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FABULOUS FOURTH OF JULY



JOE HERNANDEZ AND MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
FOURTH OF JULY weekend featured a Sunday afternoon parade and downtown festival in Dallas. More photos, page 6.

'Major disaster' status includes Crockett County

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

After repeated requests, President Barack Obama has officially granted "major disaster" status to 45 Texas counties that have been ravaged by wildfires.

The disaster declaration, which was signed on July 1, allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pick up 75 percent of the cost of battling the blazes, which burned between April 6 and May 3 in rural counties throughout West Texas, the Panhandle and East Texas. Crockett County is included in the group.

Gov. Rick Perry, along with U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison and Texas Congressman, has repeatedly asked Obama for the declaration since wildfires broke out across the state.

"We need to ensure that farmers, ranchers, land owners and first responders receive the assistance that they need," Hutchison said.

"I am glad the President finally answered the repeated calls of officials in Texas. I'm disappointed that he took so long to issue this declaration for the first re-

sponders, farmers, ranchers and landowners in Texas who suffered through the loss of hundreds of structures and thousands of wildfires," Cornyn added. "I will continue to push for the full period of relief, inclusion of all counties, and compensation that was requested by the State."

On April 15, Gov. Perry sent a letter to President Obama requesting a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas, which would make the state eligible for Direct Federal Assistance and Emergency Protective Measures from the federal government. The governor's request was denied on May 3. Gov. Perry appealed the president's decision on May 26.

Perry's office issued a statement welcoming the help but calling it a "fraction" of what Texas needs in the wake of more than 11,900 wildfires since December.

"President Obama's decision to finally approve a portion of our disaster declaration request is good for Texas and some of the communities impacted by this season's wildfires," Perry said in a statement. "Our prayers continue to go out to

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Holiday weekend starts tragic with interstate accident

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Arizona woman was killed and four others injured on July 1 after in a vehicle accident near Ozona. Teresa Ball, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ball, who was not wearing her seatbelt, was one of four people in the 1997 Ford Excursion driven by Gregory Barone, 35, of Phoenix, Ariz., the report stated.

Barone was listed in severe condition with internal injuries Tuesday morning, the report stated. He was taken by AirMed helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo and then airlifted again to Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Three children, Jeffery Thomas, 13, Christopher Connally, 9, and Jasmine Connally, 5, were all listed in good condition and were transported by Crockett



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A BAD TIRE caused this Ford Excursion to roll down a slope killing one woman and injuring the driver and three children on July 1. The accident occurred at the 364 mile-marker west of Ozona on Interstate-10.

County EMS to San Angelo.

Barone and the three children were all wearing their seatbelts, the report stated.

The vehicle was traveling east on Interstate-10 when the left, rear tire lost its tread and caused Barone to lose control of the vehicle, the report stated.

The vehicle then skidded sideways and overturned two and a half times down a slope. The accident was near mile-marker 364 west of Ozona at around 5 p.m.

Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office also responded to the accident.

Congressman visit discusses border security, new post office

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Questions from the national debt, the economy and taxes were all asked of the new congressman, but it was one about protecting Crockett County from the violence along the U.S.-Mexico border brought concern from U.S. Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco.

Canseco, R-San Antonio, made his first congressional visit to Ozona Friday meeting with Crockett County Officials and local citizens.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III asked Canseco

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CONGRESSMAN Francisco "Quico" Canseco talks with Crockett County Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton. The subject of border security was discussed during Canseco's July 1 visit to Ozona.

Clerk's office now has online documents

BY KELSIE RAMIREZ
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse Annex Building has recently created a web site for official public records. This web site was created to make it easier for the public to access land records such as deed of trusts, liens, assumed names and

leases.

The web site is <https://gov.propertyinfo.com/TX-Crockett/>. When you first enter the web site there is an easy access menu on the left of the page that contains office hours, holiday schedule, recording fees and how to contact the clerk's office.

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CROCKETT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

now provides access to document images and index information over the Internet at:

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Under the guise of cutting big government, budget fails education

Now that it's behind us, the 82nd Texas Legislature will be remembered most for its least accomplishment — a budget that fails to adequately provide for education.

Admittedly, budget writers faced a daunting task at the beginning of the session. The comptroller's revenue estimate for the 2012-2013 biennium, coupled with the fact that federal stimulus money would not be coming our way again, left lawmakers staring at a \$15 billion shortfall.

But it was really worse than that. When student popula-

tion growth, increased Medicaid caseloads and other costs were factored in, the state was about \$27 billion short of funding a current services budget.

Many of us in the Legislature advocated tax reform, use of the state's rainy day fund, and spending reductions to



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

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make the budget balance, while others opted for cuts only.

The House budget that emerged early in the session reflected this approach, slashing current spending by a staggering \$23 billion and shortchanging public education by almost \$8 billion. It had great appeal to those who demonize government as the bloated, overbearing enemy of innovation, enterprise, and personal freedom.

Broad attacks like this work better if you don't put a human face on the mission of government, and conservative elements worked hard the entire

session to re-enforce that disassociation.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation, Empower Texans, the Tea Party Caucus and like-minded groups mounted a full-court press against meaningful compromise on the budget and any use of the rainy day fund.

Launched through media ads and robo calls, the ideological attack on government struck its intended target — teachers, school kids, working families, the elderly and the disabled.

For the most part, the tactic worked. The Senate produced a less draconian spending plan,

but the House budget set an extremely low starting point for negotiations. The final product produced by a House-Senate conference committee remained woefully inadequate for public education, which was cut by \$4 billion.

For a while during the special session, it appeared that reason might rule the day. The House accepted an amendment to an appropriations bill allowing surplus money in the rainy day fund to be used to ease the cuts and help schools deal with enrollment growth. Several Republicans joined with Demo-

crats in a successful effort to keep the amendment from being stripped from the bill, with one GOP lawmaker calling it "a great idea."

But in the end — after another aggressive campaign by the cuts-only crowd — the amendment was removed from the bill. So the rainy day fund, even if it swells above \$6.5 billion as predicted by the comptroller, will be left untouched as thousands of teachers lose their jobs and cuts to school districts ripple through local economies.

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In defense of 'the media'

Pardon me while I vent. A few days before the July 4 holiday, someone emailed me two photographs that could tear your heart out.

One photo depicted a Marine lieutenant's flag-draped casket being offloaded from an airliner as the plane's passengers looked through the windows in somber reflection.

The other was a shot of 2nd Lt. James Cathey's young widow lying on a makeshift bed in front of the casket the night before the funeral. She had asked to spend one last night with him before he was laid to rest.

An anonymous blogger's text attached to the photos urged everyone to remember the sacrifices of our folks in uniform. The writer also urged forwarding the photos to everyone on the recipient's email list, since it was a sure thing that "the media" wouldn't publish them.

The photos were incredibly powerful images that etch themselves permanently into your consciousness. But the images — the ones that the blogger said "the media" wouldn't touch — weren't ignored by journalists.

As a matter of fact, they were published six years ago in a newspaper.

Had the anonymous critic bothered to look closely, he would have seen a credit line at the corner of the photos. That credit line identified the pictures as the work of Todd Heisler, who won a Pulitzer Prize for the Rocky Mountain News for the images in 2006. He now works for the New York Times.

So these photos — the ones "the media" was certain to ignore — were not only published by a mainstream newspaper, but were awarded the highest honor in journalism. And Heisler's partner, reporter Jim Sheeler, also won a Pulitzer for the paper.

The anonymous blogger who stepped in it with his snarky comment is far from alone. Almost daily I see blogs and emails from critics accusing "the media" of withholding its coverage and its compassion for the military.

Usually those critics are anonymous.

The newspapers I've worked for the past 38 years have printed untold thousands of stories, images and supportive editorials about our military personnel and their families. So I'm more than a little weary of "the media" being painted in hues of pink.

I wonder if our anonymous critics ever stop to think that "the media" they so gleefully bash is one of the institutions of freedom that our military folks put their lives on the line

to protect.

Do they realize that over the past two centuries, scores of reporters and photographers — dedicated human beings who make up "the media" — have died alongside our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines while covering our nation's wars? Heisler himself narrowly escaped death from a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq.

I wonder if the critics ever stop to think that "the media" is comprised of ordinary working people with families and mortgages, and yes, even feelings. People who believe that their profession makes an important contribution to the messy business of democracy.

I wonder if they think about the fact that members of "the media," unlike anonymous bloggers, sign their names to their work, making themselves accountable to the courts of law and public opinion.

Do the critics ever consider how members of "the media" risk the wrath of those in charge every time they publish a probing news story or a tough editorial opinion? Do they realize that the First Amendment is listed first for a reason — so that "the media," warts and all, can serve as a court of last resort when absolute power corrupts absolutely?

Those touching photos were not shot by an amateur with a camera phone. They were not published by some anonymous blogger or a self-styled patriot in his pajamas hitting the send button in the middle of the night. They were shot by a talented and dedicated journalist who puts his name on his work, and then they were published in an American newspaper. Which is about as mainstream media as you can get.

I've never met Todd Heisler, but I've had the privilege to work with hundreds of journalists like him. I can testify that most members of "the media" work incredibly long hours at low pay and often at the expense of their family lives to cover the news for you. They do this even when the stories are painful to cover. And even when they get mindlessly bashed by anonymous critics.

If you'd like to see more photographs by Todd Heisler and don't mind visiting a mainstream media awards site to see them, here's a link for you: <http://www.pulitzer.org/works/2006-Feature-Photography>

Enough venting.

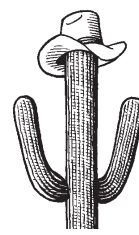
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That Time In Life



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we were.

"How did the sale go?" she asked expectantly.

"It was great," I said. "Todd did a fantastic job and you should see what I bought."

"Wait a minute," my wife replied in an agitated and somewhat aggressive manner. "May I remind you that you went there to sell junk, not to add to your collection of it."

"Yes, but I couldn't pass up the bargains. Look what I got," I said excitedly as I showed her a box of old hammer handles, a set of 15 blacksmith tools, another box of old rusty blades for wood planes, an oil painting (that I didn't realize when I bid had a hole in it), a watercolor (that I thought was an original but turned out to be a print), a collection of old medicine

bottle labels from an old drug store, one end of a pair of brass bookends, a sack of wine corks, and to top it all off... a collection of motel ash trays that will go with my motel stationery collection perfectly. "Wow!" I exclaimed. "Can you believe our good fortune?"

Going from a simmer to a slow boil, my wife replied, "I hope you got enough money out of the stuff you sold to pay for all this junk."

"Not exactly," I said quietly in hopes she might not hear me.

"What do you mean, 'not exactly?'" "Our stuff was such a bargain that I bought it back." (And it only cost me a 10 percent seller's commission and a 15% buyer's commission.)

"Did you sell anything?" she screamed. "Of course. I sold two pieces of Roseville pottery and a box of Christmas ornaments."

"BUT THOSE WERE MINE you idiot. I didn't even know you consigned them. You didn't ask my permission. Those were old family heirlooms," she said, now starting to snifle.

"Now, now, you know what you said? I remember that you stated quite emphatically that we've reached that time in life when we need to start getting rid of a few old things around the house that aren't serving any purpose."

"And you're next mister!" she yelled in what I thought was a complete overreaction.

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Special session of Legislature ends with rough day

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature accomplished much of what Gov. Rick Perry asked in the 1st called session of the 82nd Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers passed: — Fiscal matters bills to facilitate a balanced state budget through Aug. 31, 2013, made possible through more than \$15 billion in overall cuts that included the paring down of public education funding by \$4 billion;

— Congressional redistricting; — Health care funding; and — Texas Windstorm Insurance Association reform.

But they failed to pass hot-button sanctuary cities and "anti-groping" legislation.

Congratulatory behavior, relief and expressions of resentment swirled on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives on June 29, the final day of the special session.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and the Texas Senate brought business to a close the day before, on June 28. But with the Senate gone, the House was left with a take-it-or-leave-it situation on SB 29, the so-called anti-

groping bill meant to restrict pat-down searches by airport security workers and make violations a class A misdemeanor offense.

Feeling stuck, some House members openly expressed anger over the Senate's action. But Rep. David Simpson, R-Longview, the primary author of HB 41, the House version of the anti-groping legislation, implored his colleagues to vote in favor of the Senate version even though the bill had not gone through the rigorous House committee hearing process.

Simpson assured the body that: (1) the Texas attorney general's office had vetted state and federal legal issues that might be triggered by restricting pat-down procedures enforced by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration; and (2) his bill was not intended as a political message to gin up opposition to President Barack Obama or the Obama administration.

But the atmosphere on the House floor did not indicate a

shift in Simpson's favor. When Simpson moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days, the motion failed. That action killed SB 29.

Simpson, one of a class of more than 30 freshman House members, then was allowed by Speaker Joe Straus to make a personal privilege speech that lasted several minutes. In summary, Simpson said, "The defeat of this bill can only be laid at the feet of the leadership of this state."

After Simpson, Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee chairman, spoke briefly on the matter. Gallego said the leadership and members in general had the ability to stop the anti-groping bill much earlier by calling a point of order on it based on the constitution's three-and-several-days rule, adding that it should be regarded as a gesture of courtesy for the bill to have been kept alive so long with little time left in the special session.

GOVERNOR REACTS TO SESSION WORK

Gov. Perry on June 29 expressed disappointment over the failure of sanctuary cities legislation that would have prevented cities from adopting policies preventing police from inquiring as to a citizen's immigration status.

Nevertheless, Perry praised the Legislative branch for its service. "I'm proud of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Speaker Joe Straus and lawmakers' principled leadership to pass a balanced budget that doesn't raise

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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Jan Van Shoubrouek. Hostesses were Mrs. Jan Van Shoubrouek and Mrs. Jerri Lynn Pierce. Thirteen members were present.

Mrs. Marolyn Bean showed members the new scrapbook of Ozona Stockman clippings of Mrs. Myrtle Post's columns spanning the 1960s through the 1980s. It is a trove of information about the history of our club and its founder. It will be kept in the Crockett County Public Library for consultation.

Members noted the recent death of Mrs. Margaret "Marge" Smith and agreed to place a \$90 memorial ad in the Lone Star Gardener to honor her memory and all that she did for Texas Garden Clubs as a Flower Show Judge and her tireless efforts in behalf of the Ozona Garden Club. Flowers were also sent from the club to her funeral.

Several members asked that we have a new "Garden of the Month" sign made



OZONA GARDEN CLUB 2011-2013 OFFICERS: Jan Van Shoubrouek, outgoing president, Carmen Sutton, treasurer, Charlotte Harrell, vice president, Sharon Forehand, standing in for secretary Tina Bean, and Debi Hamilton, president.

in a light weight material, which any member can easily handle. Our present sign is extremely heavy. Mrs. Debi Hamilton agreed to have a new sign made.

President Jan Van Shoubrouek conducted the installation of the 2011-2013 club officers: Mrs. Debi Hamilton, President; Mrs. Charlotte Harrell, Vice President; Mrs. Carmen Sutton, Treasurer; and Mrs. Tina Bean, Secretary. Because Mrs. Bean was in France on vacation, Mrs. Sharon Williams stood in for her. Mrs. Van Shoubrouek handed each officer a rose as she read their respective duties.

A picture was made for the Ozona Stockman.

Mrs. Van Shoubrouek was given a pewter serving tray to thank her for her club leadership for the past two years. She will also remain on the Executive Board as Parliamentarian.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 12.

Members in attendance were Marolyn Bean, Arlene Clayton, Nancy Forehand, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Camille Jones, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Celia West, Esther Williams, and Sharon Williams.

OHS Class of 1991 reunion in August

The Ozona High School Class of 1991 are planning a reunion for Aug. 5, 6 and 7. Information and contacts are needed.

For more information, call Valerie Flores Sanchez at (325) 226-5554 or Maria Villa Perez at (325) 226-5101.

Students named to

ASU Dean's List

Kara L. Bird, Briana L. Bollinger, Matthew K. Bullard, Kelsey A. Childress, Corey A. Kelley, Hilary Huffman and Chancie M. Wadsworth have all been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University for the 2011 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 6

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Church of God of Prophacy VBS, 8:30 a.m.-noon at 204 Man O War St.
- Sheep and Goat Production Presentation, 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- Wow! It's Wednesday, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, noon at the Administration Building.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, July 7

- Church of God of Prophacy VBS, 8:30 a.m.-noon at 204 Man O War St.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, July 8

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Church of God of Prophacy VBS, 8:30 a.m.-noon at 204 Man O War St.

Saturday, July 9

- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 11

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, July 12

- Church of God of Prophacy VBS, 8:30 a.m.-noon at 204 Man O War St.
- Concho Valley Community Action Council, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 13

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Happy Birthday

July 6 - James Galindo Jr., Trystian Galindo, James Wesley, James Talamantez, Ray Henderson, Kim Weddle and Morgan Capps Taylor

July 7 - Ismael Fierro, Gabriel Arredondo, Kaelan Brianne Savala, Samantha Torres, Kristen Fleming, Daniel Anderson and Stephanie Quiroz

July 8 - Elliott Barrera, R.J. Everett, Kayla Turland, Martin Munoz and Kelbie Renfroe

July 9 - Rick Bird and Darla Ortiz

July 10 - Amanda Pearson, Cathy Bennett, Justice Adkins, Janet McDaniel and Regina Garcia

July 11 - Amelia Chila, Mabel Hernandez, Nicholas Perez, Ericka Rubio, Dorothy Montgomery, Leticia B. Longoria, Jody Upham, Karina Marmolejo, Yvette Gonzales, Joceline Porras and Evelyn K. Tebbetts

July 12 - Karen Komechak, Eric Mendoza, Christi Smith, Vicky Treto, James Montgomery, Shirley Kirby, Jose Aguayo and Stormy Bell

Crockett County 4-H wins at Sonora Wool and Mohair show

BY CARLON STAPPER
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H

Eight 4-Hers attended the 74th annual Sonora Wool and Mohair show on June 22 and 23.

This show determines the best all around judges because they have to compete in four different contests: Livestock, Range Evaluation, Wool, and Mohair.

Ozona can be proud of these 4-H kids.

They brought home more individual placings than any other county.

In the combined scores of all four contests the Jrs took the top three placings. Jadie Marshall was third, Lanna Stapper second and Kinsey Chandler first.

In the senior division Erik Carrizales was fourth and Linda Stapper was second.

In the separate contests Lanna was second in Livestock, second in Range and fourth in Mohair. Jadie was third in Range, and fourth in Wool. Kinsey was first in Range and second in both Wool and Mohair. As a team, Jadie, Kinsey, Lanna and Julie Marshall were third in Livestock and first in Range. In Range they also



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-HERS recently competed in the 74th annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show. Pictured are (left to right): Julie Marshall, Abby Newton, Kinsey Chandler, Lanna Stapper, Jadie Marshall, Linda Stapper, Thomas Cruz and Erik Carrizales.

brought home the traveling Silver Bowl of the E.B. Keng award given to the highest placing Range team. Earning this award means that they beat the teams in the senior division also. The Wool team of Kinsey, Jadie, Julie, and Thomas Cruz took second and the Mohair team of Jadie, Kinsey, Lanna and Thomas took second.

In the senior contests Erik was second in Live-

stock and fourth in Range. Linda was second in Range and Mohair and third in Wool. As a team, Erik, Linda and Abby Newton were third in Livestock and second in Range and Mohair. As a county, Crockett took second in the Sweepstakes category which combines

all top scores, distance traveled, number of kids participating, and other factors.

Coaches Carlon and Ann Stapper want to thank the parents for giving us a great group of kids to work with and for their dedication in getting them to practice every week.

Make up boys and girls physicals July 16

Make up Physicals for OHS and OMS boys and girls will be Saturday, July 16, from 9-11 a.m. at the Family Health Center of

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Wednesday, July 6:

· Pork roast, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and roll.
Thursday, July 7:

· Lazy enchiladas, beans, rice and Jello.

Friday, July 8:

· Sloppy Joes, pork and beans, salad and brownies.

Monday, July 11:

· Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll and cherry cake.

Tuesday, July 12:

· Hamburger, salad, potato wedges and chocolate pudding.

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BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
 TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS INC.

"Round Up on the Rio" was the theme of the 83rd Spring Convention of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. held in El Paso April 18-21, 2011. The convention was hosted by Mountain Plains District IX with Martha Troeger and Sandy Young serving as co-chairmen. Attending the convention from District VIII were Winnie Barclay, District VIII Director, of Breckenridge; Charlotte Harrell, TGC Recording Secretary, of Ozona; Carol Looney, Trustee District VIII, of Breckenridge; and Mary Sayre of Breckenridge. The convention was honored by the presence of outgoing National Garden Clubs President Renee Blaschke, of Smithville, Texas, who brought greetings from National. Mary Ann Moreno, South Central Region Director also brought greetings.

Outgoing TGC President Jacki Simmers of Midland presided over her final convention as state president.

Ozona Garden Club received a Certificate of Award for its sponsorship of the Youth Poster Contest. The club also received an Award of Appreciation for its contributions to the TGC Scholarship Fund and the TGC Headquarters Fund. Certificates of Achievement were awarded to these Ozona students who participated in the Forestry Poster Contest: Jazmynn Barrera, Josae Coy, Wendy Mati, Haleigh Moran, and Esperanza Ramirez. Ozona Garden Club appreciates the work Rosalind Williams did to make the poster contest a success.

The TGC convention, held in the historic Camino Real

Paso Del Norte Hotel, kept all members busy with myriad activities, which included a walking tour of the recently restored Plaza Theater, the old White House Department Store, and the Mills Building.

Our guide explained what has already been accomplished to restore downtown El Paso and discussed future projects. A renovation of the old Hilton Hotel has begun. In the convention's opening ceremonies, El Paso Mayor John Cook delighted everyone by playing his guitar and singing a hearty welcome to El Paso.

Programs and workshops included "How to make Hyper Tufas" by Cheryl Garing, Master Gardener and member of El Dedon Verde Garden Club.

For non-Spanish speakers, the club name means The Green Thumb! Another workshop was titled "Exciting Container Plantings" by Jim Hastings, Master Gardener. Everyone enjoyed shopping at the "Kick Up Your Heels Gift Shop" in the Pancho Villa Room of the hotel.

Texas garden clubs received over 700 awards at the Awards Banquet. The Youth Awards Banquet featured High School Speech contest winners, Holly Clifton of Hemphill and Taylor Brooks of Lampasas.

Author Gregg Starr spoke about "Cool Plants for Hot Spaces," a topic that resonated with many of us. A most enjoyable tour of three El Paso home gardens concluded with dinner at Ardovinos Desert Crossing, complete with mariachis and program "El Paso Del Norte" by Barbara Baker in comparing collages. Katherine Palafox who spoke on "Keep El Paso Beautiful," gave

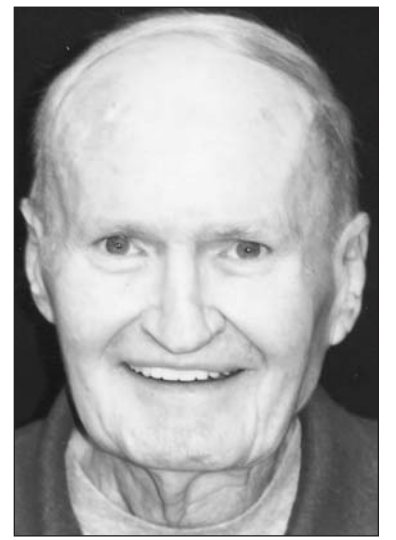
everyone goods ideas for their own communities.

The Installation Banquet featured entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Aires Internacionales, directed by Barbie Valdiviez-Schydlower, and "Down by the Rio," members of the UTEP Contemporary Dance Ensemble, directed by Lisa Smith. Both groups were fantastic. Renee Blaschke, NGC President, installed the following officers for 2011-2013: Kathy Cox, President, of El Paso; Sarah McReynolds, VP Finance, of Groesbeck; Carol A. Moore, VP Awards, of Lufkin; Charlotte Harrell, VP Lone Star Gardener, of Ozona; Hardy Lewis, VP Membership, of Leakey; Wyveta Reese, VP Organization Study, of Odessa; Marion Badey, VP Scholarship, of Fort Worth; Dana Serafine, VP Youth, of Plano; Barbara Cox, Recording Secretary, of Houston; Sharon Thompson, Treasurer, of Harlingen; Idalia Aguilar, Historian, of Bryan; Peggy Moreland, Corresponding Secretary, of El Paso; Joyce Cochran, Parliamentarian, of Dallas; and Carol Russell, Chair Board of Trustees, of Dallas. Winnie Barclay of Breckenridge was installed as District VIII Director. (Ozona is one of the District VIII clubs.)

Outgoing VP Scholarship Hardy Lewis proudly reported that Samantha Marie Crowder of Floresville won a South Central Region scholarship and that Kathleen Hanks Presley's of Palestine and Samantha Marie Crowder's of Floresville names had been submitted for National Garden Club scholarships. Subsequently, these worthy students were notified that they were indeed selected to receive the NGC scholarships.

OBITUARIES

Ronald Lewis Berry Sr.



Ronald Lewis Berry Sr., of Sugar Land, Texas, died in the comfort of his home Thursday evening, June 23, 2011. He was born Oct. 12, 1937, in Wichita Falls, Texas, the third child of the late Emmadean Yowell Berry of Stoneburg, Texas and the late Wilbur Berry of Bellevue, Texas. With his parents and two sisters, Greta and Anita, his family moved to Grand Prairie, Texas, when he was three. Ron grew up fishing, loving sports, building go-carts with his dad, and nurturing a sweet tooth that lasted his entire lifetime.

Valedictorian of his class, he graduated from Grand Prairie High School and went on to obtain his B.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from M.I.T., graduating with honors. Before completing his degree he met and married Genelle Childress, his wife of 49 years, and upon graduation the couple moved to Austin, where Ron obtained his M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas. Joining NASA just as it was getting established in Houston, Ron worked initially designing lunar trajectories as part of NASA's work on the Mission Planning and Analysis Division (MPAD) for the Apollo program, advanced to the position of Chief of Mission Planning and Analysis Division, and concluded his career as Deputy Director, Information Systems Directorate. He is particularly remembered for his work on the first manned mission to the moon, as well as on the Skylab, Apollo Soyuz and Space Shuttle programs.

He received numerous awards in his thirty-three year career at NASA, most notably the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Nixon for his work on Apollo 13. As passionate as he was about his work in aeronautics, his true love was his family, and his

roles as a husband, father, son, brother, and grandfather. He will be remembered in particular by his family when we look out upon the Texas Hill Country, listen to an Astros game, or when we are all gathered together in love and laughter at the ranch in Ozona.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Genelle Berry of Sugar Land, Texas; his daughter, Cindy Ollig and her husband Alex and son Max of Denver, Colo.; his daughter, Catherine Berry and her husband David Hamburger and children Milo and Annabelle of Austin; his son, Ron Berry Jr. of Austin; his daughter, Elizabeth Berry-Hughey and husband Patrick of Austin; his sister, Greta Beckler of Arlington; nephews, Bryan and Bradley Beckler and their families and numerous other loving relatives.

Funeral Services were held June 28 in Sugar Land and he was buried in Austin Memorial Park in Austin.

For those desiring, donations in Ron's memory may be made to The Baylor College of Medicine, Department of Neurology, ALS Research, 6550 Fannin, Ste 1801, Houston, Texas 77030, or to the charity of your choice. Please visit www.settegastkopf.com to leave memorial tributes.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

The second continental congress, representing the 13 colonies, declared their independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain on July 4, 1776 but that was just the beginning. The had to fight for their freedom and it did not end till the treaty of Paris in 1783. It was then that the sovereignty of the United State was recognized. There were many skirmishes and battles and there was a great cost and many casualties. It is estimated that there could have been as many as 50,000. Those events remind me of something in the Bible. There was another great declaration and battle for freedom centuries ago and that was when Jesus Christ suffered and died on a cross, (Romans 5:8, John 3:16). It was for freedom not physical but spiritual because we were held in bondage and held captive by sin, (Romans 3:23). Jesus died so we could be free from the penalty of sin and have a new life and a new hope, (Romans 3:24, 6:20-22). Freedom or good standing with God is available and it is Christ Jesus, (John 8:36) but we must ask God to forgive us of our sins and call upon Jesus for salvation, (1 John 1:9, Romans 5:8-11). This holiday, 235 years later, there will be all kinds of activities and celebrations like fireworks, parades, baseball games, picnics, barbecues, family reunions to mention a few. Have a good holiday and 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>

ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

WOW Wednesdays feeds children starting today

WOW! It's Wednesday is a ministry of the Ozona United Methodist Church with help from the OLPH Catholic Church and Crockett County Extension Service. Lunch will be provided to any child age 6 to 18 each Wednesday at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Parents or guardians must complete their child's

registration form in order for their child to attend. Registration forms can be picked up at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

The meal will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. each Wednesday beginning today, July 6, through Aug. 17.

Recipes and healthy eating tips will be available for parents to pick up.

Card of Thanks
 Many thanks to Patsy Hester and the Firefighters for coming to my aid in my time of need. It was so nice of you all. God Bless you and I won't forget ya'll.
 Jewel Fish

Card of Thanks
 Dear Ozona People,
 As we all go about our lives, remember to thank all the young men and women firefighters that are here and as they leave, also thank the next groups. We are so blessed to have dedicated people in that job here right now and in the future. Guy and I personally want to thank the young people that helped our friend, Miss Jewel, when they heard she needed help. They all dug in their pockets to give to her medical problem. They all have families that they are raising and still they helped an elderly lady they don't even know. God will richly bless you each and He knows you all by name and circumstance. Everyone please remember to check on your elderly friends, family and neighbors to see if they need your help, a hand or money. As prices of food and gas go higher their retirement money is less and less, so please ask if they need help. God will richly bless you accordingly. Again to those special people, thank you and God bless you and keep you safe. You are all welcome to visit a church in town and mostly Calvary Baptist Church, see you there.
 In Christ,
 Guy and Patsy Hester

Card of Thanks
 The family of Evangelina Vasquez would like to thank Dr. Sims, the staff of Crockett County Care Center and Hospice of San Angelo for the care given to Evangelina. To Pastor Maria Salcedo and members of Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia who helped with the service and provided the meal. The family greatly appreciated all the people that called, came by, sent food or flowers, attended the service or simply thought or prayed for us. May God Bless each and everyone of you for your kindness.

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Legislature ends, school budgeting begins

CCCCSD looks at managing with less money

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Texas Legislature has ended.

After 170 days — 140 days in regular session and 30 in special session — Texas lawmakers cleared their desks on June 29.

With this, school districts are preparing budgets with less money.

If Gov. Rick Perry signs Senate Bill 1 into law, Texas school districts will be facing \$4 billion in cuts.

As Crockett County CCSD starts preparing the 2011-2012 budget, Superintendent Chris duBois said the district will be working with \$500,000 less.

For the two-year period of 2011-2013, CCCCSD is looking at a \$1.3 million loss.

All of this still has to be verified in the final legislative summaries the district will be receiving soon, including an adjusted state funding template, duBois said.

"I feel like we have made some strong strides towards meeting the reductions this year with the Resignation Incentive Program and some flexibility and creativity in staffing and assignments that our administrative team is managing. However, we have also recognized that our instructional and service plans over the last several years have not been meeting the goal of preparing many of our students as well as we should, so our task is more complex and challenging as we move forward, and we will have fewer resources to address these gaps," duBois said. "We are going to face more tough fiscal choices while still trying to improve services and instruction. It will be somewhat stressful, but everyone has their sleeves rolled up and are

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Chris duBois

Superintendent of Schools for Crockett County Consolidated Common School District

ready to tackle these challenges. I will say that according to early legislative rhetoric this spring, things could have been a lot worse. We're definitely relieved to a large degree, even if the outcomes are very challenging."

OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES

The legislature also passed bills that will affect other education issues.

duBois said consolidation of textbook and technology funding will now be in one allotment, which introduces some flexibility for schools in deciding whether to consider use of electronic instruction materials rather than traditional books.

"There is a huge professional development aspect to introducing new tools in classrooms, and that takes resources as well - so it's sort of a double edged sword fiscally. I feel good, though that at CCCCSD, we have sort of seen a lot of this coming, and have structured our processes and staffing in recent years to be able to support our teachers well in exploration and adoption of new methods, both technologically and traditionally. We have really started to ramp up professional learning across many, many areas, and our teaching staff is working very hard to keep up with our learners' abilities and interests," duBois said.

Increased flexibility for managing staffing and contracts was also passed.

Most of these changes affect decision-making heading into 2012-2013 and larger districts for the 2011-2012 year, duBois said.

"I think we are pretty much through scrubbing staffing for 2011-2012, but we will have to step carefully

going forward," duBois said.

SB 8 is a comprehensive mandate relief measure that allows school districts to furlough teachers, reduces contract termination notification and minimum salary requirements and expands the Texas Education Agency's authority to grant waivers for the 22:1 student-teacher classroom ratio.

SB 8 passed the House, but not without a fierce debate from Democrats and a smattering of "no" votes from Republicans.

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, fired back by telling the chamber the bill is "overkill."

"I've not heard from one teacher who has applauded us for doing this," he said.

The legislature also stood firm on the new accountability testing system, STAAR that will require a standardized test and end-of-course exams for high school students.

"I still personally believe that until the state wakes up and recognizes that graduation plans that require four years of math and science for everyone really disenfranchise a lot of students, we are facing a huge dropout cliff. Statewide, we haven't introduced more rigor, we've watered down the content of these fourth math

and science courses so that all students can pass the courses and graduate," duBois said. The testing system will now require course credit and a minimum score on up to 12 tests for high school students. duBois said he predicts these new tests will lead to massive dropout rates not only in metropolitan school districts, but also rural ones where students see good wages in jobs that may not require high school diplomas or college degrees. "We are committed to equipping all students for the greatest variety of choices after graduation, so that means locally that we are going to work our tails off to make sure that we are teaching all students with rigor, and are preparing them to be able to make whatever choices they want after high school. We don't want to water things down or make excuses about how hard it's getting. We don't want to limit our students, and we don't want them making the easiest choices. We want to teach so that our students can stand toe-to-toe with the best students anywhere, and now we get to do that with a lot less financial resources," duBois said.

Trustees holding called meeting today

The Crockett County CCSD School Board will hold a special called meeting at noon today (July 6) at the Administration Building.

Items on the agenda: Consider and approve resolution authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of CCCCSD Maintenance Tax note Taxable Series 2011 (Qualified School Construction Bonds). Consider proposals for cafeteria equipment.

Consider proposals for concession remodeling.

The board will also have a budget workshop and meeting to consider proposals from DMI for possible HVAC at the Heritage Building and consider architectural services on July 13 and their regular meeting on July 20.

Both meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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er access later. Documents start at 1982 through present.

The clerk's office is working on getting a work station in the vault so that the public can search the land records quickly using the Internet without having to look through several books, said Ana Knaack, deputy clerk.

This website will help out of town land men and locals by saving them time and the trip down to the annex building, Knaack said.

For more information, call the clerk's office at 392-2022.

My Tears

My tears for a family
That past while away
My tears for all the words
I never got to say.

My tears for the families
That are still here today
My tears for all the words
That I'm about to say.

My tears for Jasmine and Daniel
Because they could not stay
My tears for Kierra and Emori
In heaven they will play

My tears for all the friends
That do not feel okay
My tears for all the hurt
That are asking me to pray.

My tears for all the good times
And along with the bad
My tears for all the smiles
And laughs we've always had.

My tears for all the lost days
That will soon start to add.
My tears for two wonderful people
That become Mom and Dad.

My tears for the anger
Cause I am mad
My tears for the Lord's help
Praying not to be sad.

My tears for the day we meet again
And I will be glad
For my tears for two of the best
Friends that I ever had.

Your friend always and forever
'till we meet again...
Jimbo Munoz

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1 near Fort Worth on hwy. 199

5 TXism: "jump _____" (escape)

6 TX John Wesley Hardin was killed in this El Paso Saloon

7 TXism: "took it on the _____"

8 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah _____ Leon"

17 hesitation sounds

18 TX George H., et al., in WWII (2 wds.)

21 Loretta of '47 "The Bishop's Wife" with TX-born Haden (init.)

22 "_____ work if you can get it"

23 TXism: "quick _____ York minute"

24 TX Audie Murphy '67 film: "_____ Apache Pass"

29 "_____ is life"

30 coach motivation: "_____ talk"

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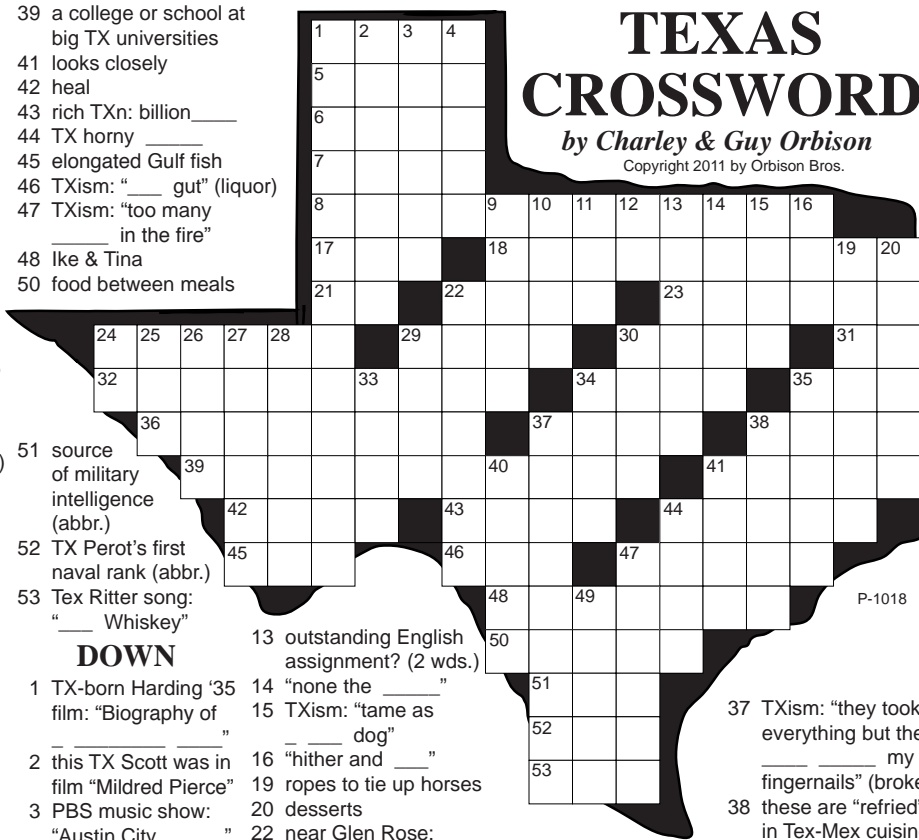
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37 TXism: "it's Katy bar the _____"

38 "red as a _____"

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13 outstanding English assignment? (2 wds.)

14 "none the _____"

15 TXism: "tame as _____ dog"

16 "hither and _____"

19 ropes to tie up horses

20 desserts

22 near Glen Rose: "Comanche Peak _____ Power Plant"

24 this state also has an Atlanta (abbr.)

25 "_____ and downs"

26 this Archibald played BB at UTEP

27 Coke County lake in Freestone Co. on hwy. 84

29 TX-born Roger Miller sang "trailers for _____ or rent..."

30 TXism: "happy as _____ in mud"

33 not nuts

34 holder of a scoop of TX Blue Bell

35 you spit these out eating watermelon

37 TXism: "they took everything but the _____ my fingernails" (broke)

38 these are "refried" in Tex-Mex cuisine

40 prison disturbances

41 TXism: "_____ as a church mouse"

44 TX Roddenberry created "Star _____"

47 TX-born Germann TX show: "_____ of Emergency" ('07)

49 TXism: "duck weather"

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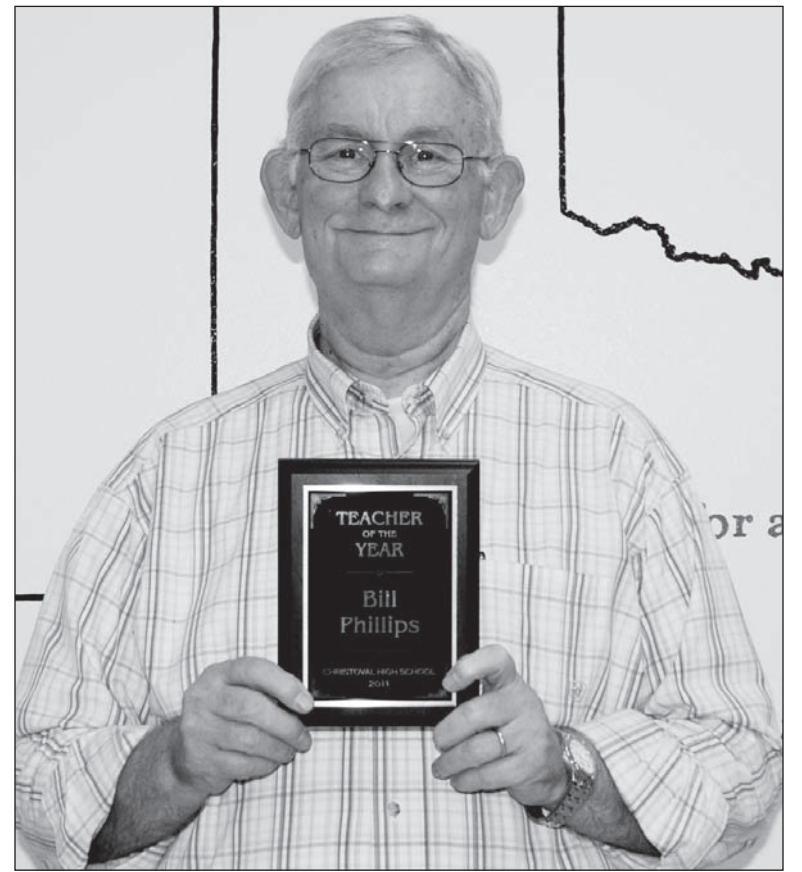
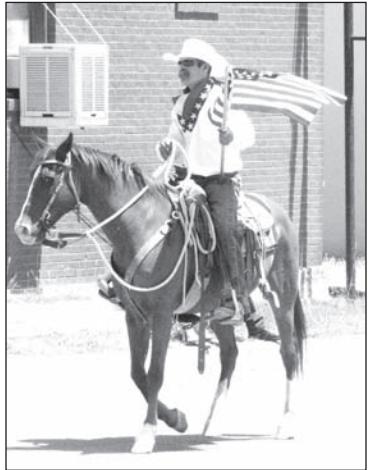
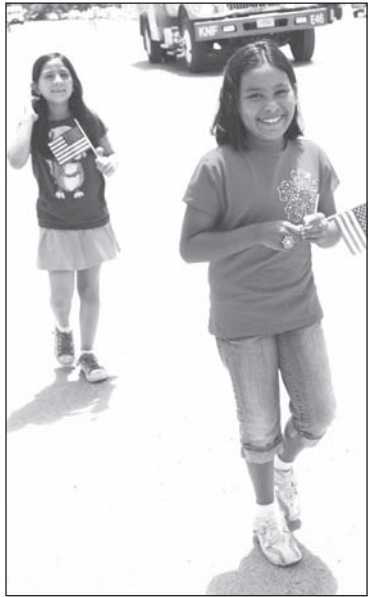
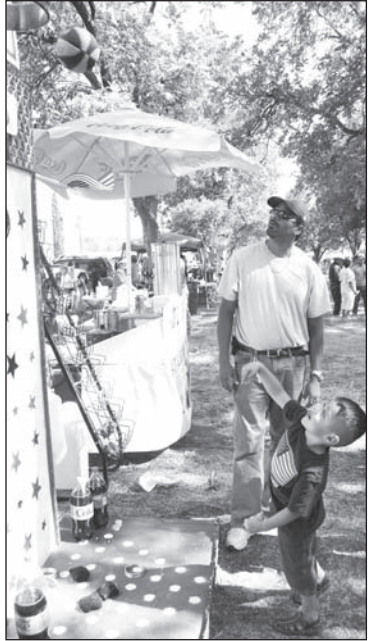
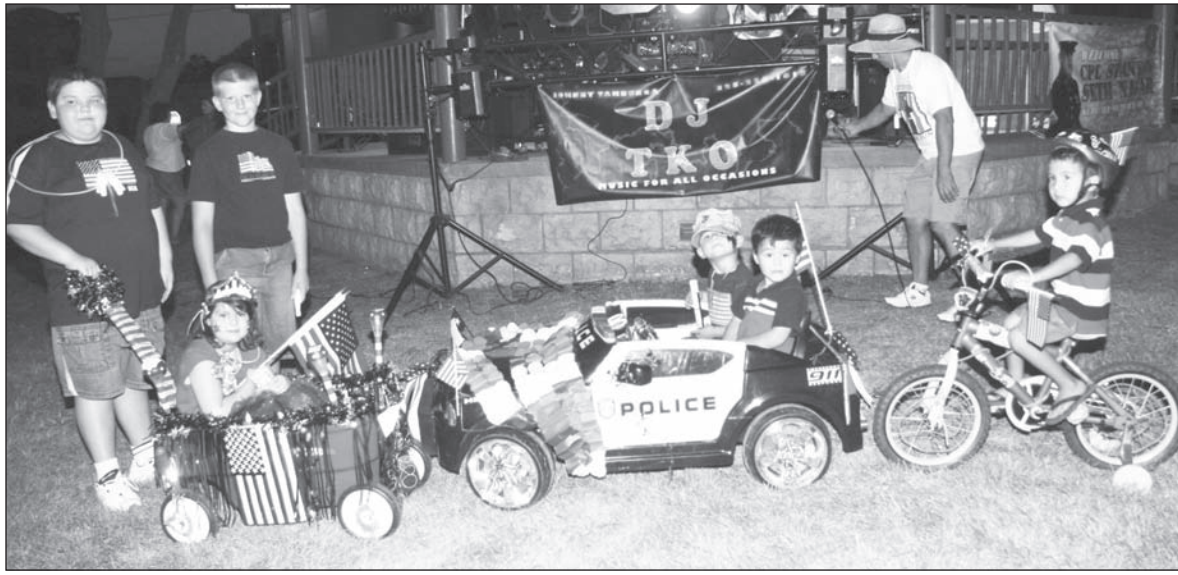
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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE



WILLIAM PHILLIPS was awarded the Teacher of the Year Award for 2010-2011 at the end of his first year of teaching at Christoval High School. Bill teaches high school math, algebra I, pre-calculus and calculus. Prior to entering teaching in 2010, Bill was with HealthPlan Services in Tampa, Fla. for 25 years as a computer programmer. He is looking forward to many more years teaching at Christoval High School. Bill and family reside in Ozona.



IRAAN 2ND ANNUAL FASTPITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: The Sonora City League Softball 14u XLR8 (accelerate) past the competition to bring home the Championship trophy on June 25. Along with All Tournament, Most Valuable Player went to Jillian Buitron, Most Valuable Team Player went to Abby Murphy, Sportmanship award to Madie Childress. Team Picture (left to right, first row) Cip Tobias, Madie Childress, (second row) C.J. Covarrubiaz, Jessica Gandar, Lisa Garza, Sydney Covarrubiaz, (third row) Jillian Buitron, Abby Murphy and Riley Walker (not pictured Rikki Chavez). Back Row Coaches: Joaquin Covarrubiaz, Manuel and Nelda Tobias.



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LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Every Monday and Thursday morning in June, CCPL hosted our Children's Summer Reading Programs with the help of our wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers. There were two age groups, 6-12 years and 3-5 years. The theme this year was "Dig Up A Good Book!" with lots of fun stories, crafts and activities for everyone.

A Big thank you goes out to all our presenters who gave excellent programs for the kids. Methodist Wesley Nurse E.A. Wadsworth wound up the summer reading programs with good info on what to eat and fed us all delicious fruit. All through June, we enjoyed a full range of programs from American Indians, to pets, to writing books and nutrition. A Big thank you also goes out to all our teen volunteers who helped read stories, play



games, and do crafts with the kids. Great job!

CCPL welcomes all our patrons to the library this summer with new children's books, adult bestsellers and

audio CDs perfect for summer reading and vacation enjoyment. Come check it out at the coolest place in Ozona this summer - your Public Library!

Mini-Cheerleading Camp Aug. 1-3

Mini-Cheer Camp will be held 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 1, 2 and 3 for cheerleaders ages 4-sixth grade.

Cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child.

Each camper will receive

a camp T-shirt and a spirit bag.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 1 at the OMS Gym.

Performance will be Aug. 3 at 11 a.m.

A silent auction will be

held Aug. 1 and 2 with highest bidders announced on Aug. 3.

Cheer socks and bows will also be sold.

For more information, call Tiffany Esparza at 277-6249.

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about securing the border and informed him that the situation is making an impact on Crockett County.

Canseco said he is working hard with the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition and that he has recently filed a bill to create the Southwest Cross-border Violence Recognition Act creates a federal definition of cross-border violence to accurately assess the reality of our border's security.

"We need to provide more equipment and manpower for our sheriffs," Canseco said. "This bill will measure the amount of cross-border violence. Gangs are going into our schools and into our communities selling poisonous drugs, and we're not dealing with them in a very serious fashion."

Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton said that the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition will not allow Crockett County to join due to their policies, but that the county borders two border counties, Val Verde and Terrell counties.

"Border counties do not share information. We are left out and not getting any help. There are some ranchers here that can you about backpackers walking up on their land," Sutton said.

Rancher Paul C. Perner III told Canseco about 30 illegal immigrants recently apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol in southwest Crockett County.

Perner's wife Ginger also told the freshman congressman that many people, including women and children, live full-time on ranches in Crockett County.

"We are totally unprotected," she said. "We can't be safe on our own ranch."

Sutton said he would like access to the coalition's information and statistics they are gathering in order

to better inform people in Crockett County.

County Judge Fred Deaton said when Ozona use to have a U.S. Border Patrol station, Crockett County was seen as "the second line of defense."

"It's a worrisome thing for us. We have a lot of square miles and we need a second line of defense," Deaton said.

Canseco said he saw no reason why Crockett County shouldn't be included in the coalition.

"We are going to work together. I agree with you. We need to have more shared intelligence," Canseco said.

A new post office for Ozona was also asked about by Commissioners Frank Tambunga and Randy Branch. This issue has been brought up to other congressmen in the past.

Branch said a new post office is needed, as well as home delivery.

Tambunga also said a local postmaster was needed, as Ozona's keeps changing.

"It's like we're not worthy of significant postal service," Deaton said.

Canseco said he was not aware of how the postal system worked on those issues, due to his only being in office six months, but that he would also look into that issue as well.

"I hear your concerns. Let me be your representative and help you out," Canseco said.

Other issues that were brought up include health-care, which Canseco said President Barack Obama's plan needs to be replaced with "something that makes common sense."

He also talked about the economy and how Texas can be "an example to the rest of the country."

"Texas has been very blessed. We have a better unemployment rate than the rest of the country, but it is still high by Texas standards," he said.

On the issue of the national debt, Canseco said the time has come for a balanced budget amendment.

Randy Verner with the USDA-Rural Development Office said it doesn't seem like the traditional Washington, D.C. politicians have the discipline for such an amendment.

"It seems like they don't understand where I live," Verner said.

Canseco said he prefers a "flatter" tax that would eliminate a lot of the complicated tax deductions and keep everyone accountable. "We need something that all of us can understand. I'm not talking about big deductions. I'm talking about common sense deductions," he said.

Canseco said that he feels the majority of the American people feel the same "as we are talking today."

"In order to get our projects done, we need to make sure we sound out to the American people to go to the polls in November and change the complexity of the Senate and Presidency," he said. "I am here to work with your county officials in every way I can. I want to make sure you are well-represented in congress, and I want to be accessible to you."

For more on Canseco, visit <http://canseco.house.gov/>.

Texas Pecos Trail meeting July 14

The Texas Pecos Trail Region bi-monthly board meeting, networking lunch, and educational experience will be held on July 14, 10 a.m., in Big Lake at the Community Building (1205 Montana). The public is welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$10 per person. The Texas Heritage Trails

Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-

Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

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those putting their lives on the line fighting these fires, as well as those whose property and livelihoods remain in danger."

According to a release from FEMA, application procedures for state and local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

"The state demonstrated that the costs that were generated (by the fires) were above and beyond the state and local capabilities," said Jacqueline Chandler, a spokeswoman for FEMA.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier last week designated 213 Texas counties, including Crockett County, a natural disaster area, allowing farmers to apply for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

"Many producers have lost their crops due to the devastation caused by the drought and wildfires,"

said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "President Obama and I want these farmers and ranchers to know that we will support them through the recovery process and help them once again become productive suppliers of food, fiber and fuel that keep America prospering. This designation will help provide that support."

Since Nov. 15, 2010, more than 13,000 fires have burned 3.29 million acres of Texas land, according to the Texas Forest Service.

In Crockett County, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department has responded to more than 115 grass fire calls this year and nearly 8,000 acres has burned.

A whopping 97 percent of the Lone Star State is in the midst of a drought, with almost three-quarters facing exceptionally bad conditions, according to a national report released Thursday.

The National Drought Monitor shows that most of Texas is at the highest intensity level registered for drought. State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon has said this is one of the worst droughts Texas has seen since 1895, when the state first began keeping records.

"We expect fire activity to continue," Spencer said. "These are dangerous conditions."

Burning trash, gathering around a campfire, tossing out a lit cigarette and even driving a hot car through tall grass all can lead to an increase in wildfires when combined with vegetation that has been dried out by the summer sun, the forest service stated.

With 90 percent of wildfires caused by humans, Texas Forest Service continues to urge Texans to use caution when doing anything outdoors that could cause a spark.

Other counties qualifying for FEMA assistance include: Andrews, Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Brewster, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Clay, Coleman, Concho, Cottle, Dawson, Duval, Eastland, Garza, Glasscock, Hall, Hemphill, Hockley, Irion, Kent, King, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Pecos, Presidio, Scurry, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Trinity, Tyler, Val Verde and Young.

For more information on assistance, visit www.fema.gov or <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JUNE 28
-12:44 a.m. - Grass fire Del Rio and Santa Anna, less than an acre, suspicious. Same location as the night before. Two units, five firefighters. Time in service 24 minutes.
-9:24 p.m. - Grass fire I-10 and mile-marker 343, cancel prior to departure fire out, six firefighters. Time in service 2 minutes.

JULY 1
-5:07 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, fatality, mile-marker 364 on I-10. One vehicle overturned. Assisted EMS and work traffic. Four units, eight firefighters. Time in service 1 hour.

JULY 4
-7:42 p.m. - Grass fire I-10 at mile-marker 357, five acres off the roadway to pasture. Four units, eight firefighters, Crockett County dozer. Time in service 3 hours 33 minutes.

JULY 5
-12:30 a.m. - Grass fire Santa Rosa and Del Rio, suspicious, less than an acre. Three units, four firefighters. Time in service 27 minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS:

- Those who want to help are encouraged to donate directly to their local volunteer fire department: Ozona VFD, P.O. Box 269, Ozona, Texas 76943.
- 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.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

- William Shane Hardy, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000; evading arrest detention, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Isac Castillo, Ozona, evading arrest with vehicle with previous convictions, felony, \$20,000.
- Evangelina Vasquez, Ozona, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Jean Jara, Ozona, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Amanda Enriquez, Arlington, Texas, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor \$2,000.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

6/27/2011
-911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

7/1/2011
-911 call - Transport and treatment Air Medical Inter-cept

7/1/2011
-911 call - No treatment, no transport

7/1/2011
-911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

7/1/2011
-911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for June 2011
For the Month of May:

Persons Placed in Jail	36
Persons Released from Jail	33
Persons Currently Incarcerated	0
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	10
Prisoner Housing - Reagan County	\$1,302
Prisoner Housing - Upton County	\$8,100
Prisoner Housing - Sutton County	\$65
Total Housing	\$9,467
Calls for Service	148
911 Calls Received	315
911 Actual Emergencies	278
Civil Papers Received	27
Civil Papers Served	20
Civil Paper Unserved	16
Fines Received	\$1,452.16
Civil Fines Received	\$590
Cash Bonds Received	\$0
Bond Fees Received	\$315
Traffic Citations Issued	66
Transports	1

Texas DPS warns of telephone scams using its name

BY TELA MANGE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Scammers have been calling Texans in various parts of the state, demanding that residents immediately pay for overdue red-light tickets. The most recent incident was reported in Cleveland, Texas, where police say that residents have received calls from someone claiming to represent DPS and demanding payment on a red-light safety camera ticket. The scammers say that an arrest warrant will be issued if the person receiving the call does not provide a credit card number, as well as Social Security numbers and other personal information.

The Texas Department of Public Safety does not collect traffic fines or oversee red-light cameras.

"You should never give out personal information over the phone when someone else initiated the call," said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS. "If you receive a call like this, you should write down any contact information from the Caller ID, if available, and then contact your local law enforcement agency."

DPS also reminds Texans that the department does not call requesting charitable donations.

"The Department of Public Safety will never solicit financial contributions from private citizens. DPS is funded by tax

dollars and our employees will never call your home or business to solicit donations," McCraw said.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these groups as the funds may not go to the causes that are claimed. Some groups include in their names the terms, "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," Texas Highway Patrol," or "Department of Public Safety."

While some current or former employees may be members of some of these associations on their own time, these organizations are not affiliated with the DPS nor do they represent the department. Many of these organizations provide only a small percent of their donations for good causes, with the majority of the donations going to administrative and operational purposes.

Some of these organizations suggest that official looking decals resembling official DPS affiliation placed on personal vehicles may somehow keep the individual from receiving a traffic citation from law enforcement. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 1-800-621-0508.

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School districts are already beginning to feel the pain. For example, the North East Independent School District in San Antonio, expecting to lose \$28.4 million next year under the new funding formulas, is proposing the elimination of 26 elementary teaching jobs, 35 middle school teaching jobs, 30 high school teaching jobs, and more than 150 central office positions, general assistants, clerical administrators, and 25 campus administrators and other professionals, according to the San Antonio Express-News. And just this week, San Antonio's Judson Independent School District eliminated 79 positions to cover a loss of almost \$9 million.

In the coming months, deci-

sions like these will be repeated in school district across the state. As teachers lose their jobs, as schools close, as class sizes swell to accommodate leaner budgets, more and more Texans will come to realize that the Republican majority passed up a golden opportunity to ease this crisis.

In his State of the State address back in February, Gov. Perry laid out his vision for a new Texas Century — an age of opportunity and prosperity for business, industry and families. It is a wonderful idea that should be shared by policymakers at all levels of government.

But for that vision to ever be realized, education must become the state's top priority.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County. It is the largest legislative district in the nation, spanning 23 Texas counties.

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taxes and preserves billions unspent in our Rainy Day Fund, leaving our state on firm fiscal footing for the future," Perry said.

"The decisions made were difficult, but lawmakers should take pride in the fact that they did what families all across Texas are doing: living within their means."

SOME MEMBERS HAVE OTHER PLANS
Rep. Fred Brown, R-Bryan, a car dealer by trade, announced his resignation from the House, sharing his plan to move to another district. Brown served more than 12 years.

Five-term Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, announced his candidacy for the Austin-San Antonio area U.S. congressional district seat held by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Austin. (Castro's twin brother is San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro.)

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, reminded House members on the last day of session that he plans to run for a seat on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, while a member of the executive branch, is also a member of the Texas Senate over which he presides. Dewhurst is expected to join the field of candidates to succeed U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has decided not to seek reelection.

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6800	Egg Resources	Mayer #5001 #1	Cactus Drilling #103	Drig Ahead
9500	Final Natural Res	Gocho #1936	Patterson Uti #495	Drig Ahead
9800	Egg Resources	University 40- #1302 H	Cactus Drilling #102	Drig Ahead
7000	Three Rivers Op	Sugg - 14 - #4	Rings Drilling Lp #9	Drig Ahead
8000	Exco Res	Sugg - 214 - #21	Heart Land Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
7000	Devon Energy	Pizano #1 H	Patterson Uti #49	Drig Ahead

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10500	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sch - 4 - #114x	Union Drilling Texas #206	Rigging Up
12000	Endorse Energy Res	Bicker - #1 - Emom #2	Big Dog Drilling #5	Assigned
9500	Final Natural Res	Snow Draw - # - #948	Feldhoff Bros #2	Drig Ahead
10500	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sugg - # - #1611	Patterson Uti #118	Drig Ahead
10500	James Inc	University Lands 11-10 #1	Trinidad Drig #204	Drig Ahead
10000	Apache Corp	Sch - 17 - #1709	O Ryan Drilling Lp #5	Drig Ahead
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12000	Endorse Energy Res	Haby #4	Big Dog Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
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Sealed bids for furnishing all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for repair of Johnson's Draw Watershed Principal Spillway Conduit Repair Sites #2, #4 and #7 will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time, Monday, July 11, 2011, at the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 office, 201 11th Street, Suite D, Ozona, Texas 76943, or may be mailed to P.O. Box 1048, Ozona, Texas 76943. Bids will be publicly opened in the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 office, 201 11th Street, Suite D, Ozona, Texas 76943, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bids must be to the attention of Paul Perner, III, Chairman, Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235, and mailed (or hand carried) to the above address in a sealed envelope (placed inside the mailing envelope, if any) labeled as follows:

- (1) IFB No. C2011-01 (2) Bid Due Date/Time: July 11, 2011 - 10:00 A.M. (3) [Show Name and Address of Bidder]

There will be a pre-bid conference beginning at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2011, to be held at the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 office, 201 11th Street, Suite D, Ozona, Texas 76943. The conference will be followed by a site showing of the project site. Attendance is not mandatory. However, prospective bidders are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend the conference and site showing. All bids require a bid guarantee in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid. Requirements are outlined in Subpart B of this PART I. The successful bidder will be required to submit payment and performance bonds within 5 (five) workdays after receipt of Notice of Award per PART III, Supplemental Conditions, Article 13. Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 (CSWCD) reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids providing less than 30 calendar days for acceptance will not be considered and will be rejected. Telegraphic or facsimile (Fax) bids, modifications, or withdrawals are not authorized. Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 is the Contracting Local Organization (CLO) responsible for soliciting and awarding a local contract for this project. The contract is receiving State funding authorized by the Legal Fund Cite: Senate Bill 1, 81st Legislature RS, Article VI-54, Rider 8 Flood Control Dam Repair Operation, Maintenance, and Structural Repair administered by the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board through the Flood Control Structural Repair Grant Program to provide financial assistance for conducting structural repairs on flood control dams as defined by Texas Administrative Code, Title 31, Chapter 529, Subchapter B, as amended.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Fire Truck Equipment. The Fire Department will supply the 7400 International Cab and Chassis. The bids will be accepted on July 11, 2011 until 2:00 p.m. Envelope should be stamped "Fire Truck Equipment." Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids should be mailed or given to Janie Chandler, County Auditor, and P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. Specifications can be picked up at the Crockett County Auditor's Office. Any Questions, you may contact Bob Falkner, Fire Chief at (325) 226-3227. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. Janie Chandler, Crockett County Auditor, Ozona, Texas.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals will be received by Crockett County Consolidated Common School District at P.O. Box 400 or 797 Ave. D, Ozona TX until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, July 13, 2011 for the following separate projects: Remove and replace flooring in school housing. (Multiple units). Demolition and Installation of chain-link fencing at school housing (Multiple units). Paving, Asphalt or Chip-Seal. Designated parking areas throughout District and driveways at school housing (Multiple Units). Cafeteria Equipment Upgrades at Ozona High School and Modifications to Cafeteria Entry and Drive, Ozona Middle School. Proposals may be reviewed on submission, but no vendor selections made until after expiration of deadline. Proposals may be negotiated after receipt. Proposals shall be delivered to CCCCSD by mail, courier or hand delivery. Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the bidder's name, address and an appropriate proposal description. Proposals received after the published time and date cannot be considered. All vendors must be able to document Davis-Bacon Act compliance regarding prevailing wages. All proposals must remain open for ninety (90) days from the proposal date pending acceptance by CCCCSD. Details or specifications may be obtained by contacting Cynthia Hokit at (325) 392-5501 during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Successful proposals will be identified on the basis of the best value, experience, qualifications and ability to complete scope of work that is in the best interest of the District, and any other factor as stated in Texas Education Code Section 44.031(b).

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PUBLIC
NOTICE**

**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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