct program and did not have to use an outside lender. Thanks to USDA Rural Development and Carol Richie I was able to real-



VELMA FIERRO (center) received a house through the USDA Rural Development's Direct loan program. Also pictured are (left to right) Max Verzele, area director, Krystian Fierro, Fierro's grandson, and Randy Verner, Ozona office director.

ize my dream of home ownership. My wish is that all low to moderate income households know that these services are available and home ownership is a possibility for them." Anyone interested in

learning more about USDA Rural Development housing programs can visit their website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx or you call the Ozona office at (325) 392-2301 ext 4 and speak with one of the staff.

BAND: Ninety percent of the music is original

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Within a few short days, Crossing Tyler was on stage at the Party Ranch in San Angelo for their first live performance and the pace has been frenetic since.

"The story behind Crossing Tyler is exciting and their potential is unlimited" Hallmark said.

The most striking aspect of Crossing Tyler is that they are not a cover band and they are making a name for themselves playing their own style of music.

Ninety percent of the music they play is original material that Pearl and Smith have written and it can only be described as Texas music. It is probably closer to Charlie Robison than Pat Green in that much of it has to do with growing up in a small Texas town, but the style is distinctly their own.

The themes of the songs range from the serious "Grandpa", a moving tribute to Pearl's deceased grandfather to "Beer", where Pearl playfully chastises those that are critical of one's personal choices.

"This is just the begin-



ALISHA BULLARD (left) is accompanied on the guitar by Rylee Ramos, drummer of Crossing Tyler, during the open mic portion of the recent event at Java Rocks.

ning of an exciting time for the boys in Crossing Tyler and an exciting time for Ozona. Java Rocks is happy to play a small part in that future and we look forward to more local stars like Pearl, Ramos and Alisha Bullard taking the time to shine. Plans are already in the works to feature Bullard for a night that will definitely include dancing the night away", Hallmark said.

In addition to repeat performances from Crossing Tyler, Java Rocks will soon be featuring the musical styling of Roman Tambunga, a 2007 graduate of Ozona High School.

"Roman is a solo guitarist that enjoys writing and performing his own music and that freedom of expression is what Java Rocks is all about," Hallmark said.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 26, 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 in-

terested 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.

Diabetes support group meets Thursday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This support group is a good continuation of the "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" class, but is open to anyone.

Various topics and activities are part of the monthly

meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

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

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FSA County Committee taking nominations

BIG LAKE, Texas - Jed Hruska, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County today announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations begin June 15 for local FSA county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 3, 2009. Elections take place this fall.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landng&topic=cce>.

Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2009.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 6th. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2009.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

For more information about County Committees, call the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA at (325) 884-3753 ext. 2 or visit FSA online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, June 24**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Lady Lions Basketball Camp at the Davidson Gym.
- Thursday, June 25**
- Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the library.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Lady Lions Basketball Camp at the Davidson Gym.
 - Monthly Diabetes Support Group, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Friday, June 26**
- 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.
- Saturday, June 26**
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OLPH Festival Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Sunday, June 28**
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Festival, 2-6 p.m. behind the Parish Hall.
 - Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Monday, June 29**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the library.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, July 1**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

- June 24** - E. Jason Vitela, Tiffany Villarreal, Ryan Cooper, Monica Fernandez, Alexandra Lozano and Miguel Vergara
- June 25** - Armando Arredondo, Nancy Davee, Adrienne De Hoyos, Saul Flores, Austin Gene Castro, Madison Elizabeth Castro, Jose Galvan, Lynda Falkner and Bryan Valdez
- June 26** - Hayse Worthington and Lisa Villarreal
- June 27** - Edward Soto, Sylvia Pena-Alfaro, Andy Trevino Jr., Selma Metzger, Wiliam Miller and Kimberly Childress
- June 28** - April Barrera, Jeff Sanchez, Eddie Vitela, Layne Collis, Paula Maness, Selena Newby and Jeanne Willman
- June 29** - Cameron Harrison, Tere Garcia, Tricia Mendoza, Blanca Dominguez, Michael Mata, Heidi Bloebaum, Sarah De La Garza, Randy Herring and Lane Hale
- June 30** - Ashley Talamantez, Juaquin Mata, Rosa Soto, Davelyn Hood and Gavin Grannis

Mercedes Victoria Perez
competed in the Sunburst Beauty Pageant State Finals in Houston, TX.

She received "Best Smile" and was crowned "Miss 2009 Sunburst Queen Model" for the 16-23 month old division.

Mercedes will be advancing to Nationals to be held in Atlanta, Georgia this August.

She is the daughter of Mingo and Mimi Perez and is sponsored by her grandparents at Mingo's Burritos, Victor De La Garza with Texas Energy, and Mike's Auto Care.

Mercedes would also like to thank her brother Jose for traveling and supporting her on what was a long drive to and from Houston!

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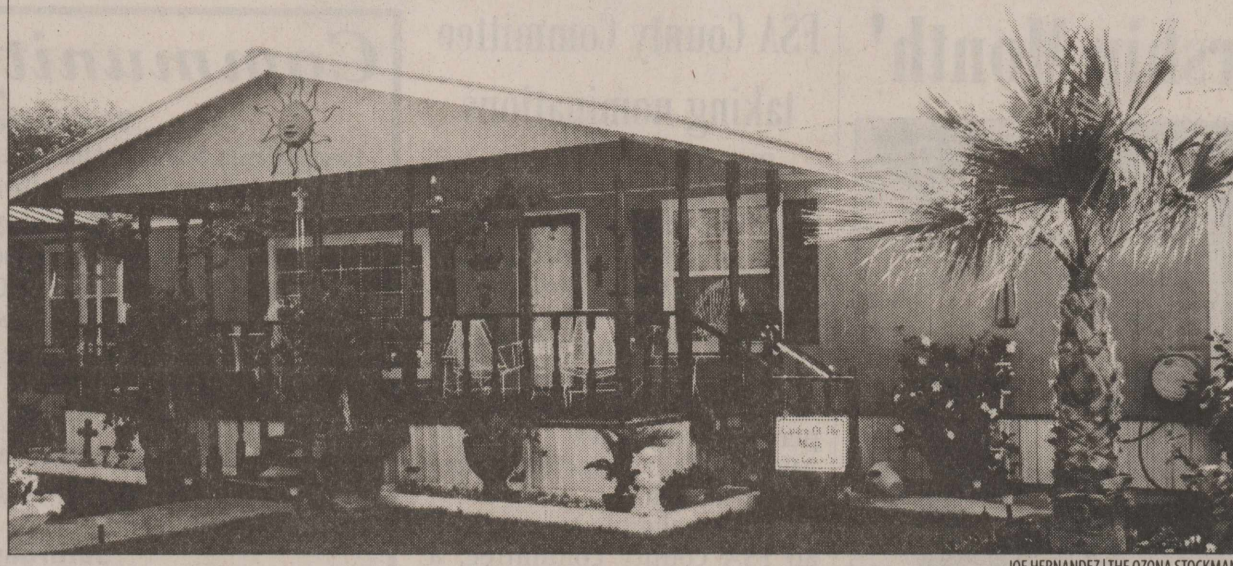
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THE JUNE GARDEN OF THE MONTH is the home of Michael and Maria Ybarra at 125 Man O War. The Ozona Garden Club chose the yard for its beautiful landscape and decorations.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Summer has arrived here in Ozona and the remainder of the week is suppose to be hot. We heard that Bob Falkner's brother passed away and will be buried in Fort Stockton. Our condolences are sent out to all family members.

Mrs. Crockett County Geneice Childress had a birthday this past Friday. I saw her on her big day. She was in a happy mood and was all smiles. What a woman!

Bob and Betty Hartley have returned after a week vacation. We are pleased to have them back knowing with them here our puzzle will soon be finished.

I learned on Friday that Mary Jo and Jim Hearne are going on a cruise to celebrate

their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and have a fun-filled trip.

On Tuesday, my two youngest grandsons will be leaving to go to The Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. One will be a junior and one will be a freshman. They said goodbye to grandma and said they will see me about Christmas time.

Monday, Mutt Carnes was here with his daughter who was visiting him from Austin. We had a nice visit after lunch. You could tell that Mutt was proud to have her come.

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.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TINA JARVIS
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

June 11-June 14 club members Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Jim and JoAnn Couch, Nell Wester and Frank and Debra Fred traveled to Waco to attend a square dance at the State Festival.

They had four days of dancing to different national and international callers and

said they had the time of their lives and learned new calls and also were taught older calls that aren't used anymore.

Friday night club members Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Carol Adcock and Tina Jarvis traveled to Odessa to dance with the Allemander's club to caller Tommy White. Tommy has been a caller for 50 years and the club just celebrated his and his wife's 50th anniversary.

I had never danced to Tommy before and he called some really catchy calls that I wish I could remember. All of us had a great time and the Allemander's were very gracious hosts.

Saturday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at the senior building we will dance to caller John Geen from San Angelo.

Everyone is welcome to come join the fun. Keep it square and happy dancing!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Festival Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will host a dance and festival this weekend in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a day recognized by Catholics all around the world.

Festival events will begin Saturday, June 27, with a dance featuring Grupo U.N.O. from 8 p.m.-midnight at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office with Rita (392-3353) or with Frank Tambunga (392-2827).

On Sunday, June 28, activities begin at 10 a.m. with a Rosary, followed by Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

At noon, the Guadalupe

nas will be selling enchilada dinner plates.

At 2 p.m. there will be a parade in front of the church, in which the theme for our parade will be for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Line up will begin at 1:30 p.m.

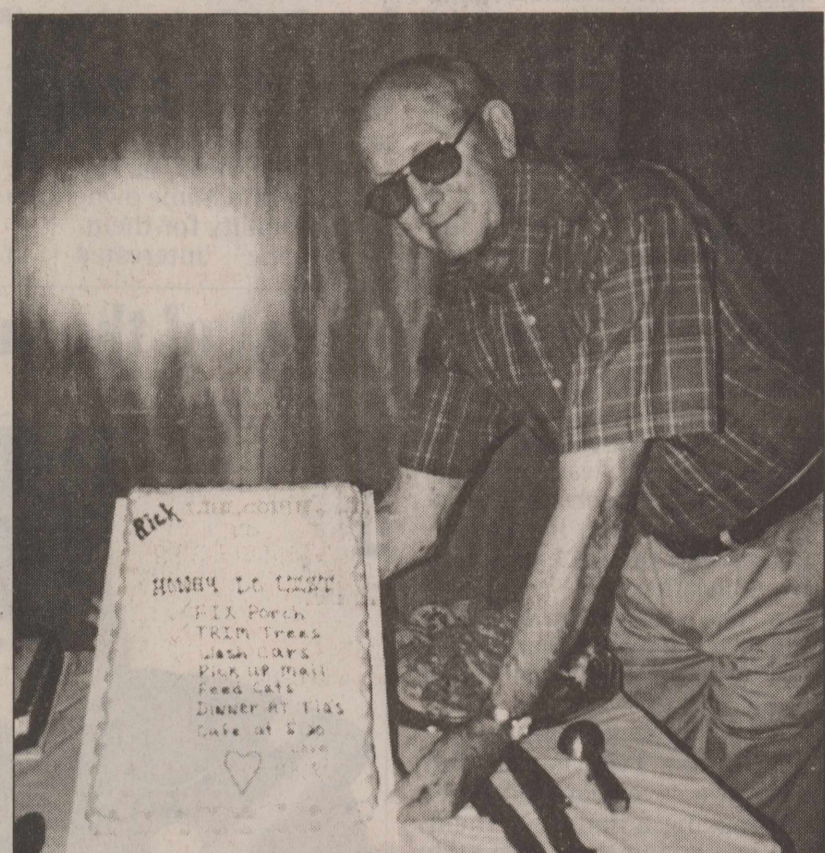
There will also be prizes for the best float.

From 2-6 p.m., there will be a Tardeada and D.J. music behind the Parish Hall.

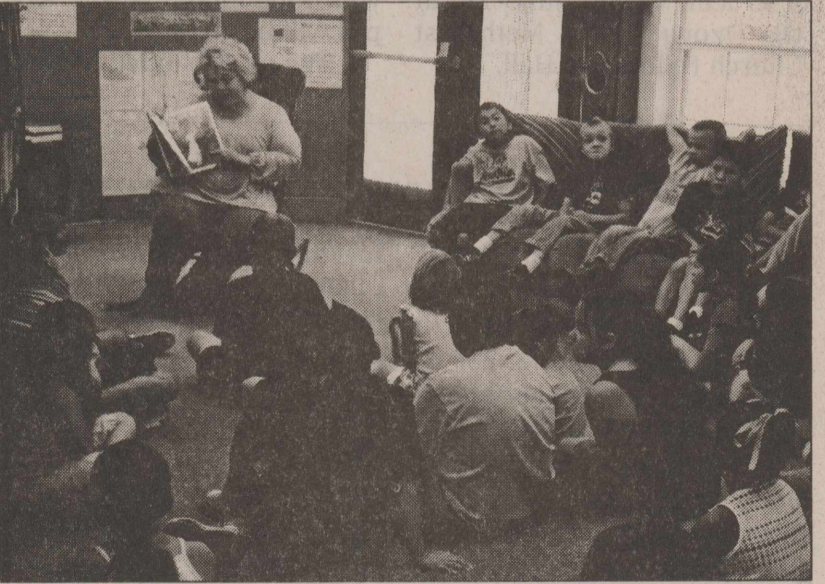
Events include food booths, games, jumping castles, washer pitching and bingo. There will also be drawing for various raffle prizes.

Everyone is invited to participate in this celebration.

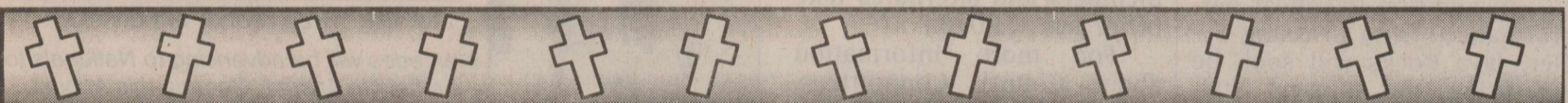
For more information, call the Parish Office at 392-3353.



RICK STORMS was honored on June 19 with a retirement luncheon at the Civic Center. Rick was employed with the Crockett County Road Department for 15 years.



THE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM is in full swing. TOP: Pastor Ron Shott reads while activity director Ubaldo Elguea works with readers. BOTTOM: Beth Hoover reads to students.



LOOKING FOR BURIED TREASURE

It has become very popular today and in the United Kingdom alone over 200 hundred treasure hordes unearthed last year. In October 2006 a 38 year old musician from California drove to South Texas and claims to have found a sunken ship that contained a large amount of Gold and Silver. It was in a court battle and now he has limited access to the spot. This has not stopped him and he is now looking for treasure in other places. He made the statement, "I'm going to spend my life looking for treasure". The Bible mentions treasure and things of great worth and it talks about finding them. The treasures of this earth only have the value that we put on them and they may not last forever. They can decay or deteriorate or be stolen. The Bible says the fear, (reverential love) of the Lord is the key to great treasure, (Isaiah 33:6). Homes where people live that Love God have great treasures, (Proverbs 21:20). What would it be worth to have a home filled with love? God tells us to seek His Kingdom and His righteousness first, (Matthew 6:33). There is great treasure in knowing Christ, (Colossians 2:3) and our faith in Him is more precious than gold and will result in the salvation of our souls, (1 Peter 1:7-9). Want to find a great treasure? Try Jesus!

See you in Church Next Sunday.

Brother J

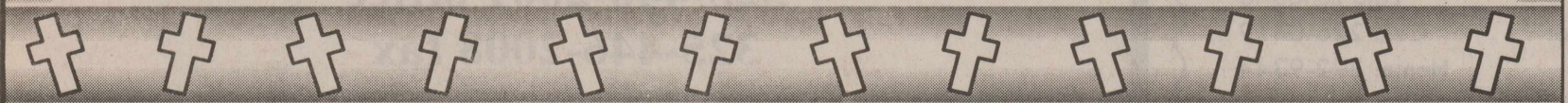
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona 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 Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 6 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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THE MAJOR LEAGUE ALL STARS placed first in the Ozona Tournament this past weekend. Second was the San Angelo Thunder and third was Sonora.



THE MINOR LEAGUE ALL STARS placed first at the Ozona Tournament this past weekend. Second was Sonora and third was Eldorado.

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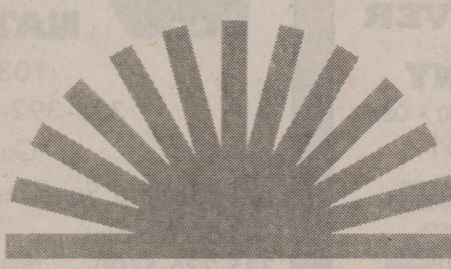
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Major League All Stars win Ozona Tournament

BY ORLANDO DEHOYOS
SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Led by head coach, Orlando DeHoyos, and assistant coaches, Lalo Rodriguez and Roland DeHoyos, the Ozona Major League All-Star team (11 and 12 year-olds) has claimed the championship trophies in 2 out of the 3 baseball tournaments played thus far, while claiming the runner-up trophy at the Eldorado tournament.

With an overall record of 13-2, the Ozona All-Star team went undefeated at both the Sonora and the Ozona tournament with Ozona pitcher/shortstop, Jayton Rodriguez, claiming the MVP trophy at both tournaments. Other Ozona players claiming all-tournament trophies include Chase DeHoyos (pitcher/infield), E.Z. Rivas (outfield/catcher), Michael Graham (pitcher/third base), Wade Allen (first base/pitcher) and Jeramie Martin (third base).

Also contributing heavily to the success of the team are Ryan Porras (pitcher/second base) and Ricky Porras (outfield) who have been speed demons on the base paths, as well as Robbie Sanchez who has been the primary, reliable catcher for the team.

Relying on outstanding pitching from Rodriguez, DeHoyos, Graham and Ryan Porras, the Ozona squad has defeated teams from Wall, San Angelo (Thunder, Bulldogs), Sonora, Crane, Eldorado, McCamey, and Big Lake. Solid defense and excellent hitting (including home runs by Rodriguez, DeHoyos, E.Z., Wade

Allen and Jeramie) against good pitching has contributed to the team's success making them the beasts of their division in this area as evidenced by Ozona winning the Sonora and Ozona championship games by 10-0 scores against Big Lake and then San Angelo Thunder, both games ending on the "mercy" 10-run rule.

The only two losses suffered were both to a sound Big Lake team at the Eldorado tournament in which Ozona was playing without four starters, who had other commitments. However, those losses were avenged when the two teams later met twice at the Sonora tournament with Ozona winning both games. The Ozona team, which was at full strength during those wins, also includes role players such as Ben Badillo Jr., Bryce Martin, Bryce Gutierrez and Rikki Chavez.

As coaches, we expected Jayton, Chase and Michael G. to step up and lead the team and we were confident that others like the Porras twins, Wade, E.Z., Bryce G. and Robbie would perform for us, but it was nice to see the improvement of the role players, like Ben, Bryce M., and Rikki. Despite the success of the team, coaches constantly stressed the need for more improvement from the players.

We, as coaches, would like to thank the parents, family members, friends and fans for supporting the team. We recognize the travel and food expenses involved and are thus grateful for your support of the team.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

June 29 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

July 4 - Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

ATTENTION ALL OMS & OHS STUDENTS:
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FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

6-4-09
• Oscar Sanchez Jr., Sonora, theft of property, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

6-15-09
• Joshua Mendoza, Ozona, possession of a controlled substance, second-degree felony, \$7,500; manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance, second-degree felony, \$7,500.
• Javier Ortiz, Ozona, assault family violence, class A misdemeanor, \$5,000.
• Jesse Ramos, Rocksprings, failure to identify, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000; false report to a peace officer or law enforcement employee, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000; resisting arrest search and detention, class A misdemeanor, \$5,000; interfering with public duties, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.
• Omar Cordova, Rocksprings, interfering with public duties, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

6-19-09
• William McKenna, Camarillo, Calif., reckless driving, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

COUNTY COURT

• Pascual Ponce, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, sentenced to 34 days in jail.
• Melinda Galindo, driving while intoxicated open container, one year pre-trial diversion.
• Paul F. Sanchez Jr., driving while license invalid, \$304 court costs and 33 days in jail.
• Ricardo Borrego, resisting arrest, case dismissed and pled to a lesser charge of public intoxication.
• Eric Mendez, driving while license invalid, 30 days deferred adjudication, \$200 fine and \$304 court costs.
• Larry Ryan Keith, possession of a dangerous drug and driving while intoxicated - second, 150 days in jail.
• Carlos Javier Ochoa, minor in consumption, case dismissed pled in district court.
• Joe Sanchez, driving while intoxicated-second, case dismissed.
• Daniel Torres Rubio, assault -bodily injury, dismissed pled to lesser charge of disorderly conduct.
• Jimmy Munoz II, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed pled in district court.
• Michael David Ramirez, driving while license invalid, 30

days deferred adjudication, \$304 court costs.
• Kenneth Justin Sessom, driving while intoxicated-first, dismissed pled in district court.
• Ginny Sue Borrego, fail to display drivers' license, 60 days deferred adjudication, \$94 fine and \$304 court costs.
• Jay Villarreal, minor in consumption, \$250 fine and \$304 court costs.
• Alfredo Rodriguez, revoked probation, 75 days in jail.

DISTRICT COURT Judge Pedro Gomez Jr. presiding

• Jimmy Munoz II, 18, Ozona, pled guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second-degree felony, six years in prison, \$367 court costs and \$595 restitution.
• Raven Jay Perez, 22, Ozona, criminal mischief, case dismissed after restitution paid.
• Billy Burns, 48, Ozona, pled guilty to driving while intoxicated, class B misdemeanor, one year community supervision, \$500 fine, 24 hours of community service and \$429 court costs.
• Timothy Beseril, 19, Odessa, pled guilty to burglary of a habitation, second-degree felony, five years in prison, \$354 court costs and \$500 restitution.
• Larry Keith, 49, Natalia, Texas, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, felony, 270 days in jail, \$140 restitution and \$354 court costs.
• Carlos Ochoa, 19, Ozona, pled guilty to burglary of a habitation, second-degree felony, four years in prison, \$500 restitution, \$354 court costs.
• Judson Alden Poret, 22, Navasota, Texas, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, third-degree felony, eight years in prison, \$63 court costs and \$10 restitution.
• Larry James Luckie, 56, Ozona, pled guilty to theft, class A misdemeanor, one year community supervision, \$750 fine, 80 hours of community service and \$379 court costs.
• Stacy Ann Silva, 18, Ozona, voluntarily entered into the pre-trial intervention program for one year and \$328.44 restitution.

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

Businesses encouraged to fly the flag on the Fourth of July

Ozona businesses are encouraged to fly the flag on the Fourth of July.

Triple C Hardware & Lumber is offering deals on flag sets for those who want to show their patriotism on Independence Day.

Crockett County Veterans will host their annual G.I. Joe 5k Run/Walk at 8 a.m.

This year we will do the Ozona Tour Run/Walk. Participants will meet at the Gazebo located at the town square across from the courthouse.

Anyone interested in participating can sign up prior to or at the day of the event.

The run/walk will start right at 8 a.m. so participants need to be there before 8 a.m. to sign up. Everyone is welcome. If anyone is interested in a T-shirt, they will be available for \$12.

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Fourth of July Celebration starting off with an American Festival at the Town Square from 3-8 p.m.

There will be food and game booths, face painting, washer pitching and bingo.

Also, there will be music in the afternoon.

At 8 p.m. participants will line up in front of the courthouse and have a parade that will lead to the fireworks show on north side of town by the baseball fields.

Donations are currently being accepted for the fireworks show. An account has been established at Ozona National Bank.

There will be prizes for the best Red, White, and Blue Parade Floats in three categories: 1. Trucks, Trailers and Cars; 2. 4-wheelers and bicycles and 3. animals.

Booth space available for \$30 each at 12x12.

Starting now till the Fourth of July, I highly encourage all of our business in town and even our citizens at their homes to decorate and display our Nations RED, WHITE and BLUE Colors, said Frank Tambunga, coordinator.

Anyone interested in a booth space may contact Frank Tambunga at 392-2827.

Vendors will be restricted to one food or game item. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

COURT: First two project phases expected to be completed by mid-July

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This new price brings the three-stage courthouse restoration project to around \$1.188 million. Over the past three years, the county has budgeted \$1.07 million for the project. This leaves the county around \$120,000 short for the project.

"It looks as if we may have to cut down a bit on the project," Deaton said.

The commissioners discussed possibly cutting refurbishing of the inside stairs that go to the second floor. The work on the stairway is intricate, Deaton said.

Discussion on holding off on the sound system and then using courthouse security money to pay for the system was also discussed. Cost for the sound system is around \$16,000 to \$17,000, Deaton said.

"We need to do what is best for the people and finish the work on the second floor. We may be able to finish them at a late date, along with the first floor," Deaton said. "There is no way we can go over the budget. That is not being fiscally responsible."

No action was taken on the courthouse project. Deaton said he expects to call a special meeting again over the project.

The commissioners also discussed getting a firm timeline on the finishing of the project. Deaton said he is expecting the first two phases of the project, which include the exterior, roofing, second floor restrooms and heating and air condition, to be completed by mid-July.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners approved a credit card for the Constable's Office.

The next regular commissioners' meeting will be at 9 a.m. July 13 at the courthouse annex.

Comptroller: 'Clean environment is everyone's goal'

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Texas also has enormous potential to develop solar, nuclear, biomass and other alternative sources of energy. And to stay competitive, Texas businesses are constantly finding ways to be more energy efficient.

As a result, our economy's energy intensity — a measure of how much energy is used per unit of output — fell by almost 68 percent between 1970 and 2005.

Congress should stop its rush to pass this legislation without ensuring that its burdens and benefits will flow fairly to everyone. A clean environment is everyone's goal, but it is rational and appropriate to look at the costs.

Comptroller Susan Combs' office can be reached at 1-888-334-4112 or visit www.window.state.tx.us.

STATE: Tax evaders featured on new web site

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•#8194;HB 4765, tripling the small business franchise tax exemption from \$300,000 to \$1 million, thereby lowering the tax burden for more than 40,000 small businesses across Texas.

•#8194;HB 4294, allowing public schools to purchase electronic textbooks.

Perry backed up the bill with an executive order that underscores the State Board of Education's role in the electronic textbook approval process.

WEBSITE PARADES TAX EVADERS

Texas' top tax evaders are featured on a new web page posted by the office of the Texas comptroller.

The Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division focuses on tax fraud cases involving sophisticated schemes to dodge sales, motor fuel, tobacco and other taxes.

The site also allows online reporting of suspected tax fraud and highlights indictments and convictions.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASES

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in May to 7.1 percent and continued to trend below the national rate of 9.4 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

U.S. labor statistics show Texas recorded a net loss of 222,600 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 5.4 million nationwide during the same period.

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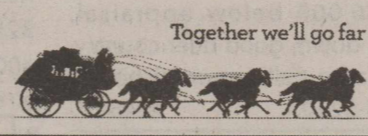
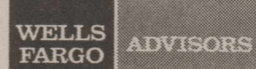
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