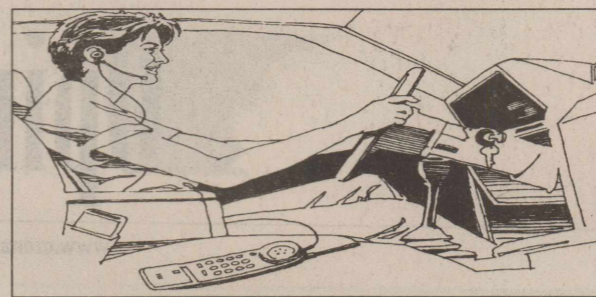


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Citizens voice opinions to Congressman

Rodriguez addresses health care, economy

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Packed inside Pepe's Café, Ozona citizens, many of them standing, listened as Congressman Ciro Rodriguez began his talk about the state of the nation's economy and energy.

However, those were not the issues many people came to hear. The issue of health care reform quickly dominated the Aug. 13 public meeting.

An issue that is hitting a sore spot with Americans, Rodriguez said something needs to be done to start bringing down health care costs, especially with pharmaceutical companies.

The San Antonio Democrat said that the government "needs to take them on" meaning the major companies and retailers that produce and sell popular medications.

Rodriguez also said that people in rural communities, like Ozona, usually only have health insurance through local, state or federal government jobs, or through corporations.

In 1997, 67 percent of small businesses provided health care but that number has dropped to 37 percent



CONGRESSMAN CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ visits with Ozona citizens on Aug. 13 at Pepe's Cafe. Rodriguez spoke to a packed crowd about many issues including health care. Pictured are: (clockwise) Joe Maddox, Tot Holmsley, County Judge Fred Deaton and Peggy and Terry Dickerson.

today, he said.

"Small businesses can't afford insurance now. Individuals can't afford insurance now," Rodriguez said. "This is an area we have to do something about."

Rodriguez said House Bill 3200 still has to go through three committees and then two committees in the Senate.

"If anyone tells you they have read all the versions, they are lying to you," he said. "We are trying to get on top of it as much as we can."

Rodriguez said he sent several letters to President

Obama to keep the bill from running through so fast.

"There's still a lot of dialogue that needs to occur. A lot of give and take," he said. "There are a lot of things in there that I'm hoping we come to grips with."

Many citizens voiced their concerns about the bill.

Doug Meador, manager of the Crockett County Water Control District #1, said that he was concerned that doctors should decide treatment for cancer patients, not the government.

Mesa Land Services owner Terry Dickerson said he is

tired of the President spending taxpayer's money.

"He (Obama) seems to be where he just likes to spend my money. I want him to stop spending my money," Dickerson said.

Rodriguez told the crowd that he is not on the federal government health care plan that many have been stating as a "wonderful" plan. Blue Cross Blue Shield is Rodriguez's plan.

"There's a misconception that we have a great plan. I haven't had it," he said.

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17th annual Davy Crockett Days Saturday

The 17th annual Davy Crockett Days will take place Saturday, Aug. 22.

The fair will begin at 10 a.m. with food, games and craft booths under the trees at the square.

Some of the booths to be featured include jewelry and crafts, pedicures, manicures, face paintings, cookbooks, basketball, 2010 Census information, lots of food booths including dippin' dots ice cream, taquitos, colitas, hamburgers, prizes and more.

The camels from Fort Lancaster will also be on display.

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers will also perform.

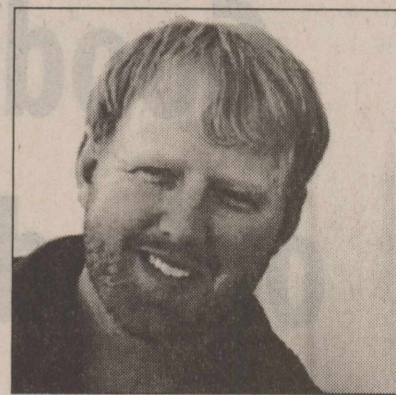
At 2 p.m. there will be a Crockett County Open Youth Rodeo sponsored by the Crockett County 4-H at the Fair Park Rodeo Arena.

The rodeo will feature boys and girls from ages 2 to 19 in a variety of events.

A dance featuring the Texas music of the Brandon Dobbs Band will be held from 9 p.m.-midnight at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Dobbs, a native of West Texas, believes music is as truthful and simple as the land he's proud to call home.

Although trained musically as a child on the piano, it wasn't until his final years as



BRANDON DOBBS

a student at Texas A&M that he picked up a guitar and gave writing a try.

The band just cut their first album "Time Will Tell."

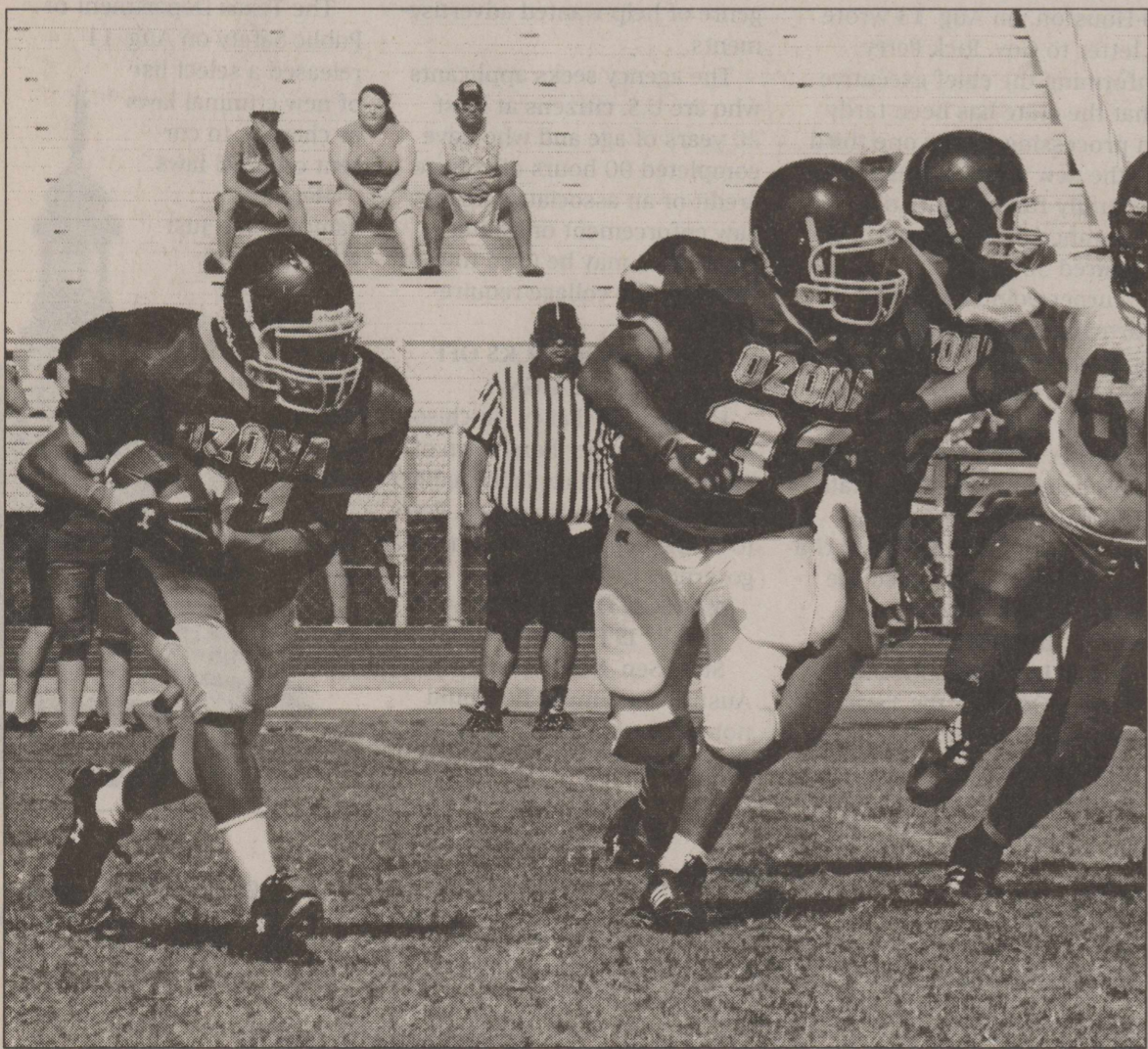
Dobbs is lead vocals and rhythm guitar. Also making up the band is Carter McFadden, lead guitar, Bubba Burns, drums and Adair Hill, bass.

"I just want to make good music, write songs people will hear and think, man I've been there. I know what this song is about," Dobbs said on his Myspace page.

Tickets for the dance will go on sale Saturday, Aug. 22, at the square.

For more information, call Andi Richardson at (361) 815-8215, Dana Criswell at 392-2547 or e-mail dcrockettdays@yahoo.com.

Lions coming through



OZONA LION KYLE DEAN (left) gets ready to make a run for it as teammate Anthony Gonzales looks for a block during the Lions scrimmage Saturday against Mason at Lion Stadium. More photos pages 6 and 7.

Ag Commissioner, rainwater harvest at Tuesday's Chamber Luncheon

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce will welcome Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples during the Aug. 25 luncheon and program.

The event will begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Cost is \$9 per person with lunch catered by Ozona Chatter Box.

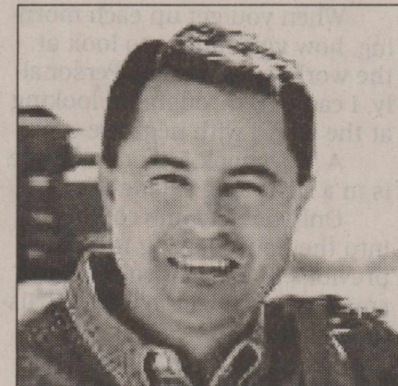
Topics of discussion:

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- Status of the Pecos River Protection Program,
- State predator programs / assistance
- Future of Texas Agriculture / Trends
- Agriculture opportunities for Crockett County

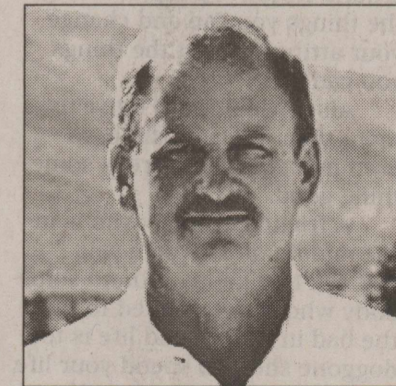
Non-chamber members are welcome to attend.

While serving first in the Texas House of Representatives and later as a state senator, Staples was a recognized leader on such critical issues as worker's compensation reform, private property owners' rights, natural resources, school finance and education just to name a few.

As Agriculture Commissioner, he is charting a course to bring job creation to rural Texas, further the promotion of agricultural and Tex-



TODD STAPLES



GARY BRYANT

as products and utilize research, science and technology to face the challenges of tomorrow.

Staples was born in Anderson County. He was active in high school FFA and was elected state FFA vice president. He attended Texas A&M University where he graduated with honors with a degree in agricultural economics.

Staples began serving in public office in 1989 when he was elected to the Palestine city council.

In 1994, Staples won a race for a state representative seat and served three-terms in the House.

He was elected state senator in 2000 and Agriculture Commissioner in 2006.

Staples and his wife Janet have four children.

Following the chamber luncheon and Staples' presentation, at 1:45 p.m., the Agri-Life Extension office will host a Rainwater Harvest presentation, also at the Visitor Center Conference Room.

There is no cost to sit in on the presentation that will be given by Gary Bryant, Extension Specialists in Water Management, from Fort Stockton.

The discussion will include the use of rainwater for wildlife, home use, landscaping, and commercial business use.

For more information, or to RSVP for the luncheon, call the chamber at 392-3737.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's a mystery: Congressman Rodriguez should be more publicly available, better representative

Dear Editor:

Call lists, unscheduled, last minute meetings, unpublished schedules...sounds like something from a mystery novel? No, it appears to be the current operating procedure of our Congressman, Ciro Rodriguez, according to Roy Attwood, a staff person in San Antonio who answers the Congressman's Constituent (Congress on YOUR Corner) 866 number.

Seeking information regarding the Congressman's town hall meeting schedule for the August recess period, I placed two calls

to the constituent number and was told initially the last week of July that the schedule was not yet available. Odd isn't it, since the lawmakers of our country were going to be on recess in another week? Nevertheless, I left my e-mail address online for notification as requested.

On Aug. 7, I checked the Congressman's town hall meeting schedule again and was dismayed to find no update for current meetings; only past meetings in July were listed. I called the constituent number again and spoke with Mr. Attwood who told me

that the Congressman's schedule was not being made public for "safety reasons." I inquired further and was told that he had received a death threat and that "considering everything that has been happening" at the town hall meetings, that names and telephone numbers of people inquiring about the meetings were being taken and that calls would be made accordingly regarding the Congressman's schedule. What, pray tell, happens to those constituents who don't call?

When asked about attending a non-Rocksprings town hall meet-

ing or attending several other non-Rocksprings town hall meetings, I was told, again, that my name and telephone number would be taken and passed along to Caesar Blanco, the Congressman's Chief of Staff, and that he would determine who would be called and when. Sounds pretty restrictive and selective to me; doesn't it to you?

Again, Mr. Attwood repeated that this process was being done to "maintain civility," a seemingly much rehearsed phrasing (my personal observation) and explained that this process was also being

followed so that "some people don't show up at the meetings." I inquired whether those "some people" were people who might oppose the proposed health care plan and was told that the Congressman only wanted constituents at these meetings and that the Congressman was "only accountable to those constituents and not to the rest of the people in the United States." (I certainly hope that he is not as selective when considering legislation and how it conforms to the founding documents of our Country.) I was quickly thanked, and Mr. Attwood

terminated the conversation. I then placed a call to Mr. Blanco's personal cell phone number and left a message regarding my concern with the above described process. At this writing, I have not received a return call.

My questions to the Congressman are plain: Is the above process his idea of representation of all of the people in his district, even those who don't call and inquire about current topics of interest? Is taking names and telephone numbers the way to create

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Good egg or bad egg?

"Attitude is the criterion for success. Your attitude is crucial because it determines how you act."
- John Maxwell

Conversations on Facebook can vary from post to post. One minute a person is talking about the show they are watching on TV, while the next someone is griping about what to wear to dinner.

Last week, a thought crossed my mind when I began to enter a post on my page. Little did I know it would cause such a conversation.

All I did was state that I was "tired of negative people. Either shape up or ship out!"

The line came from a conversation I was told about earlier that day, where lots of negative comments about changes in our community were said.

I guess the comments I heard got under my skin. One of my pet peeves is people who always see the glass as half empty. Myself, I'm more of a glass half full kind of gal.

Anyway, I posted my comment, mainly to just get it off my chest. Apparently, there's a lot of my "Facebook Friends" that feel the same way I do.

Comments quickly poured in, such as "totally agree" and "negative people can rub off on everyone."

Another one of my favorites was "life is too short to be spent around negative people. Change the things you can and change your attitude about the things you can't."

Also, "God doesn't give us more than we can handle, so even in bad times there is something good."

A friends of mine who is in the middle of a divorce said "you can't be happy around somebody who is determined to find the bad in things, and life is too doggone short to spend your life trying, so surround yourself with positive people and help those you can as you can."

One answer was really simple. A friend stated that "some people just need a hug to get them into their happy place. Life is way too short to be so negative, just give people a chance and don't prejudice."

Lots of changes have been happening lately in our community. I know changes can be scary and that not everyone likes



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

changes. However, looking at changes through a "half full" attitude can make the changes go a little easier.

One of the final comments I received came from my friend Dwight, who lives in Austin.

Dwight sent to me his "bad egg theory" that he uses when he hires employees. Even though I wasn't referring to employees, he still felt that his theory applies to anyone, and I agreed.

Bad Egg Theory - A person doesn't want to be around "bad eggs." Thus, dismiss them. You see, when a person shops for eggs, what usually happens before the eggs make the food cart is...the eggs get inspected...and for what reason? Well, you know; if there is a bad egg it gets placed back in the carton and doesn't make it "home."

After all we know bad eggs smell. Thus, if you have an employee who's a "bad egg," remind them they get sent home, because one bad egg makes the whole carton smell. Keep the good get rid of the bad. Agreed? Everything we do, say or think is related to our attitude. Attitude is by choice.

When you get up each morning, how you choose to look at the world is up to you. Personally, I can't go through life looking at the world with negative eyes.

A "Facebook Friend" of mine is in a tight spot financially. Only one income coming into the house, trying to sell a previous house and raise two small children can make for frustrating days.

However, no matter what stressful message is posted, or what hardship is going on, my friend tends to keep a positive outlook.

If my friend can wake up every day with a smile on her face in her current situation, then I believe anyone can.

Which will you be today? A bad egg or good?

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She prefers the good eggs.

Certified Free Beef



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

The past few years niche markets for beef have developed that conscientious ranchers and companies have tried to fill. The natural and organic niches were profitable for producers until Wal Mart and the Big Chains turned those products back into commodities.

To keep ahead of them, and to supply an increasingly fussy consumer, ranchers will have to develop new niche markets in the future.

Like these:

Cowboy Free: Sad to say, some sophisticated "foodies" don't like cowboys, the west or cattle. But they still like to eat beef. These people don't like the fact that some people are allowed to own vast tracts of private property either, so this beef will be produced by a collective of liberal lesbians in La Jolla in petri dishes, or by Monks in Massachusetts. It will cost \$600 per pound and taste like mud.

Rain Forest Free Beef: In response to the conversion of the Amazon rainforest to pasture, some consumers will want to purchase beef that is rain forest free. Most of these animals will come from the Arizona desert and parts of North Dakota and the Pacific Northwest where the ground is so hard they must use rocks for fence posts.

Home Raised: Beef from teenage cattle that will be raised in a home. To qualify, cattle must have a roof over their heads, three square meals a day, their own room, allowance, iPod and TV. To be sure you're getting certified "Home Raised"

beef look for the label that says: "All measures were taken to relieve this animal's boredom."

Fat Free Beef: This will come from Mexican crossbred cattle that have been roped so often their bellies rub up against their backbones. Because consumers want a "healthier" product, any fat found in the roping steer carcasses will be replaced with chemicals. This beef will have the shelf-life of toilet paper and will be sold in cardboard boxes. With proper seasoning (included), the box will taste better than the beef.

Painless Beef: To qualify for this niche the animals will be raised without the use of hot shots, whips, squeeze chutes, cuss words or anything else that might make an animal uncomfortable. There will not be any castration, branding or vaccination and the beef must come from animals that died of old age.

On The Hoof Beef: For people afraid of food for safety reasons, they'll be able to purchase live animals and process the cattle themselves in their own backyard. This way they'll be able to pinpoint exactly who to blame when they get sick.

Lactose Free: Beef from animals that were taken away from their moth-

ers at birth so they couldn't nurse. Obviously, cows that suck themselves will not qualify.

Water Neutral Dry Aged Beef: In the future water will be king so this beef will be produced without the aid of any irrigated crops. Water neutral bovines will only have access to naturally occurring water sources such as puddles and golf course water hazards. Qualifying cows must return to Mother Earth 100% of the water and carbon they consume as audited by Bernie Madoff.

Certified Free Beef: What the consumer of the future will really want is scrumptious beef that will also make you lose weight, is good for the environment and doesn't cost anything. Although there will be huge demand for such a product it will be as rare as Martha Stewart linens and pillows in a Nevada bunkhouse.

Cruelty Free Beef: This does not refer to the cattle but to the people who raise it. The demand for such beef will be in response to the poor working conditions in third world countries and on our farms and ranches. Such beef will come from ranchers and cowboys who were never subjected to any abuse or harsh working conditions. To produce beef for this niche ranchers must earn a livable income above minimum wage, have health insurance and a pension comparable to that received by postal service employees. Needless to say, this beef will be harder to find than Certified Free Beef.

Agriculture chief says meal program won't stop if flu gains foothold

AUSTIN — During the H1N1 "swine" flu outbreaks last spring, many Texas schools closed, leaving about half a million students without access to meals normally provided under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

"There are thousands of children who depend on the meals served at school every day, and we want to make sure schools have the option of continuing this crucial service, while still protecting those students from any public health threat," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

In response to a letter from Staples to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a change in federal policy now lets schools serve meals and receive federal reimbursement during a public health emergency.

Meals can be served as a "grab and go" option, or through delivery. Schools are asked create a plan to distribute meals in a "non-congregate" setting to help minimize the spread of disease. Schools also should alert all families of meal service, in particular those

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families of students who are eligible for free and reduced meals.

STATE REP SEEKS GOVERNOR'S HELP

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, on Aug. 13 wrote a letter to Gov. Rick Perry informing the chief executive that the state has been tardy in processing nearly one-third of the new applications for the federally funded nutritional assistance program within the required 30 days.

Turner pointed out that participation in the nutrition program qualifies needy Texans for utility and telephone bill discount programs.

Turner asked for the governor's help in getting the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission to speed the certification.

DPS TRIES OUT ROLLING BILLBOARDS

Come October, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be under-staffed. The DPS

on Aug. 7 said about 250 more troopers are needed.

Looking to boost its recruiting efforts, the DPS is turning some of its vehicles into rolling billboards -- a new twist in the genre of help-wanted advertisements.

The agency seeks applicants who are U.S. citizens at least 20 years of age and who have completed 90 hours of college credit or an associate's degree. Law enforcement or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

HUTCHISON KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, on Aug. 17 in her hometown of LaMarque, officially launched her campaign to challenge Gov. Perry to be the Republican nominee for governor.

WATSON DECIDES SENATE IS FOR HIM

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, announced he would not run for governor in 2010, despite an effort to draft him

as a candidate.

DPS PROVIDES LIST OF NEW LAWS

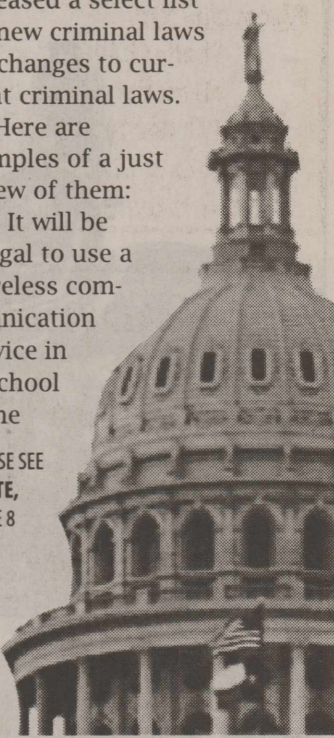
On Sept. 1, hundreds of new laws passed by the 81st Texas Legislature will take effect.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 11 released a select list of new criminal laws or changes to current criminal laws.

Here are samples of a just a few of them:

It will be illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone

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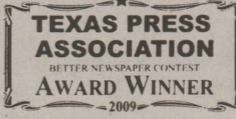
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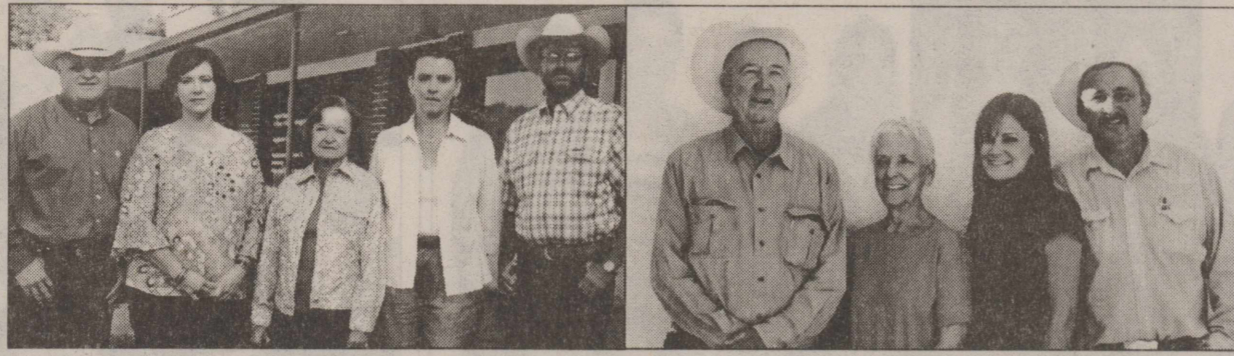
Nine Crockett County ranchers are partnering for Round-Up for Rehab

Nine Crockett County ranchers are partnering with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local leaders for the 50th anniversary of Round-Up for Rehab.

Bill and Susie Black, Arlene Clayton, Will M. and Vickie Black, Max and Stephanie Schroeder and Ray and Sheri Hill are asking Ozona-area ranchers to join them in supporting this annual fund-raising program to help WTRC serve disabled children and adults regardless of their financial status.

"It's remarkable for any project to remain viable for half a century," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "but in the case of Round-Up for Rehab, it's testimony to the dedication and loyalty of ranchers, who've consistently supported us despite droughts, market swings, predators and many other daunting challenges."

"In response," Gilliland continued, "all of us at Rehab want every Round-Up donor to know that we work hard ev-



NINE CROCKETT COUNTY RANCHERS will be helping with the West Texas Rehab's Round-Up for Rehab this year. Pictured are (left to right): Max and Stephanie Schroeder, Arlene Clayton, Sheri and Ray Hill, Bill and Susie Black and Vickie and Will M. Black.

ery day to deserve their commitment by maintaining exemplary staff, equipment and facilities to meet the rehabilitation needs of all who enter our doors in Ozona, San Angelo or Abilene." (To see the full array of services offered and events scheduled, log on to www.WestTexasRehab.org.)

In 2008, more than 1,200 Ozona-area children and adults were among 26,000 people served by West Texas Rehab Center—and more are expected in 2009. That's why the nine local chairmen hope local ranchers will donate an animal

to one of Rehab's special sales, make a cash gift, or mark their calendars to ask the auction house to cut a check to Rehab anytime during the year they take livestock—cattle, sheep or goats—to market.

Sale dates this fall of special interest in the Concho Valley are cattle sales Sept. 24 at Producers Livestock Auction and Sept. 29 at Abilene Auction.

General chairmen for this region are Jody Frey and Bob Helmers, who are joined by Big Country Chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson-

as well as legendary Western cowboy entertainer Red Steagall, the drive's honorary chairman.

Leadership in giving to Round-Up has been provided by corporate sponsors Heartland Alliance, Farm & Ranch Healthcare, Family PowerSports, Group IV Electric Cooperatives, Lone Star Beef, Bar-G Feed Yard, Wrangler and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife.

Arrangements for hauling animals can be made by calling WTRC San Angelo at (325) 223-6300.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 19

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD Teachers and Administrators Open House, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Ozona National Bank Lobby.
- Senior Dance meeting, 6 p.m. at the library.

Thursday, Aug. 20

- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lions scrimmage Brackett, 5 p.m. at Brackettville.
- Ozona Elementary Meet the Teacher night, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the students' classrooms.
- Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Friday, Aug. 21

- CCCSD District-Wide Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. at the OHS Cafeteria.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, Aug. 22

- 17th annual Davy Crockett Days, 10 a.m. at the town square; dance 9 a.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- Crockett County Open Youth Rodeo, 2 p.m. at the Fair Park Rodeo Arena.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, Aug. 24

- First Day of Classes at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

- Chamber Luncheon featuring Ag Commissioner Todd Staples and Rainwater Harvest presentation, noon at the Visitor Center.
- Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

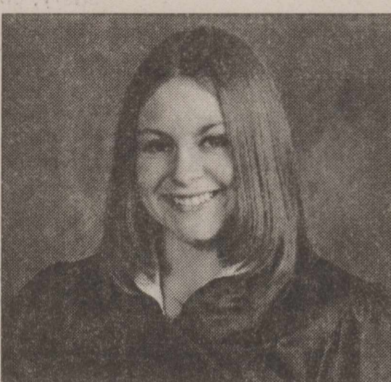
Wednesday, Aug. 26

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Senior Dance meeting tonight

Attention parents and the Class of 2010: there will be a meeting to plan the Senior Dance at the Crockett County Public Library at 6 p.m. tonight, Aug. 19.

For more information, call Margaret at 392-3565 or 392-9344.



Caperton receives \$8,000 scholarship

Barbara Jean Caperton has received an \$8,000 scholarship from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation and the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The scholarship is payable \$4,000 each year for the first two years of college.

The scholarship comes from Caperton qualifying for state UIL in Feature Writing and CX Debate.

Caperton is a 2009 Ozona High School graduate. She is the daughter of Barbara E. Caperton and Josh Caperton. She will be attending Angelo State University this fall.

Aug. 29 Wrestling tickets on sale now

The Knights of Columbus present the Freestyle Pro Wrestling Company and the Return of Wrestling to Ozona at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Fair Park Convention Center.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is a chronic inherited disease that causes certain glands to produce a thick, sticky mucus that plugs up certain organs in the body and causes problems with breathing and digestion.

Scheduled to perform are: Tatroo Freak, Chuey Martinez, Gringo Loco, Shawn Vexx, Hot Sauce, Tony Morales, Extreme Nerd, Team Smurf, Johnny Damage and others.

A female match is also scheduled to include the NWA Southwest Champion.

Tickets can be purchased at The Ozona Stockman and at Irma's Cafe beginning at noon Friday, Aug. 14.

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Proud parents are Rebecca Rueffer and Markaus Galindo from Ozona.

Grandparents are Eddie and Sharon Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Galindo, all from Ozona, and Jack and Sally Rueffer from Haskell.

Great-grandparents are June Martin from Rotan, Jose and Esmeralda Barriga from Ozona and Betty Breece from San Jose, Calif.

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The event is for parents and students in grades PPCD-5th Grades.

PPCD, Pre-K and Kindergarten parents and students will meet at the portable classrooms by the Ozona Middle School Campus.

First and second grades will meet at the portables located by the Ozona High School campus.

Third, fourth and fifth-graders will meet at the intermediate school campus.

This is a good time for students to meet their teachers and drop off their school supplies.

For more information, call Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson at 392-5501 ext. 5741.

Drop off/Pick up procedures at portables

OHS site (first and second grade) - Parents will drop off by entering from the north and exiting from the south.

OMS site (pre-k, PPCD and kindergarten) - Parents will enter from the west and turn left immediately after the draw into the lot that contains the portable complex (paved road). After dropping off, parents will proceed either north around school housing and onto Middle School Court or east down the paved road that goes next to AEP.

School contact numbers

Superintendent Chris duBois Superintendent's Secretary - Doris Hood 392-5501 ext. 5700	Ozona Middle School Principal - Houston Hendryx Secretary - Valerie Sanchez 392-5501 ext. 5721
Ozona High School Principal - Benny Granger Secretary - Wilda Ramos 392-5501 ext. 5711	Ozona Elementary School Principal - Amanda Jackson Secretary - Patty Villarreal 392-5501 ext. 5730

2009-2010 Official Ozona Schools Calendar

- Aug. 24 - First Day of Classes
- Sept. 7 - Labor Day Holiday
- Oct. 2 - End of First Six Weeks
- Nov. 6 - End of Second Six Weeks
- Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 18 - End of Third Six Weeks
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 - Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 8 - Staff Development Day
- Feb. 12 - End of Fourth Six Weeks
- March 15-19 - Spring Break
- April 2 - Bad Weather Day
- April 9 - End of Fifth Six Weeks
- May 14 - Bad Weather Day
- May 28 - End of Sixth Six Weeks and Graduation
- May 30 - Comp Day, Staff Development Day

Early Release Days/Times

- Nov. 25, Dec. 18, March 12 and May 28
- Pre-K-Second 12:30 p.m.
- Third-Fifth 12:40 p.m.
- Middle School 12:50 p.m.
- High School 1 p.m.

TAKS Test Schedule

- March 1 - Exit Social Studies (retest 12)
- March 3 - 4th and 7th Writing; 3rd, 5th, 8th and 9th Reading; 10th and Exit Level English Lang. Arts.
- March 3-5 - Exit Math, Science, ELA (retest 12)
- April 6 - 5th and 8th Math
- April 27 - 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 10th Math; Exit ELA (retest 12)
- April 28 - 4th, 6th, 7th, (retest 3rd, 5th, 8th) Reading; Exit Math (retest 12)
- April 29 - 5th, 8th, 10th, Exit, (retest 12) Science; 9th Math
- April 30 - 8th, 10th, Exit, (retest 12) Social Studies
- May 18 - Retest 5th and 8th Math
- June 29 - Retest 5th and 8th Math
- June 30 - Retest 3rd, 5th and 8th Reading
- July 13-16 - Exit ELA, Math, Science, Soc. Studies (retest 12)

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OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS



OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS gathered at the home of Jessica Luckie for their annual hamburger supper on Aug. 11. Families shared their summer experiences and fall plans, while enjoying good food and rain. President Heather Claburn called a brief meeting to discuss membership, secret pals and a community service opportunity. Members present (back row, left to right) Rachel Bean and Wyatt, Jody Upham and Grace, Connie Crenwelge, Meagan Nowell, Kimber Childress, Melissa Hokit, Haley Forehand and Breanne Hale; (front row, left to right) Colbey Bunker and Lillian, Andie Richardson, Melissa Perner, Jessica Luckie, Vicki Childress, Heather Claburn, Marie Barrett and Kayla Davidson. Not pictured, but at the dinner, were: Lucy Magness and Briana Clark. The next Ozona Woman's League meeting will be held at the home of Rachel Bean on Aug. 25.

Grasshoppers got you hoppin' mad?

FORT STOCKTON - Grasshoppers got you hoppin' mad? If they don't yet, there's a good chance they soon will, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

"A few grasshoppers aren't much of a problem, but when abundant as they are starting to be here in far West Texas, they are some of the most difficult insect pests to control in the urban landscape," said Dr. Mark Muegge, AgriLife Extension entomologist at Fort Stockton.

"That's because they are so mobile and, depending on the species, the eggs will hatch from early spring through midsummer. This seemingly endless supply of hoppers will head to town when pastures (their natural habitat) dry up."

Muegge said there are many grasshopper species in Texas, but only a few cause problems. Two of the more common troublemakers in far West Texas are the red legged and Lakins grasshoppers. The duo are similar in size and shape, but their colors differ

slightly. During outbreak years, they can wreak havoc on alfalfa, wheat, vegetables and ornamental flowers.

"Can homeowners get rid of grasshoppers? During outbreak years like this one is shaping up to be in some parts of the state, I'd have to say no," Muegge said. "But homeowners can minimize their damage by implementing Integrated Pest Management practices. These often include physical barriers, insecticides and landscape plants grasshoppers don't particularly care for."

Muegge said it's obvious homeowners have little control of what goes on outside their landscape, but they can take a big step in protecting their yards by eliminating weedy margins around the home which offer prime egg-laying sites.

Insecticides are another option that can provide some immediate control. Muegge said recent tests have shown that products with bifenthrin provide the fastest kill and longest residual control.

Products containing permethrin and esfenvalerate should also work well.

Baits are another option homeowners might consider, said Muegge. Baits consist of wheat bran combined with the insecticide carbaryl or the natural grasshopper pathogen *Nosema locustae*.

"Baits are designed to selectively kill only grasshoppers and other foraging insects and therefore will be less harmful to off-target organisms," Muegge said.

Some common grasshopper-resistant plants include American beautyberry, artemesia, Coralberry, crape myrtle, Dwarf yaupon, Afghan pine, Lantana, Moss rose, Nandina, Purslane, Salvia greggii and Turks cap.

For more information on control measures and for a more complete list of grasshopper-resistant landscape plants, see: <http://citybugs.tamu.edu/FastSheets/Ent-1040.html> (<http://citybugs.tamu.edu/FastSheets/Ent-1040.html>) and search for grasshoppers.



OLPH YOUTH MEMBERS traveled to Tucson, Ariz. on July 21-27 for a missionary work project and also attended the Stuebenville West National Youth Conference held at the University of Arizona. A special thanks to all community support. Pictured are: (top row, left to right) Jill Marquez, Jacinda Villarreal, Rebecca Ramos, Michelle Ramos, Layla Perez, Julie Guierrez, Gabby Gutierrez and Lilia Tijerina; (front row, left to right) Anthony Gonzales, Abey Lara, Lalo Longoria, Adrian Tijerina and Jo Patrick Borrego.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TINA JARVIS
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Tuesday night club members Carol Adcock, Nell West-er, Jim and JoAnn Babbitt, Raul De La Rosa, Lucy Hinde, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Bobby McDonald and Tina Jarvis danced at the Care Center.

Afterwards we went to the Civic Center and practiced for the State Fair Exposition.

Saturday night we will dance to caller Tracey Dowell from McCauley, Texas. We will start dancing at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to join us.

Keep it square and Happy Dancing!

Answers on Aging in Ozona Aug. 27

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, Aug. 27, 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.

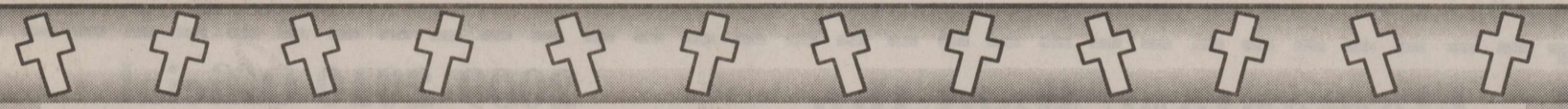
Needing to apply for services? Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have. Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility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



THE UNKNOWN INHERITANCE

My cousins and I recently received letter from the state saying we were the heirs of some land from my great-grandfather. It joined some land that he owned but we did not know that he also owned the adjacent property. The State checked it out and we were the rightful owners. That incident reminded me of something in the Bible. It talks a good deal about inheritances and they can be obtained or lost. To be entitled to or be qualified for it we must become part of the family of God. We must be "Born Again" as Jesus told a great religious leader, (John 3:1-3). When we turn from ourselves or anything other than Christ and call upon Jesus Christ to be our Savior, we receive a new birth or spiritual birth, (John 1:12&13, 1 Peter 1:3&4). Everyone that chooses to accept Christ automatically has a special inheritance reserved in Heaven, (Ephesians 1:11, Colossians 1:12-14 & 3:24, Hebrews 9:14&15). If we reject Christ or ignore Him we have no inheritance in heaven, (Ephesians 5:5). Our inheritance can not be stolen or deteriorate, (Luke 12:33). Maybe we should make sure we have accepted Christ so we will have an inheritance. When we accept Christ our names are written in a special book in heaven called the, "book of life" or "the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 3:5, 20:15, 21:27). 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. 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 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. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Ru. Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

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Starting this month, Texas vehicle inspection stickers will feature a western cowboy motif. Various images of cowboys will appear on different types of inspection stickers. The new stickers are rolling out over the next several months across the state.

"We wanted to present a new certificate design that was immediately identifiable as being Texan," said JoJo Heselmeier, director of Vehicle Services for the DPS.

Texas issues 10 different inspection certificate designs, dependent upon factors such as

the age of the vehicle, whether it is designated as a commercial vehicle and whether emissions testing is required.

Inspection certificates issued in previous years will remain valid until their listed expiration dates.

For more information, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/index.htm> and click on vehicle inspection.

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Part 1: new traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect Sept. 1

Editor's note: This is part 1 of the new traffic, criminal laws. Part 2 will run in the Aug. 26 edition.

SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 2730 is the DPS's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730. Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated) include:

DRIVING:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date.

HB 2730 allows a new Texas resident to operate a vehicle without a Texas license for 90 days instead of the current 30. (This provision went into effect on June 19, 2009.)

HB 2012 creates two new punishment enhancements: a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives with a suspended license and without insurance; and a class A misdemeanor if the person driving without in-

urance or a valid driver license has an accident and someone is seriously injured or dies as a result of that accident.

SB 129 authorizes neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) to be operated on roads with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes driver license holders to operate NEVs without having a motorcycle endorsement, clarifies that drivers and passengers in such vehicles are not required to wear helmets and specifies that enclosed three-wheeled vehicles as described in the bill are authorized to operate in preferential lanes.

SEATBELTS:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidcar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense. The law also creates a new court cost for conviction of an offense under this section to be collected and used by TxDOT to buy safety seats for low income families. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are

allowed to issue a warning before that date.

CONCEALED HANDGUN:

HB 2730 amends numerous provisions regarding concealed handgun licenses (CHLs), including eliminating student loan defaults as a disqualifier, to clarify that DPS must suspend or revoke a license when the licensee becomes ineligible and mandating that a magistrate suspend a CHL held by the subject of an emergency protective order.

HB 2664 provides a defense to prosecution if a concealed handgun license holder carries a concealed handgun into an establishment that gets 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but has failed to post the statutorily required notice that it derives 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Under current law, a concealed handgun licensee can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for doing this.)

HB 2730 removes DPS authority to suspend a concealed handgun license (CHL) for the holder's failure to display the CHL to a peace officer on demand. It removes associated penalties and suspensions for the failure to display.

DRIVER LICENSE:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15. It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving, prohibited use of wireless

communication devices and a limited number of passengers.

HB 339 increases the total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen receives from 14 to 34 and creates an adult driver education requirement for applicants older than 18 and younger than 21.

SB 1317 creates a six-hour driver education course required for driver license applicants 18 years of age or older. It also mandates that applicants 25 or under must submit to an approved driver education course. (Goes into effect March 1, 2010.)

SB 328 gives DPS the power to suspend a minor's driver license if they fail a breath or blood alcohol test while operating a watercraft. Chapter 524 of the Transportation Code also clearly defines the suspension period for an individual who was under the age of 21 at the time when the offense of boating under the influence or driving under the influence of alcohol occurred. The law also increases the reinstatement fee for a license suspended under sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code from \$50 to \$100.

HB 2730 increases the driver license sanction from a one-year CDL license disqualification to a lifetime disqualification if a person uses a motor vehicle to transport, conceal or harbor an alien. If a child is engaged in conduct involving a severe form of trafficking persons, a judge at a juvenile hearing is required to order the juvenile's driver license or permit to be suspended.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions.

Sales tax holiday this weekend

AUSTIN - Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday-which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks.

Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

The annual sales tax holiday is this weekend Aug. 21-23. State law designates the weekend of the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

"Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new school year," Combs said. "To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million in state and local sales taxes this year."

The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100.

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CONGRESSMAN: Preventative health care needs to be considered

Obama has stated that the government is out of money, but the government keeps digging a hole and it keeps getting deeper, said Randy Verner, manager of the USDA Rural Development office in Ozona.

"You guys don't use prudence at all. I'm tired of spending. We want some controls," Verner said.

Ron Shott, pastor of the Ozona United Methodist Church, said that preventative health care and lifestyle changes can reduce costs.

"It's the human factor to look at you (Rodriguez) and the President and want you to ride up on a white horse to solve our problems," Shott said.

Rodriguez said prevention health care needs to be looked at with more physical education and a better "quality of life" with nutrition and

exercise.

"I hear you loud and clear," Rodriguez said. "We are not going to get out of this situation by ourselves."

Also during the meeting, Rodriguez said he did not vote for the Wall Street bailout plan or the automotive bailout plan, but that he did vote for the stimulus plan.

"If we bailout Wall Street, we bailout the rest of the world," he said. "Our country is not going to get better until we have the confidence in our government. Right now, the confidence is not there."

The images and news presented on TV, as well as small business owners struggling, are some of the reasons the American people don't have confidence in the government now, said Johnnie Griffin.

"Americans have a 21 per-

cent confidence rating in the Senate and the House. You don't tax Wal-Mart, you don't tax Exxon but the little guy, he has to pay the tax. That's why we are worried," Griffin said. "Our government continues to let us down. Either start communicating between the House and the Senate, take off some of these taxes and do something about this. You guys are stealing our money."

Ben English said to Rodriguez that he voted for the "Clunkers for Cash" program, which English believes is a "mistake."

"I would really like to buy my wife a new car, but I can't afford it. You took the money from my wallet out of my pocket and bought someone else a new car," English said. "There's hardly a day when we all get out of bed that the fed-

eral government doesn't control us."

Rodriguez said the group "hit it on the nail" with the fact that middle-class Americans are the ones carrying the burden, but that unless the private sector kicks in the government is not going to be able to get the country out of this mess.

"You penalize people who work for a living," said Mike Glover. "We can solve this problem. We can't afford any more ideas."

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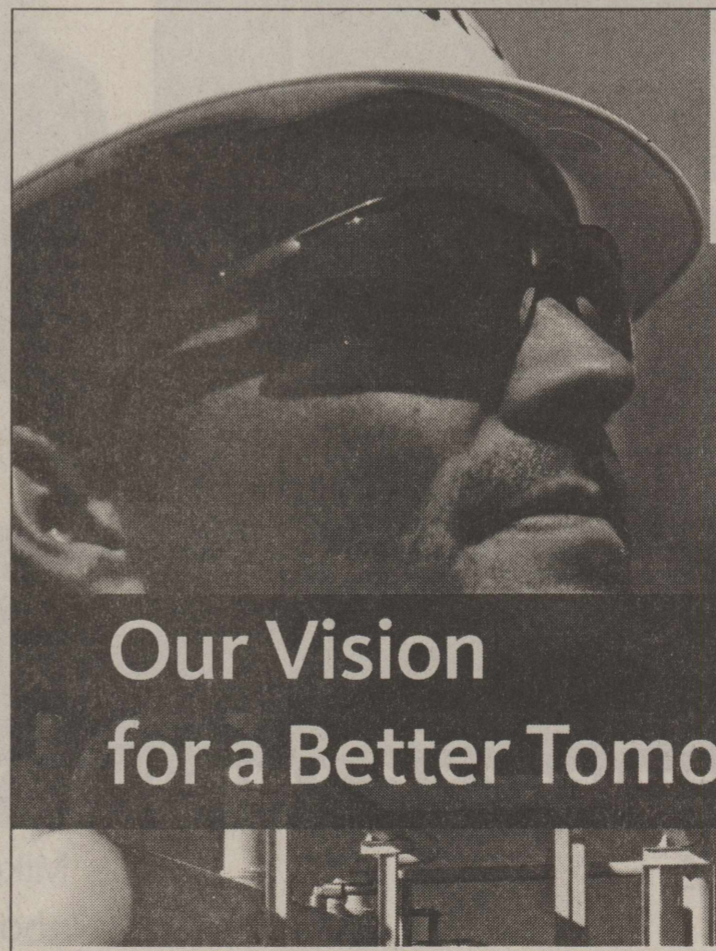


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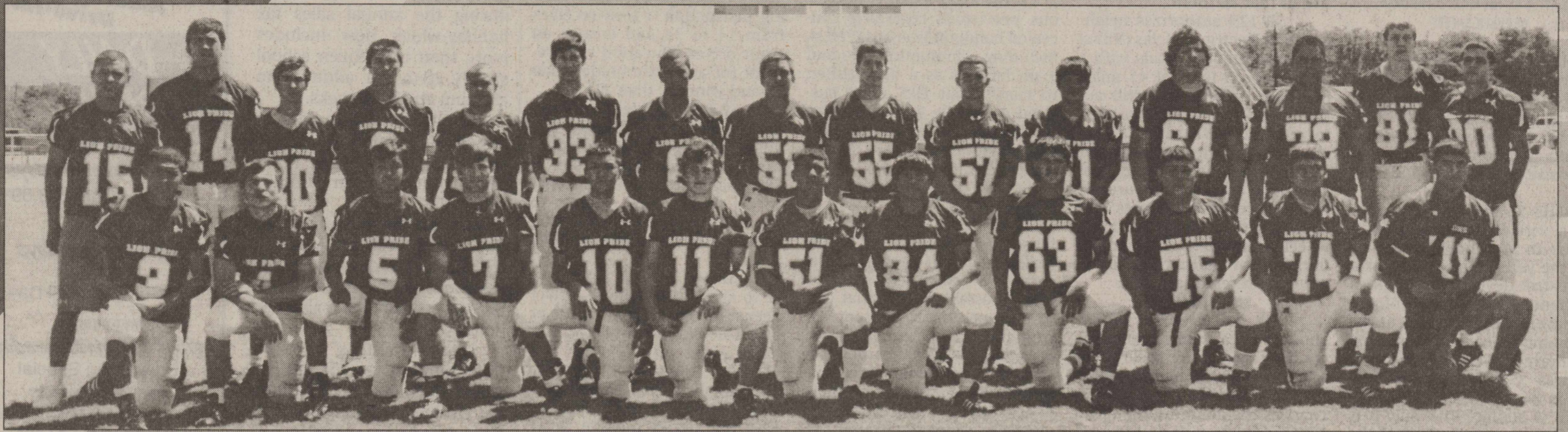
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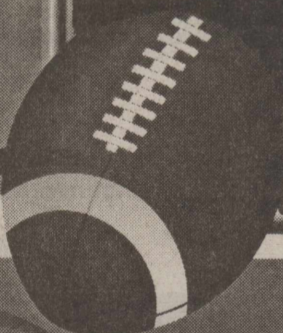
Quarterback Zane Hernandez hands off to Anthony Gonzales.



Nathan De Hoyos plays tough defense for the Lions.

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THE 2009 OZONA JV LION FOOTBALL TEAM



THE 2009 OZONA LION FOOTBALL COACHES ARE: (back l. to r.) Justin Morris, Amaro Villarreal, Ubaldo Elguaz, Robert Hernandez - Athletic Director, Jay Benn Allis, Vance Gohlke - Trainer and Ronny Clayton. Front: Ted Rohan, Ray Ramos, Butch Gonzalez and John Esparza.

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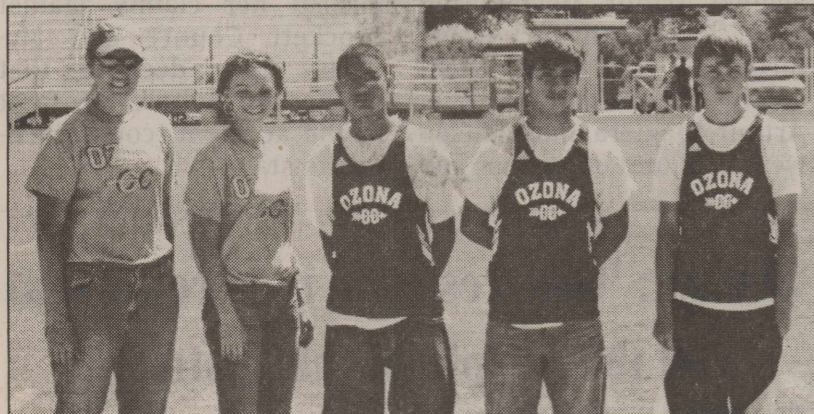
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PARTICIPANTS OF THE 2009 OZONA LION CHEER CAMP HELD AUGUST 5 AT DAVIDSON GYM GATHER FOR A PHOTO AFTER AN ACTION PACKED MORNING.



2009 GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Coach Kristie Williams, Coach Jordan Webster, Cheyenne Lopez, Cynthia Garcia, Sabrina De La Garza, Brianna Cervantez, Alex Rodriguez, Maria Villarreal, Clarissa Burciaga, Rebecca Ramos, Melanie Miller, Raelynn Arredondo and Vanessa Rodriguez. Not pictured are: Kayla Fuller, Kodi Glosson and Crystal Vasquez. The teams were introduced during "Meet the Lions" this past Saturday.



2009 BOY'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Coach Kristie Williams, Coach Jordan Webster, Tevin Cordova, Jesse Badillo and Stefan Wilson. Not pictured are: Bailey Badillo, Russel Komechak, Kramer Hall, Andy Trevino, Christian Perez, Noah Tambunga, Matthew Galindo and Cuatro Jones.

All 7th & 8th grade football players need to report to the Middle School Gym from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 19 or 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Thur. Aug. 20 to be fitted for helmets.

Happy Birthday to Lori Tambunga on Aug. 19! We Love You, Your Friends



THE 2009 OHS LION TRAINERS ARE: Cheyenne Lopez, Jenice Elguea, Jessica Elston, Angelic Gutierrez, Clarissa Burciaga, Layla Perez, Adrienne Sanchez, Maria Villarreal. Not pictured are: Christl Smith, Leandra Hernandez, Kaylen Hernandez and Katy Hernandez.

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- Sept. 26 - HS-MS-BB Girls Sonora
- Oct. 3 - HS Alpine
- Oct. 10 - HS-MS Wall
- Oct. 26 - HS-MS District Meet - Alpine
- Nov. 7 - HS Regional Meet Lubbock
- Nov. 14 - HS State Meet Round Rock

Youth Center Calendar of Events

- Aug. 17 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
- Aug. 18 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

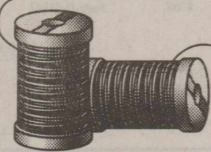
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OSONA FIREFIGHTERS extinguish a tank battery fire on Aug. 11. The fire was located five miles north of State Highway 163 off of County Road 205. The fire department also received mutual aid from Big Lake and Barnhart.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

AUGUST 11

- 5:01 p.m. - Tank battery fire, 5 miles north of State Hwy 163 on County Road 205. Six units, nine firefighters and mutual aid from Big Lake, three units and six firefighters, and Barnhart, three units and six firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 24 minutes.

AUGUST 16

- 3:31 p.m. - Grass fire two miles east on County Road 205 from State Hwy 137, 20 acres. Six units, nine firefighters, Big Lake two units, four firefighters, Barnhart, two units, four firefighters. Time in service 5 hours 9 minutes.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

AUGUST 10

- Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center
- Transfer - Patient transported to Crockett County Care Center

AUGUST 13

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AUGUST 16

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\$14 million plane crash verdict overturned by El Paso court

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OSONA STOCKMAN

The El Paso Court of Appeals has overturned a \$14 million verdict that stemmed from a Crockett County trial.

Last week, the court issued an opinion that reversed the judgment against Sheila Arthur and David Magiera and rendered judgment that plaintiff Janet Lyn Grimmer takes nothing.

This judgment comes out of a 2006 Crockett County trial where Grimmer was awarded \$14.2 million by a local jury for physical and mental injuries, as well as medical expenses, Grimmer said she suffered in a 2001 plane crash in Ozona. The 2006 trial lasted two-weeks.

Arthur and Magiera were owners of the plane that crashed in the parking lot between the new Dollar General location and the Miller Firestone building.

According to the El Paso court opinion, evidence was legally insufficient to support Grimmer's theories of recoveries. Grimmer pursued several theories of recovery against Arthur, Magiera and pilot John Willison, which included negligence, fault among the defendants, that Arthur, Magiera and Willison were in a joint enterprise and

that the three were also in a joint venture. Arthur and Magiera filed the appeal. In the opinion, the appeals court stated that evidence was insufficient to establish a joint enterprise and a joint venture, thereby overruling the verdict. The case will likely be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which takes a low percentage of appeals, said John J. Reenan, attorney for Arthur and Magiera. Reenan also said that there is a 98 percent chance that the Texas Supreme Court will not consider the case.

According to court documents, the plane, a Piper PA-30 multi-engine, left Laijitas Airport and was en route to Fort Worth. While the plane approached the Ozona Municipal Airport to refuel, the left engine lost power followed by the right engine.

The plane then struck power lines and crashed. The original petition filed in 2002 had Grimmer and her boyfriend Dennis Otts vs. Crockett County as well as Charles McCleary and McCleary Aircraft.

Otts entered into a settlement and Grimmer dismissed her claims against Crockett County and McCleary upon deciding that neither entity bore any fault in the accident, court documents state.

LETTER: 'Congressman is to represent all the people of this district'

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a constituent base and audience for his town hall meetings which appear to be scheduled on the spur of the moment and without public notification? The last time I checked, the Congressman is to represent all of the people in this district, and it doesn't appear as if Congressman Rodriguez is trying to communicate with all of the people, but only with a very, very select few.

My questions to you are plain: What are you going to do about this? What are your thoughts and feelings regarding such a biased and limited approach to representation? Aren't you offended by the fact that you have to call and ask to be advised of an opportunity to meet with your congressman?

Carolyn J. Tuttle
Rocksprings, Texas

STATE: Occupants of a vehicle must wear safety belt, no matter where seated

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unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

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