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'Burning Up'

**Deaton Cole
fire at 175,000
in two counties**

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

For a moment last week, it seemed as if the whole world was in flames.

Smoke blowing through Ozona, people fighting to save their houses and the fire kept coming.

As local firefighters and volunteers fought back fatigue, it seemed there was no end in sight. Then, the winds changed.

A north wind, little bit of rain and cooler temperatures finally brought significant containment to the Deaton Cole Fire that had ravaged more than 175,000 acres over two counties.

"This fire has really driven since it started last Monday (April 25) afternoon," said Texas Forest Service Official Dwight Dold on Monday. "We got a lot accomplished today. We should be on the downhill slope."

The fire has now reached 65 percent containment and national and state forest service officials, as well as U.S. National Guard, are hoping for full containment in the next few days.

Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System support was requested early Monday afternoon.

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AMANDA CARSON GREEN, GEORGE GRIES AND MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
TOP: U.S. FOREST SERVICE OFFICIAL orders drivers along State Highway 163 south to turn around as the Deaton Cole fire begins its jump across the roadway Saturday afternoon. LEFT: A trailer destroyed at the Carson Sleepy Hollow Ranch. RIGHT: An Aero Union plane with the U.S. Forest Service dumps fire retardant on a burning area.

School board approves funding for projects

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A chance to make repairs to school district facilities, including the track at Lion Stadium, was approved last week.

During the regular meeting of the Crockett County CCSD School Board, the board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing around \$3.4 million funding from the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program.

While the name is misleading, the QSCB is not a traditional school bond, but instead a low-interest loan program through the federal government stimulus program.

Ed King, vice president of the Texas Education Facilities Fund, spoke to the board about the program during a facilities workshop prior to the regular meeting on April 27.

The loan would be for 15 years. Interest rates would probably not be higher than 1.25 percent, King said.

In his presentation, King showed the board that total interest cost at 1.25 percent for 15 years would be \$514,484 compared to \$2,104,085 on standard 15-year loan at 4.75 percent.

Iraan ISD and Comstock ISD have received funds from the program. Around 125 school districts are on a waiting list waiting to be approved for funds.

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Lady Lions Softball: Bi-District Champions

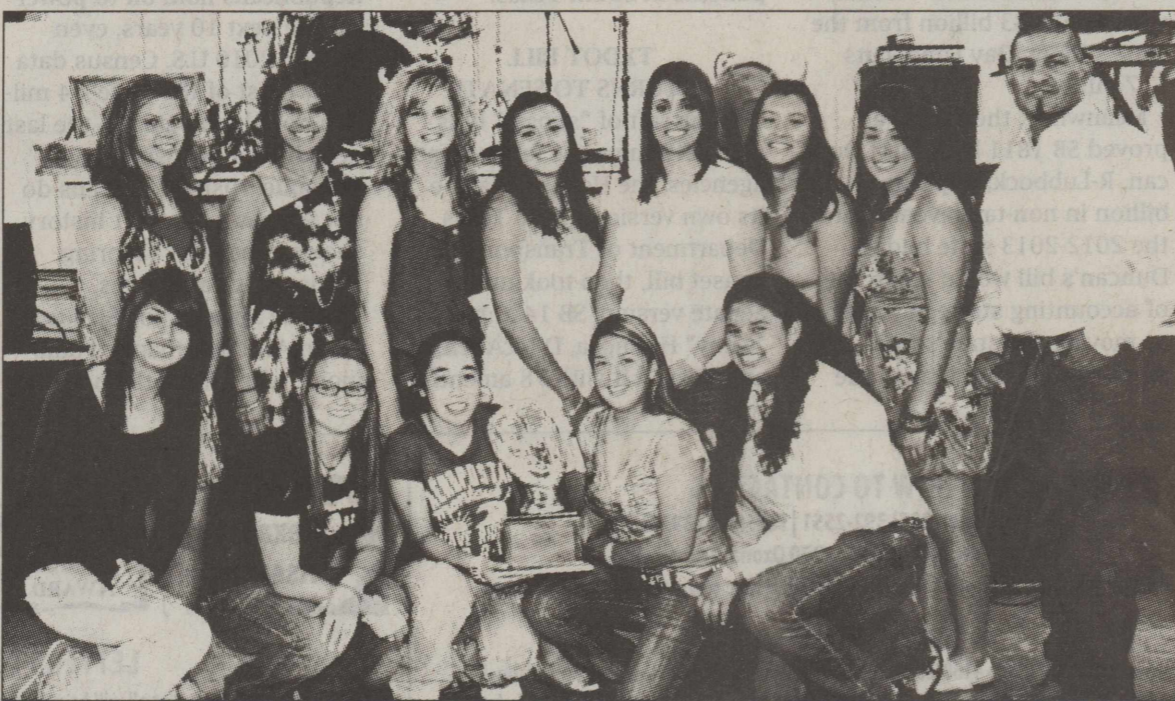
BY PAUL HARRIS
SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

JUNCTION — For the first time ever, the Ozona High School softball team is heading to the second round of the playoffs.

The Lady Lions swept their bi-district playoff series Saturday with a 16-6 win over Comfort in Game 2, led by a spectacular performance from sophomore catcher Kodi Glosson, who was 4-for-4 with a home run, a triple and two doubles.

Ozona scored eight times in the first inning to take control, and the Lady Lions eventually racked up 17 hits in six innings, with every batter in their starting lineup getting a hit.

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THE LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM won the Bi-District Championship with a two-game sweep over Comfort.

No settlement in county court case

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

At an April 26 special meeting, Crockett County Commissioners met for what was suppose to be discussion and action on a court case settlement and agreement.

However, County Attorney Jody Upham informed the commissioners that the case between the county and Nikki Hobson will have to continue.

Upham said that after Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies performed a writ of execution, she received a call from Hobson about

settling the case.

A writ of execution is a 90-day court order granted in an attempt to satisfy a monetary judgment. A court typically orders a sheriff or deputy to take possession of property owned by the person who owes money. The property will often then be sold in a sheriff's sale for \$.10 on the dollar the proceeds placed toward what the person owes.

In this case, Hobson owes more than \$9,700 due to not completing her contract with the Crockett

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Officials should not bypass public forum by messaging

It's becoming harder than ever to see public officials during regular meetings, since they often are hidden behind laptop computers or crouched over mobile phones, hammering away at the keys.

There are only two possibilities for such busywork during public meetings. Either the officials are conducting official business, or they're not.

If they're not, then they're not doing their job, which is to pay attention and be active participants in the meetings. If they are conducting official business, then they are breaking the law.

Those are the concerns behind House Bill 2977, filed by

GUEST EDITORIAL: By Carlos Rodriguez | The Brownsville Herald

Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi. The bill would restrict texting during open meetings. It needs to pass.

Advances in technology have made communications easier than ever. Mobile phones with Internet access and texting capabilities allow people to send and receive messages anywhere. Elected officials are among the many people who have found it convenient to make such communications, even during meetings.

The trouble is, people have little way of knowing if the of-

officials are using their devices to communicate with each other during the meetings, either to comment on the proceedings or to collude on votes.

Such actions violate the very intent of open meetings, which is to keep the public informed of all actions and deliberations, and to give them an opportunity to respond.

Many officials say they need the devices to inform themselves better about the issues that are being addressed in the meetings. Traditionally, staff

prepares background information on each agenda item for the officials. Historically the information has been printed out and given in a packet to each member. Officials have said that the electronic devices — \$1,000-\$2,000 laptops for each person and at least \$100 in monthly Internet fees — saves them money by not requiring all that expensive paper, which costs about \$2 a ream. If you're spending taxpayers' money, this logic makes sense.

Some officials have been honest about their use of the devices. Austin officials admitted communicating with each other

during meetings. They started using their own mobile phones, saying that since they were personal devices they were not subject to public review — even though their actions still constituted official business.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, told The Houston Chronicle that he might be handling family emergencies, communications from constituents, or just reading the Gospel of the Day. Such actions are better done outside of a public meeting. One would expect that most officials would deal with a family emergency by first leaving the chamber in order to take care of

the business at hand.

HB 2977 would allow the use of the devices for "administrative or ministerial information or that is sent in relation to an emergency situation." Such cases most likely would involve the entire board, and be part of the public proceedings.

Public business must be conducted publicly. Covert collusion through private communication devices should be restricted, and this is why the bill should pass.

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Thanks Mom!

Mom. Just saying the word makes me want to pick up the phone and give her a call. Whenever I have problem, I often reach for the phone and immediately call mom.

I remember everyday after school, even when I got in high school, I would come home, sit at the kitchen table and talk to mom.

Mom always had the perfect answer to everything. I'm sure I didn't think so then, but now when I look back it mom was always right.

When you're little, mom is there to give you hugs, to pick you up when you fall down and to cheer you on in all those activities. My mom was there for all that.

Mom lived through those two years of piano lessons and all those hours of practicing. She lived through the clarinet, baritone and then percussion. Music to her ears, even on the wrong notes she would say.

Mom was there for every band concert, stock show and school banquet.

When I turned 18, and thought I knew everything there was to know about the world, I couldn't wait to get out on my own.

When I had my first "real world" crisis, the first person I called was mom.

I still call here after I return home from traveling. I call here when I need a shoulder to cry on or just someone to vent to when I've had those bad days. She's good at all of those things.

She calls when something pops into her mind, mails me things she finds interesting and often gives me a critique on my paper. She even points out my mistakes.

Moms come in all shapes and sizes these days.

Sometimes mom is really grandma, or aunt. Sometimes it's dad who gets to play both roles.

Columnist Erma Bomeback said it best:

When the Good Lord was creating mothers He was into His 6th day of "over-time" when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specification on this order?"

"She has to be completely washable but not plastic"

"Have 180 movable parts ... all replaceable"

"Run on black coffee and leftovers"

"Have a lap she disappears when she stands up"

"A kiss that can cure any-



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

thing from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair"

"And 6 pairs of hands"

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "6 pairs of hands....no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me

the problems," said the Lord, "It's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's in the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow . . ."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one that heals herself when she is sick . . . can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger . . . and can get a 9 yr. old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran a finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there"

Thanks mom, for all that you do.

Happy Mother's Day to my mom and all the moms out there.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Happy Mother's Day to my mom!

Famous Last Words

Roger was a plunger, no, not in a janitorial sense but in a business one. He was a compulsive go-getter who, as often happens, married an exact opposite.

Dorothy was definitely NOT a plunger, but a steady-as-she-goes conservative who liked to have every waking hour planned down to the last minute. So you can imagine her state when on their way to Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon they stopped for a fast food burger and Roger saw a poster for a heavy equipment auction that, lo and behold, was just a few miles out of their way.

"Don't worry," Roger told Dorothy, "we're sure gonna watch."

He kept saying that right up until the time he bought an old dump truck, skid loader and trailer by maxing out every credit card the two of them were carrying. Three hours prior Dorothy had been married to a bread truck driver and now they owned a construction company! Instead of spending a few days at Caesars Palace on the shores of Lake Tahoe, Dorothy was now following Roger home in a dump truck. Little did she know this would be their life together for the next 40 years.

Roger hit the ground running and built his construction company from scraping manure at feedlots and dairies to bidding and building multi-million dollar roads and bridges. He was seldom home for supper. Their first child was Leonard, a frail, retiring type who just wanted to be left alone to



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

read books in his bedroom. He hated it when his dad made him tag along on a construction job. It was on one such trip that Roger saw an auction flyer for a club calf sale that, amazingly, was just a few miles away.

"Don't worry son, we're just gonna watch," said Roger as they sat in the sale bleachers. An hour later they were looking for a ride home for Leonard's first show steer. Although, if his Dad had bothered to ask, Leonard would have much preferred a lamb if he had to raise a show animal at all. Leonard was on the small side and that steer drug him all over the landscape and stepped on his toes every chance he got. Leonard hated that steer, but not as much as his father hated seeing him handed a red ribbon at the fair. This was unacceptable, no kid of his was a loser. So there were many more such auctions where they were "just gonna watch."

The middle child was a girl, Tina, and she dreamed of becoming either a makeup artist or a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader, certainly not a real cowboy. But one day on a whim Roger took the family to a purebred cattle auction. "Don't worry," Roger told

Tina, "we're just gonna watch." That's how Tina got roped into being a rancher for life.

Then one day Roger took his youngest son Robbie to a farm equipment auction. Robbie loved fast cars and restoring hot rods, not Farmall tractors. "Don't worry," his father reassured him, "we're just gonna watch." A couple hours later Roger had bought enough worn out farm equipment to keep Robbie away from cars for years.

As his many enterprises prospered Roger put Leonard in charge while he went to auctions to buy heavy metal, cattle and more land. Tina ran the cattle and Robbie kept busy restoring the old tractors his father now collected. Wife Dorothy wanted to sell it all and see the world, at least that part of it you could get to in a 42 foot mobile home with four slide outs and a full size tub.

Then one day Roger fell over dead at age 64 from a massive heart attack.

Pastor Coglin and the family sat at the kitchen table planning Roger's service. When the Pastor asked Leonard if he would like to say a few words at the funeral the shy young man got a frightened look on his face. What could he say about a father he loved, but deeply resented. Dorothy made eye contact with each of her offspring and saw in their faces a reflection of her own unrealized dreams. "Don't worry kids," Dorothy spoke those famous last words, "we're just gonna watch."

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Senate finds ways to shore state budget before moving ahead

AUSTIN - Big bills continue to rumble around the state Capitol with less than a month remaining until May 30, the last day of the regular 82nd session of the Texas Legislature.

The full House and the Senate Finance Committee have passed versions of the state budget, but last week there was not enough collective will in the Senate to bring the matter up for floor debate: too much disagreement on the particulars. We'll have to wait a little longer to see a state budget both houses consider fit for delivery to the governor.

In their current forms, the House version cuts spending by \$23 billion while the Senate Finance Committee's version, which pulls \$3 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund, cuts \$17 billion.

Meanwhile, the Senate approved SB 1811 by Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, to pump \$4 billion in non-tax revenue into the 2012-2013 state budget. Duncan's bill would make use of accounting strategies, such as moving the state's final payment of the fiscal year to the

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Permanent School Fund (more than \$2 billion) from August into September, the first month of fiscal year 2011-2012. It would also move up the collection of the state's franchise tax a month early in 2013 to bring in about \$800 million, the Senate Media Office reported.

Another key piece of budget legislation was passed by the Senate: SB 23 by Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. Nelson's bill would save about a half billion dollars in health care costs over the next biennium by moving Medicaid prescriptions into managed care and increasing managed care for Medicaid patients in South Texas.

TXDOT BILL RETURNS TO SENATE

In the raft of "sunset" bills that determine the fate of state agencies, the House set aside its own version of the Texas Department of Transportation sunset bill, then took up the Senate version, SB 1420 by Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and passed it with 78 amend-

ments.

The bill now goes back to the Senate to see if that body will concur in all those amendments. It probably won't, and the bill, which shifts more road-building projects into private hands and allows the creation of more toll roads, will be assigned to a conference committee.

HOUSE PASSES REDISTRICTING BILL

A big piece of legislation the House passed was HB 150 by Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton - the redrawing of House district boundaries.

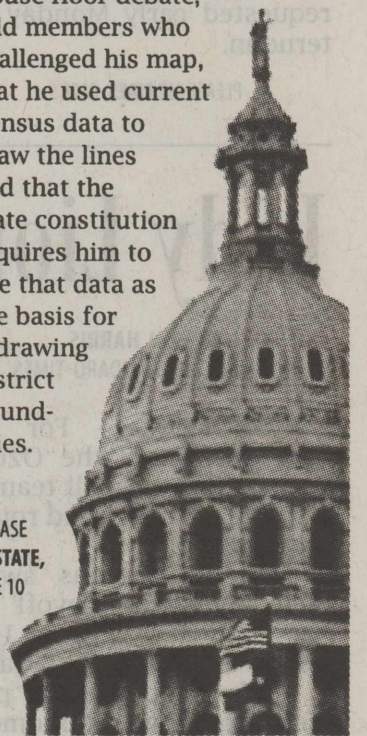
The bill is structured to help Republicans hold on to power for the next 10 years, even though 2010 U.S. Census data show most of the state's 4 million population gain in the last decade was overwhelmingly Hispanic. Hispanic Texans do not vote as a bloc but history shows a majority favoring Democratic candidates.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, thanked Solomons, who chairs the body's

Redistricting Committee, and House members in general "for their commitment in passing a map that is fair, legal, and that reflects the demographic changes that our state has experienced over the past decade."

Solomons, during House floor debate, told members who challenged his map, that he used current Census data to draw the lines and that the state constitution requires him to use that data as the basis for redrawing district boundaries.

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Sixth grade tours town, has fun on field day

Last week the sixth graders took the TAKS test but also went and had some fun.

On Tuesday, they had the Math TAKS and on Wednesday all of the sixth graders woke up being ready to take on the Reading TAKS test.



OMS REPORT

AUSTIN ELGUEA

After those two long hard-working days, the students went on a field trip. The places where they went were the Ozona Stockman, Museum, Karrie's Creations, and the Courthouse.

At the Ozona Stockman, Mrs. Perner gave a tour around the building and talked about what a normal day at the office was like.

The museum was quite entertaining. The students learned about how people lived and the things they used for everyday life back in the early days of Ozona. I would give the learning experience five stars.

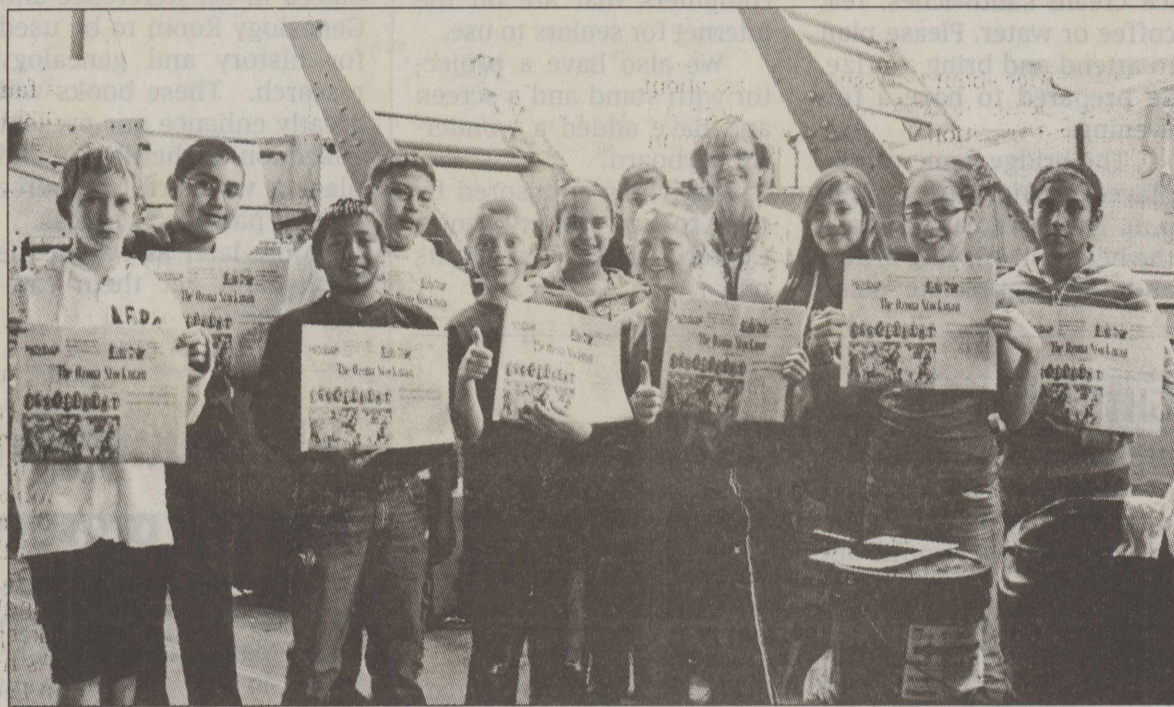
Scents at Karrie's Creations were like nothing I have ever smelled before. They had millions of scents like Ozona, Cowboy Serenade, Monkey Farts, Butt Naked, and much more! The students there got to make their own scented bath salts from scratch. I couldn't pick out which one I liked better because they all smelled amazing.

The courthouse was really cool. We met Judge Deaton and learned about the legal system. The kids also learned about a trial that will be going on later this year.

On Friday, the sixth graders went to a ranch called Baggett Ranch. There they learned how to conserve better and watched shearers shear sheep. It was a very good way to learn about conservation and life on a ranch.

The seventh graders took the Math TAKS test on Tuesday and then on Wednesday they took the Reading TAKS. The rest of the week there wasn't anything else that the students did.

Eight graders took the Science TAKS test on Thursday and the History TAKS on Friday. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the students just studied and got ready for the tests.



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OMS SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS took two field trips last week. On Thursday, students toured The Ozona Stockman, the Crockett County Museum, the Crockett County Courthouse and Karrie's Creations. Afterwards, the students spent the afternoon at the Youth Center. On Friday, students attended the annual Martyr Acton Memorial Field Day, hosted by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District at the Jack Baggett Ranch.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 4

- OHS Art Classes trip to San Angelo.
- AP Calculus Exam at the high school.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, May 5

- Duncan Knox competing at the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin.
- Ozona FFA students at the TSA Contest in Waco.
- Pre-K Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 9 a.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- "Bang Bang" Bullying program, 9:25 a.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, May 6

- OHS Band Trip to Corpus Christi.
- Ozona FFA students at the TSA Contest in Waco.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Early, 7 p.m. at San Angelo Central Softball Field.

Saturday, May 7

- Ozona FFA students at the TSA Contest in Waco.

Sunday, May 8

- Mother's Day
- Guadalupe Enchilada Dinner, 11 a.m. at the Parish Hall.
- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

Monday, May 9

- Biology End of Course Exam at OHS.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Senior Class Hamburger Supper, 6:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, May 10

- Geometry End of Course Exam at OHS.
- Helping Hands Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Senior Class Banana Split Party, 6 p.m. at Granny Miller Hall.

Wednesday, May 11

- Physics End of Course Exam at OHS.
- AP English Exam at OHS.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- AVID Students trip to TSTC in Sweetwater.

Happy Birthday

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May 5 - Amber Batura and Elma Buckner

May 7 - Renee Padier, Kimberly Nowell, John David Craig, Monica Ortiz, Reagan Lee Barrera, Allyson Gaige, Luke Burk

and Allisha Alba

May 8 - Lauren Najjar, Samantha Lara and Ollie May Chadwick

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DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

May came in on Sunday and it came in cooler with some showers around and about. We pray that there may be more showers during the week.

The fires continued last week and on Friday everyone received a phone call that all people with respiratory problems should leave the area.

Dale Bebee dropped by the Senior Center on last Friday and he looked good as new. Dale told us that his surgery had gone well and he is feeling really good. Congratulations Dale and we are happy to have you back.

Also, Bob and Betty Hartley went to Midland last Monday. Bob's injury is healing slowly but healing well. We do miss Betty and Bob here at the Senior Center.

Dee Keilers is still at home getting well. Dee, we miss you at the Senior Center and are looking forward to you being back with us.

The RSVP annual Spring Fling will be held Thursday, May 5.

There will be several activities, entertainment and a nice lunch at a fair price of \$3. Please plan to go if possible.

Our Senior Bingo Social will be held on Monday, May 16, here at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. We will serve chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, ice cream sandwiches, tea, coffee or water. Please plan to attend and bring a prize. Be prepared to have a fun evening.

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using

our Senior Center.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to play dominos. You can play in late a.m. or early afternoon. If you would like to set up a game, call Lynn English at 392-9094.

On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get competitive and have fun playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, pool table, canasta, domino games and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and a screen and have added a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults only.

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

BY MELINDA KAY MALONE
DIRECTOR

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Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. (Meals on Wheels) will be holding a Talent Show Contest May 13 at the Senior Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for adults over 60 and students and free for preschoolers.

Contest entry is free. Divisions will be adults, youth and children.

Prizes for first, second and third in each division.

A concession stand with barbecue sandwiches, Frito pies, popcorn, dessert and

drinks will be available. For more information, or to enter, call 392-5026.

Volunteers would be appreciated for office tasks, kitchen tasks and delivering meals. Drivers are greatly needed and we have personnel who can ride along and do the walking to the homes.

If you have at least 45 minutes or more to volunteer, please contact us.

Contact: (325) 392-5026, by fax (325) 392-8006, email hhozona163@yahoo.com, or come by to see Melinda (325) 226-4460, Becky, Laura, and Mona. Se habla Espanol.

Menu is subject to change Wednesday, May 11

Beef Mac Casserole, Capri Vegetable Blend, peaches, Snickerdoodle cookies, roll and milk.

Thursday, May 12

Roasted turkey, bread dressing, brown gravy, green beans, cherry dump cake, roll and milk.

Friday, May 13

Sub sandwich with salad, potato wedges, peaches and milk.

Monday, May 16

Turkey sausage, casserole, carrots, pineapples, cinnamon baked apples, roll and milk.

Tuesday, May 17

Chile with beans, toss salad, mandarin oranges, cornbread, jello and milk.

Wednesday, May 18

Oven Fried Chicken, cheesy rice, vegetable blend, marble cake, roll and milk.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

"I don't know how to read anymore. I can only read 20 or 30 words at a time before taking out my iPhone and caressing it and snuggling with it."

—Novelist Gary Shteyngart, New York Times Magazine.

BOOK DONATION

CCPL is pleased to announce we will be receiving a wonderful Genealogy and History collection of books from two local historians, Judge Fred Deaton and Historical Commission President Bob Childress.

The books from their personal collections will be placed in the Reference and Genealogy Room to be used for history and genealogy research. These books will greatly enhance our present collection in the library and place a wonderful resource for our patrons to access.

More later as we get the books and get them cataloged for use.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Every Monday and Thursday morning in June, CCPL will again be hosting our Childrens Summer Reading Programs with the help of our wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers. There will be two age groups, 6-12 years and 3-5 years. The theme this year is "Dig Up A Good Book!" and should be lots of fun with stories, crafts and activities for everyone.

One special program already in the lineup will feature Author Patrick Dearen of Midland. He has just written a new book called "Devils River: Evil Twin of the Pecos."

On Monday, June 13, he will present a history program for the kids in the morning and a program in the evening for adults.

More details as we get closer to time. Mark your calendars now and don't miss it.

Hill Country Trail Region offers historic preservation workshop

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas - The Texas Hill Country Trail Region, one of 10 regions in the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP), is hosting an all-day preservation-based workshop on Thursday, May 5, in Johnson City.

Sponsored in partnership with the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, the workshop will provide a unique opportunity for owners of historical homes to learn maintenance and repair skills from professionals.

The goal of the workshop is to help participants obtain a better understanding of what they can do to maintain their homes without compromising the historical value of their properties.

For additional information on the May 5 workshop visit www.txhillcountrytrail.com or call Ann Branson at hctrail@fbgtx.org.

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The award-winning THTP encourages people to venture out and rediscover Texas' historic and cultural resources.

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TWO GREAT EVENTS THIS WEEK

First, this Thursday we have the National Day of Prayer. Prayer and fasting was a part of our heritage even before we were a nation. For instance, in 1775 the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming our nation and in 1863 President Lincoln gave a proclamation for a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" In 1952 a joint resolution was passed by congress and signed by President Truman setting aside the first Thursday of May as a day of National Prayer. Then in 1988 President Reagan permanently set the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer and it encourages all Americans to pray. We are free and are not forced to pray if we do not want to but it pleases God when people humble themselves and acknowledge Him and ask for His blessings upon their land, (2 Chronicles 7:14, Luke 1:50-52, 1 Peter 5:6&7). This Sunday is a very special day because we celebrate Mothers Day. It is celebrated in different days and dates around the world but we traditionally celebrate the second Sunday in May. It is not a national holiday but it is the day we give special recognition to mothers. Many churches give a little gift or pin or card or a flower. God made women special and we should treat them that way, (Ephesians 6:2&3, Mark 10:19) 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.</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. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas 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. Nilo Nalugon 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 Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 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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AEP Texas named Energy Star Partner of the Year

AEP Texas was recently awarded the 2011 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its outstanding contributions to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the delivery of energy efficiency information and services to its customers.

AEP Texas, an ENERGY STAR partner since 2008, was honored for its work to increase market share of energy efficient products and homes through the AEP Texas ENERGY STAR New Homes Market Transformation Program.

The award was presented at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., on April 12. On hand to accept the award were the following: (Top row) Wade Smith, AEP Texas presi-



dent and chief operating officer; Nick Akins, AEP president; Dale Hoffmeyer, chief, ENERGY STAR Residential Branch, U.S. EPA; Melissa Proske, AEP Texas EE/DR Coordinator; Mike Morris, AEP chairman and chief

executive officer; (bottom row) Billy Berny, AEP Texas manager of Energy Efficiency Programs; Pam Osterloh, senior EE/DR Coordinator; and Joel Murphy, AEP Texas director of Customer Services and Marketing.

SCHOOL: Board tables decision on vacancy

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"You have a rare bird in hand. If you let it go, I'm sure the next district in line will be glad to take it," King said.

The money will be put into the district's general maintenance and operations budget, and not into an interest and sinking fund like a bond that was used to build the new elementary school. This means, the money will be subject to recapture.

"It's not the most desirable situation, but it is a way to fund some of these projects," said Superintendent Chris duBois.

CCCCSD originally qualified for \$5 million. duBois said \$3.4 million was an easier payment for the district. If the district chooses, a bond election can be looked at for the future to pay off the entire loan.

"We can work this comfortably into our budget," he said. One of the projects includes a new track at Lion Stadium, as well as many other maintenance and repair projects throughout the district. The board will discuss the projects at their next regular meeting this month.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The board decided not to make a decision on filling the vacancy left by Dr. Marcus Sims. Sims resigned last month.

The position, which represents the At-Large District, could be filled by holding an election in November or by board appointment.

Some of the board members were interested in knowing what an election would cost the district,

since there are no county elections this year.

More information will be presented at this month's regular meeting.

RESIGNATIONS

After meeting in closed session for 82 minutes, the board approved resignations of OHS Principal Benny Granger effective April 30 and teachers Jessica and Rob Phillips, effective at the end of the school year.

duBois said a "team of pros" will be overseeing the high school and Granger would be back for graduation.

NEW FOOD SERVICE

Unanimous approval was given to Walker Consulting Quality Services to enter into a consulting agreement with the firm for food service at CCCCCSD.

Alfred Walker, founder of Walker Consulting Quality Services, gave a presentation to the board about using his services to improve food quality, presentation and financially make a profit for the district.

"Food service has always been a necessary evil, now it's a business. Potential of the program is great," Walker said.

During his presentation, Walker showed the board the variety of foods and presentations that could be available to the district including fun bags for elementary students, self-service foods like personal pizzas and hamburgers for middle and high schools and more offerings of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Walker or someone from his staff will be at the district to help start the program, which begins this month.

Cost for the consulting will be around \$2,400 a month. The district has control over the type of food and programs and can withdraw anytime, duBois said.

Walker said his service is used with school districts all over the state, including Comstock, Terrell County and Christoval, where Ozona school officials saw firsthand a crowded cafeteria and students eager to eat.

"We're not talking about a huge investment. The idea is to start generating some revenue," duBois said. "The main thing I'm interested in is elevating the experience and getting our kids to eat in school. We've taken some steps, but we can take it to the next level."

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

In the District Spotlight, Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson presented a group of teachers who helped out when fifth grade math teacher Autumn Brown was out earlier this due to her husband, Kevin Brown, being ill. These teachers stepped up to teach Autumn's class and help her students with after-school tutoring, as well as filling other needs, Jackson said. Those honored were: Connie Crenwelge; Jessica Luckie, Erica Venegas, Autumn Brown, Susan Williams, Elizabeth Clark, Peggy Logan, Vicki Davis, Debra Fred. Ozona Elementary had 40 percent commended performance and 96 percent passed the fifth grade math TAKS test.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The regular board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 18 at the Administration Building.

Attention West Texas families: Connect with nature

FORT DAVIS, Texas — The statistics are staggering. Kids now spend an average of 45 hours each week — more time than their parents spend at work — in front of a computer or television screen.

It's time to turn off the TV and power down the laptop. It's time to get back outside and reconnected with nature.

It's time for Nature Challenge 2011.

Like a family nature hike with a little Amazing Race thrown in, the contest is designed to help families across Texas get reconnected with each other — and the outdoors.

"We hope to instill environmental awareness in kids and families through hands-on activities rather than brochures and lectures," said Dr. Melanie Kirk, assistant professor and urban forestry specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and co-founder of the program.

Coordinated by Texas Forest Service and Texas AgriLife Extension, the competition is hosted regionally in six areas — Dallas-Ft. Worth, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Ft. Davis and the Coastal Bend — throughout the year.

The contest calls for families to visit designated nature sites across the region in which they live, completing missions at each site. The families who complete the most missions are eligible for a grand prize.

Last year, more than 2,000 people — or 480 families — across the state participated in the regional contests.

Opening ceremonies for the West Texas competition are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center just

south of Fort Davis. Closing ceremonies will be held at the same time and place on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011.

For more information about Nature Challenge 2011, visit <http://naturechallenge.tamu.edu>.

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So, even if you were in last week, we will have something different **THIS** week!

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ACROSS

- Cowboy Tony Romo take down
- horse originally bred in a desert climate
- grass often found on TX putting greens
- TX has 19 giant theatres
- actor Beatty in "Streets of Laredo" mini-series ('95)
- TXism: "playful" in clover"
- OK town on 81
- TX horse breed
- M16 is U.S. military version of ___-15 rifle
- "L" of past TX conglomerate LTV
- TXism for "girl"
- TXism: "___ boardinghouse cat" (overweight)
- TXism: "___ her" (pretty woman)
- former TX rodeo champ Mahan (init.)
- Michael of TV film "Ruby and Oswald"
- TX Red Steagall is a "cowboy ___"
- TX-based electronics corp. "___ Shack"
- TX William ___ was writer
- O. Henry
- TX cowgirl singer & actress Dale
- TX Hill Country is part of "Edwards ___"
- TX Lyle Lovett tune: "___ Big Deal" ('08)
- "I smell ___"

DOWN

- Ward, TX
- past popular Ford car
- actress Hart in film "King Creole" with TX Carolyn Jones
- golf ball support
- dir. from Abilene to Hico
- Crowell newspaper: "___ County News"
- hollers at (2 wds.)
- TX-born sprinter and pro RB, Matson
- TX George W. narrowly beat him in 2000 election
- Yo-___ Digo Creek
- 39-across wrote "A ___ in Santone"
- students who quit before graduating
- Carlos ___ de Gortari was Mexico president when NAFTA was signed
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter song: "I ___ Lost My Mind" ('50)
- state where Emmitt was born (abbr.)
- this Stillwell founded Port Arthur (init.)
- Corsicana's county
- TX L.Q. Jones film: "Ten Who ___"
- in Boerne: "___ Kendall Inn"
- TXism: "compadres"
- considerations in designing houses
- Art ___ style
- TX Freddy Fender hit: "You'll a Good Thing" ('76)
- horse morsel
- old Oilers kicker: ___ Greco
- county & town in the Hill Country

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Ozona bands gearing up for May 17 Spring Concert

BY STEPHEN MARTIN AND ELIZABETH BOUQUIN
OHS AND OMS BAND DIRECTORS

On May 17, at 7 p.m., in the Fair Park Convention Center, the Ozona Schools Instrumental Music Department will present the annual Spring Concert.

We would like to invite you to attend and support your students as they show the community the results of their hard work this year.

The high school band brought home the first concert Division 1 in seven years.

All the bands have had a very successful year, and improvement will be obvious.

While we still have much work to do, I believe you will be very impressed when you hear each group. There will also be a surprise finale that you will love.

You will get to see all the bands.

Each group will perform several pieces of music, as we want them all to have some quality time on stage.

The concert will last exactly 90 minutes, with the younger bands perform-

ing for 20 minutes, and the high school band for 30.

There will be a wide range of style, and everything from novelty fun pieces, including the high school band playing trash cans and stands (yes, that is correct), to the Eighth Grade Band simulating a tornado.

The high school band will also perform a new original multi-movement composition depicting scenes from the ocean, which they are performing as the feature piece at their Texas Aquarium concert in Corpus Christi this week.

We think you will agree that the concert will be a blast.

Each group is also performing several challenging pieces in an effort to improve reading skills, which has been a high priority this year.

There will also be desserts for sale, which will help the parents raise funds to begin the new school year in support of all the bands.

Oh, by the way, you will also see the debut of the new high school uniforms.

Thanks for your support of the band program.

4-Hers compete at Eldorado

BY ANN STAPPER
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H

Eight Crockett County 4-Hers-Erik Carrizales, Kinsey Chandler, Thomas Cruz, Austin Elguea, Chantz Elliot, Alex Hopper and Linda and Lanna Stapper-traveled to Eldorado on Saturday, April 30, for contests there.

In Range Judging, Kinsey, Thomas, Alex, and Lanna were the first place Intermediate team.

Individually, Lanna was third and Kinsey was first. Erik placed fifth and

Linda placed first in the senior division.

In Wool and Mohair, Kinsey, Alex, and Lanna placed second as a team in Wool, and first in Mohair.

Thomas placed third and Kinsey placed first as individuals in Intermediate Wool, and Lanna was fourth and Kinsey first in Mohair.

Linda placed fifth and Erik fourth in Wool's senior division, and fourth and second in Mohair.

Special thanks to our parents who transported kids and helped grade papers.



THE OZONA LADY LION SOFTBALL FANS CAME OUT IN FORCE to support the Ladies in their Bi-District sweep over Comfort this past weekend.

LADY LIONS:

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It was a sweet victory for a team that is now 23-5 but has been largely overshadowed due to sharing a district with No. 6-ranked Wall. On Saturday in Junction, the Lady Lions earned a title of their own.

"It's the best feeling I've ever felt," said Glosson, who was 8-for-8 in the series. "We made history, so it feels great. It's a big win in Ozona, Texas, for sure."

A day earlier, smoke from a nearby wildfire forced Game 1 to be moved to Harper. Ozona cruised to an 8-0 win.

The Lady Lions scored eight runs in Game 2 before the first inning was over. Twelve batters went to the plate and hammered out eight hits, including three doubles, plus a home run by Glosson.

Ozona added two more runs in each of the next two innings to take a 12-0 lead.

The celebration was put on hold, however, when Comfort rallied to cut the lead to 12-6. Ozona had to score four more runs in the sixth inning to end the game early due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"We let down, but we came back and won it," said Ozona senior first baseman Raelynn Arredondo, who led off the sixth inning with a home run.

The game's final batter, Cynthia Garcia, hit a two-run single to score the clinching runs. After the two teams shook hands, several Ozona players ganged up on head coach Butch Gonzalez and soaked him with water.

"This is our first playoff win in history, so we're excited about that," Gonzalez said. "You know, Wall is in our district and they're a great team, but we always focus on our team and make sure we do the right thing..."

"One of the things we've stressed this year is fundamentals — the fundamentals of throwing, fielding, hitting and just having fun. And the girls have really bought into that."

Up next for Ozona is No. 5 Early (29-3), a state semifinalist from last season. Gonzalez said the game is set to be played at 7 p.m. Friday at the Central softball field in San Angelo.

"You look at the paperwork and the numbers and all that, obviously Early's a good team," Gonzalez said. "But we can't control them. We can only control what we do. We're going to focus on ourselves and make sure we're fundamentally ready, and get after it."

Ozona had six players record multi-hit games Saturday. Glosson and Adrienne Sanchez, who picked up the win in the pitcher's circle, each had two hits in the first inning.

Glosson stepped to the plate in the fifth inning needing a single to hit for the cycle, but she produced a double for her fourth extra-base hit of the game. She was left standing on deck when the game ended.

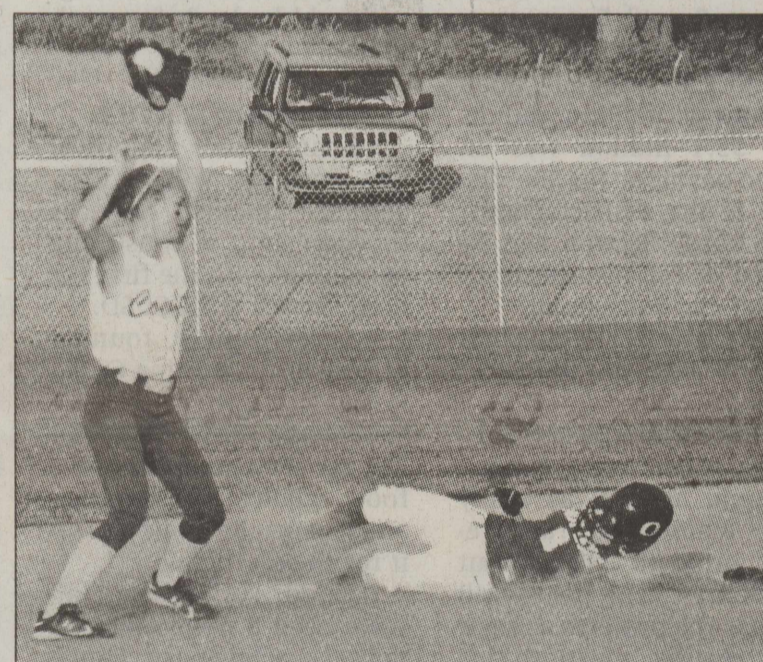
Shortstop Melanie Miller had a pair of RBI singles in the game, while Britni Mitchell and Bethani Trevino each went 2-for-4 with a double. Arleen Castillo and Stacie Quiroz both added a run-scoring single.

There were literally contributions from everyone in the lineup.

"People were saying, 'Comfort's good, you need to get ready.' Well, we came in and we were ready," Arredondo said. "The week before, we practiced and worked hard, and I knew we would take it. I knew we would get these wins."



CATCHER KODI GLOSSON WAS SPOT ON FOR THE LADY LIONS in their Bi-District win over the Comfort Deer.



STACIE QUIROZ SLIDES IN SAFE TO SECOND BASE for the Lady Lions.



FIRST BASEMAN RAE LYNN ARREDONDO has her foot firmly on the bag for an out against the Comfort Deer.



THE RAGE SOFTBALL TEAM placed fourth in Waco. The girls played with a lot of heart and determination and played eight games in two days. Back row: (left to right) Eddie Lozano, Ozona, Kelley, Chayo, Becca, Tonya, Rachel Mendoza, Ozona, Mark Meneses, Sweetwater. Front row: (left to right) Rylee, Chaz, Reagan, Kamryn Lozano, Ozona and Mario Mendoza, Ozona.

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Land stewardship workshop for women

Women of the Land is a land stewardship training program designed specifically for women landowners, land managers, hunters, and wildlife enthusiasts.

This workshop is designed to encourage women to become active land managers, develop and hone their management skills, and network with women of similar interests.

The Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), in partnership with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and with support from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, will host this event.

The 2011 Advanced Women of the Land workshop will be held at the Back Porch Ranch near Brackettville, May 12-15.

The cost is \$165 for TWA members and \$200 for non-members.

The registration fee cov-

ers meals, lodging, and materials.

Non-members will receive a one-year membership to the Texas Wildlife Association. Registration is limited and is now open to first time and repeat attendees on a first-come first served basis.

Much of this workshop will be conducted in the field.

Topics to be discussed include habitat, prescribed fire as a management tool, plant identification, wildlife and livestock interactions, rainwater harvesting, gun safety, ranch equipment operation, long-term planning and more.

Instructors will be wildlife and natural resource professionals from the private sector, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conserva-

tion Service, Texas AgriLife Extension, and other organizations.

If you or someone you know is interested in the Women of the Land program, please visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org> or contact Courtney Brittain at 800-TEX-WILD, 210-826-2904, or cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org.

Texas Wildlife Association - The Texas Wildlife Association is a statewide organization that is an active advocate in the state and national political arenas for wildlife and natural resource conservation.

Education of our young people and our growing urban populations, increasingly disconnected from the land, is critical to understanding our natural resources and maintaining rural lifestyles.

4-H benefit shotgun shoot May 14

A Crockett County Shotgun Shoot, sponsored by Ozona Trap & Skeet, will be held May 14 at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex.

The event will feature 50 Five Stand, 50 American Trap and 50 American Skeet. Cost is \$75 per 150 birds and deadline to register is May 1. Late entries are \$85 per 150 birds.

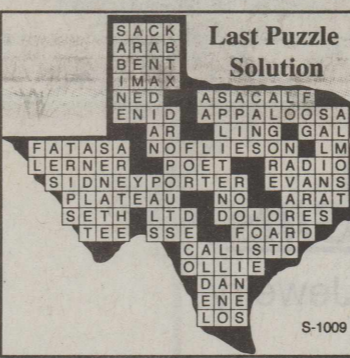
Awards for top five places in all divisions: High Point Over-All Individual Awards 4 Divisions - Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 and Senior 2 Divisions.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and matches start at 9 a.m. Cut off for registration is 10 a.m. Concession Stand will be open.

This is a "Whiz Bang" for 5 Stand and Sporting Clay qualifier. Lunch will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

For more information, call Tom Anderson at (325) 392-3774 or Ken Stokes at (325) 392-3282.

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as well as on the highway, where a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Clearly signal your intentions.

• Be Respectful: Remember, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the rights and privileges of any vehicle on the roadway.

• Give Them Space: Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. A motorcyclist's riding patterns are different from vehicle patterns, and reactions may vary for the same road or weather conditions. Allow a full lane of travel space between your car or truck and a motorcycle.

• Anticipate Next Steps: Obstructions that you do not notice could prove to be deadly for a motorcyclist. Give motorcyclists plenty of space to react and make the road a safe place for you and others, no matter what form of transportation they use.

TxDOT launches new motorcycle safety campaign aimed at drivers

AUSTIN— In preparation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month beginning May 1, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has launched a statewide Share the Road motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign (www.looklearnlive.org) to urge motorists to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and when changing lanes, the two places where serious motorcycle collisions commonly occur.

Motorcyclists are dying in record numbers. In 2009, 434 motorcyclists were killed, accounting for 14 percent of the state's traffic deaths. Researchers point to the fact that the number of motorcycles on Texas roadways has more than doubled to 424,218 in the last decade. Because motorcycles have a much smaller profile than other vehicles, it can be difficult for drivers to judge the speed and distance of an approach-

ing motorcycle. As a result, drivers involved in crashes with motorcycles say they never saw the motorcyclist and were unable to react in time to prevent the crash.

"We know that 66 percent of motorcycle crashes result in death or serious injury for the motorcyclist," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Director. "As more and more people turn to motorcycles for affordable transportation and recreation, it's more important than ever to remind drivers to look twice for motorcycles."

"Seeing them is saving them" is the theme of TxDOT's new campaign, which uses TV and radio commercials and billboards to drive home the new safety message. TxDOT offers these tips on how to better see and accommodate motorcyclists on the road:

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County Care Center in completing her education and working for the center.

Upham said Hobson could pay some money in order to get her things back, but then days later that fell through.

The items will be sold in a sheriff's sale, possibly later this month. A posted and printed notice will be made about the sale.

All proceeds from the sale, and any payments Hobson makes, will go toward the amount owed.

"We really can't afford to spend money training somebody and then just let them go," said Commissioner Randy Branch. "I know it's kind of hard, but the

county is not in the business to educate people and turn them loose at no cost."

Upham said Hobson does come up with money before the sheriff's sale, then a settlement may still be made.

Also, the commissioners voted to lift the disaster declaration placed on the county because of the Pierce-Sutton Wildfire off of Pandale Road.

However, County Judge Fred Deaton declared the county a disaster area again when the Deaton Cole Fire entered Crockett County last Friday.

Commissioners Pleas Childress and Frank Tambunga were absent.

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court regular meeting will be at 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.

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Abby recently published her national best-selling book, unPLANNED, which details her time with Planned Parenthood and her amazing conversion. After the presentation, you will have the opportunity to purchase her book, and she will be available for book signings.

This special event is FREE to the public and all faiths are welcome. Seating will be limited, so please arrive early. Also, a love offering will be accepted to help cover the costs associated with this event.

For more information, please call Lucy Thomas at 325-655-3325.

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• Texas Forest Service has established the VFD Emergency Assistance Fund to help volunteer fire departments. You can also make a tax-deductible donation earmarked for a particular department, county or region. All proceeds (100 percent) will be distributed to volunteer fire departments via grants for firefighting expenses. If you would like to donate to this fund or if you have questions about how you can help, email HelpingTexas@tfs.tamu.edu.

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C-130s from the 302nd Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserve from Colorado Springs, Colo. and the 146th Air Wing of the California Air National Guard, Port Hueneme, Calif. completed 13 air drops of approximately 39,000 gallons of retardant.

Yesterday afternoon the MAFFS completed four air drops of approximately 12,000 gallons of retardant.

"Crockett County is in good shape. We look pretty well contained for our area," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "I think maybe, if the weather holds, we will get more containment every day."

The fire started the afternoon of April 25 on the Deaton, Carson and West ranches in Val Verde County. Ozona firefighters responded until Val Verde and Texas Forest Service officials arrived on scene.

Ozona then left the scene and was called out multiple times during the week on rekindle calls for the Pierce-Sutton fire off of Pandale Road, which as burned more than 40,000 acres.

By Friday, the Deaton Cole blaze came knocking and jumped into Crockett County with a vengeance.

The Acton Ranch off of Farm-to-Market Road 1973 quickly became threatened as firefighters battled a fierce south wind with gusts up to 40 mph. Local ranchers and volunteers brought sprayers and equipment.

Crockett County responded with heavy equipment and managed to keep the fire from destroying people's homes.

"I cannot tell you all of the people who had sprayers and fire trucks helping. Wind burn, sunburn, ash and smoke inhalation are bad for all of us. Ask me about my fire singed forehead. We are all exhausted. My family and I are not about to abandon our home and our livestock and our land, and many others are not either," said Shelly Childress, whose family live on a ranch off of County Road 107, which was also involved in the Pierce-Sutton fire.

Smoke blowing into Ozona had residents worried that the town would have to be evacuated. Judge Deaton issued an alert on the county's reverse 9-1-1 system informing everyone that the town was safe but that smoke may continue for the next three or four days.

Another grass fire on the Worthington Ranch north of Ozona on County Road 205 also started Friday night, but mutual aid from area departments in Mertzon, Big Lake, Barnhart, the Texas Forest Service, heavy equipment from area counties and Texas Energy quickly contained the blaze.

Crews from Southwest Electric and Rio Grande Electric Co-ops also worked areas trying to restore electricity and replace burned down poles.

"No matter how many different pictures I see, they just do not compare to the feeling of being right in the middle of it replacing poles and have the thing turn back into the line and burn more down," said Justin Moran with Southwest Electric Co-op. "We are slowly making progress. When we first got the call Monday, I just took for granted that the fire department would put it out, and here we are going on almost a week of it."

By Saturday, some containment was being made, but the threat to homes was not over. Late that afternoon, south State Highway 163 was closed due to the blaze jumping the road and onto a division near County Road 102.

Immediately, firefighters swarmed onto the area and began protecting homes.

"The smoke was very thick at the house and thicker toward the south. It was way too close for my comfort," said Susan Kenley Cassaro, daughter of Crockett County Fire Marshal Steve Kenley.

Some residents prepared

for evacuations, just in case.

"We loaded up and left out, dogs and a few goats in the back of my Tahoe," said Jeanine Pittman. "We did see some fire trucks go past, but it was too dark to read where they were from. Wherever they came from, they looked like angels."

All homes, along with many others were spared in the blaze. Only hunting camps and trailers were lost in the blaze. No injuries were reported in the fire.

Pittman's daughter, Abbie Hubbard, immediately announced her relief.

"They say our house is looking okay so far and hopefully will stay that way. Love our firefighters," Hubbard said.

Dold said an east wind helped the firefighters contain the breakout Saturday night.

By Sunday, cooler temperatures and a north wind allowed the fire to blow back into itself and everybody a chance to breathe for a little bit.

Dold said one reason for the fire to grow so large was due to structure protection.

"Sometimes we have to let fire burn when there is nothing but natural vegetation in order to save structures," he said.

The forest service's first priority is life safety, followed by people's homes and livestock and then get the fire out, Dold said.

Even though the cooler weather and .03 inches of rain occurred this week, Crockett County remains under a burn bank, which can only be lifted by the commissioners' court.

"I've never thought of fire as a natural disaster until now. Texas has been burned to a crisp over the last couple of weeks and I've seen a large portion of the destruction. It will be years before the land, the animals and especially the ranchers recover from this awful and life shattering event," said Amanda Carson Green, whose family owns the Caron Sleepy Hallow Ranch in Val Verde County where the fire first started.

The Texas Forest Service estimates more than \$2 million acres have burned in Texas this year.

Ozona firefighters responded to 50 calls in April, with 34 of those being wildfires.

Estimated property damage with the Pierce-Sutton fire is around \$1 million, Deaton said. The county is still working on an estimate for the Deaton Cole fire.

"Last year was an extremely wet year all over the state, which caused a lot of brush and vegetation to grow. This year we are extremely dry. It was the driest March in Dallas since 1895," Dold said.

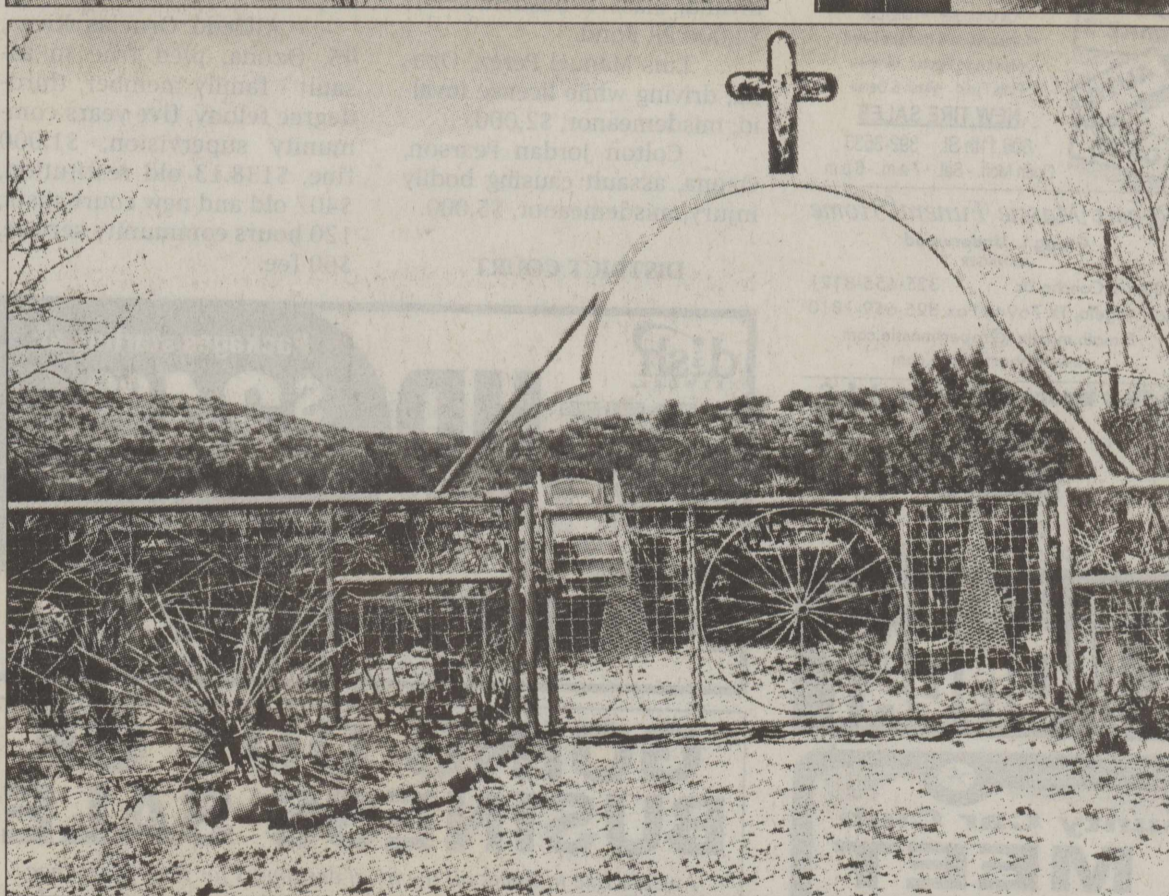
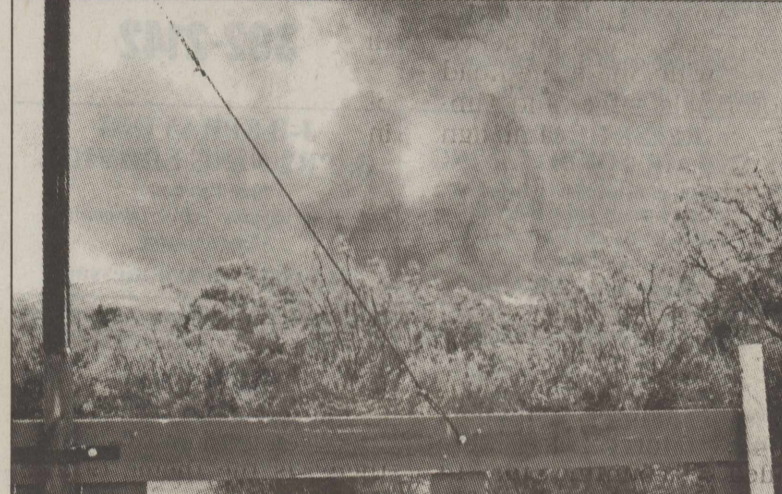
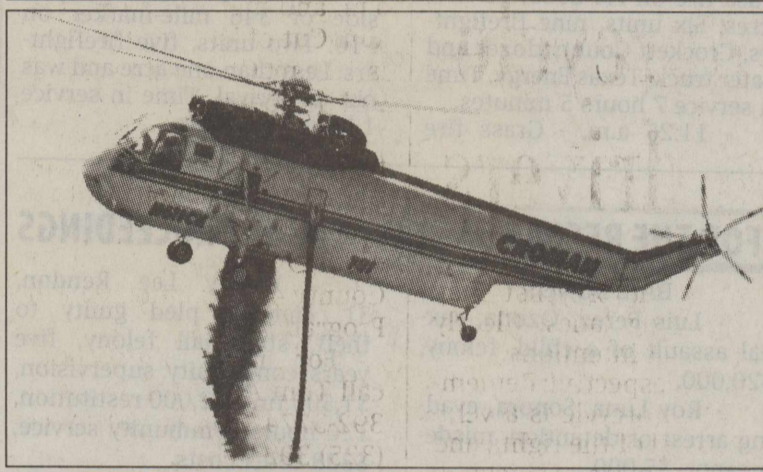
Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say this is the worst drought to hit Texas in 45 years, and predicts conditions will continue over weeks to one to three months.

"This really is a historical climate event affecting our region," said David Brown, director of climate services for NOAA's Southern Region, characterizing the conditions as "extreme and exceptional."

More than half the state is experiencing either "extreme" drought, expected to occur every 20 to 50 years, or an "exceptional" drought seen every 50 to 100 years, ScientificAmerican.com reported.

Meteorologists say the drought conditions have been driven by a strong La Nina weather pattern that emerged last summer, with colder than normal conditions in the equatorial eastern central Pacific Ocean that has wide-ranging effects, including dry winter conditions in the southeastern United States.

The Rock House fire in Fort Davis is being called the largest in Texas history. The fire has burned 313,323 acres, 95 percent contained. Forty-one homes and two commercial structures were destroyed in the Fort Davis area in the initial burning period.



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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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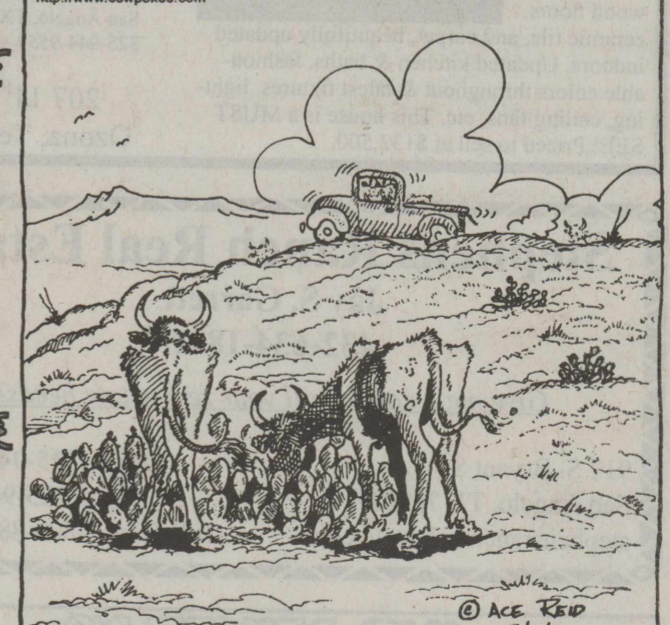
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