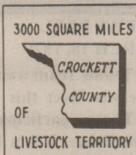


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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday	
High 60	Low 43
Partly Cloudy	
Thursday	
High 62	Low 37
Mostly Sunny	
Friday	
High 69	Low 42
Partly Cloudy	
Saturday	
High 69	Low 47
Partly Cloudy	
Sunday	
High 76	Low 51
Partly Cloudy	

Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Despite rain relief, fire danger remains

Crockett County has been 'lucky' in avoiding a massive burn

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Rain covered parts of Crockett County and West Texas this past weekend giving some relief to the recently dry conditions.

Crockett County received between a half-inch to 1-inch in some areas. Small, pea-sized hail and lightning also came with the weekend storms.

On Sunday, the county managed to miss most of the severe weather that hit nearby Schleicher County.

However, despite the moisture, winds picked up Monday and West Texas, including Crockett County, was once again placed under a red flag fire warning.

A red flag warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly, according to the National Weather Service in San Angelo. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity and warm temperatures will create explosive fire potential, the NWS stated.

Like most of Texas, Crockett County has spent the past three months under dry, drought conditions making the area susceptible to grass fires.

Since Jan. 1, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 29 grass fires with 13 of those being mutual aid calls to assist other firefighters in surrounding counties.

The largest fire was on the Rocker B Ranch in Reagan County.

According to Forest Service data, Texas in 2006 has been ravaged by more than 1,100 fires that have burned more than 1 million acres and destroyed more than 230 structures.

The most recent activity was in the Panhandle from March 10-13 where 11 people were killed and more than half a million acres were burned.

A situation, given the right conditions, is not unlikely in Crockett County, according to Ron Perry with the Texas Forest Service.

These conditions are: abundant fuels, low humidity, high winds and of course some type

of ignition source.

"Causes under investigation in the big fires up in the Panhandle are cigar discarded out a vehicle window and a broken power line," Perry said.

Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner also said that department strength at the time of the fire is another factor.

The Texas Forest Service has also been adamant about encouraging people to obey burn bans.

The Crockett County Commissioners reinstated the burn ban at the March 13 monthly meeting.

Violation of the burn ban is a Class "C" misdemeanor with a \$500 fine.

Exceptions to the burn ban include outdoor cooking, controlled campfires and certified agriculture control burns.

Outdoor cooking fires must not contain electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, construction or demolition materials not made of wood, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical

Tips on Preventing Wildfires

- Use caution with cooking fires or when grilling during conditions of high winds and low humidity.
- Dispose of cigarette butts in a container or ash tray.
- Do not park in high grass or weeds.

Welding Safety Precautions

- Remove vegetation from the work area.
- Where vegetation can't be removed, use a sprayer to wet down the work area prior to starting welding operations.
- Keep water handy.
- Have someone with you to spot any fires that sparks ignite so that they can be caught while small.
- Avoid parking vehicles in the dry grass tall enough to touch the catalytic converter on the underside of your vehicle.

-Source: Texas Forest Service

wastes or items containing natural or synthetic rubber.

Welders should also be cautious when welding outside, said County Judge Johnny Jones.

"We have been lucky to not have had a massive fire," Jones said during the meeting.

To date, 184 counties in Texas have adopted burn bans and 50 counties have adopted disaster declarations. A disaster

declaration that the county was declared under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, and/or loss of life and property resulting from the threat of wildfires due to drought and other weather related conditions.

Crockett County has not adopted a disaster declaration, just a burn ban.

For more information, call the fire department at 392-2626.

David West Station for Holistic Management to host field day Friday

By **PEGGY MADDOX**
 David West Station
 for Holistic Management

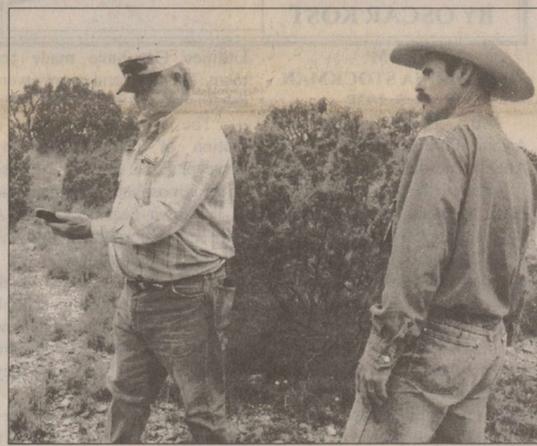
David West Station for Holistic Management is hosting a field day Friday along with Holistic Resource Management of Texas and Holistic Management International of Albuquerque.

The ranch managers, Joe and Peggy Maddox are opening the ranch for visitors to see and experience their participation in two-year USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant.

The grant is studying a possible method of cedar infestation management. Can animal impact increase forage production and improve soil health, and thereby reduce the establishment of new cedar trees?

The study site, West Ranch, is a working ranch and learning site belonging to Holistic Management International, formerly The Savory Center.

The field day begins at 10 a.m. and will be over at 4 p.m. A meal will be provided and there



Submitted photo

JOE MADDOX (left) West Ranch manager and Art Roane, member of the SARE research team, set transects for the research at the David West Station for Holistic Management. The ranch will be hosting a field day Friday for visitors to experience their work.

is no cost.

For planning purposes, the managers just ask that you call the ranch at 325-392-2292 if you plan to attend.

The two year study began when team representatives gathered at the West Ranch in

May of 2005. Grant collaborators include ranch managers Joe and Peggy Maddox, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas A&M University, University of Texas and Texas Hair Sheep Association.

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ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL



Photo by Joe Hernandez

2005-2006 ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (back row left to right) Second Team Junior Levi Vargas, guard and Senior Matt McGuire; Honorable Mention Senior Justin Galan, guard. (Front row left to right) Honorable Mention Sophomore Celia Rivera and Senior Malorie Moran.

School board to conduct public hearing at tonight's meeting

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing for a waiver to begin the 2006-2007 school year before Aug. 21.

The hearing will take place during the board's regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

In 2001, the state legislature passed legislation requiring districts to start classes no sooner than the week of Aug. 21.

In order for classes to begin on Aug. 10, CCCSD must apply for a waiver and send it to the Texas Education Agency to be approved.

The hearing is open to anyone wanting to speak on this issue.

The board will also discuss and approve/disapprove several items in executive session, including contract extensions for primary school principal, high school band director and high school counselor and teacher/coach contracts for the 2006-2007 school year.

Discussion regarding the superintendent's travel guidelines and the superintendent's goals is also listed for executive session.

Also on tonight's agenda:

- Update on the intermediate school cafeteria floor.
- Discussion and approval/disapproval to revise the CCCSD 2006-2007 Official School Calendar.
- Approval of cancellation of election.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5700.

Texas Pecos Trail Region update

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
 Chamber Executive Director

The Texas Pecos Trail Region is one of 10 regions that make up the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program.

This award-winning program encourages the discovery and enjoyment of Texas' unique historic and cultural resources.

Communities throughout the Texas Pecos Trail Region are now working actively to promote the region as a prime destination for heritage tourists.

Recently, during a March 9 meeting of the Pecos Trail Board, in Fort Clark Springs, a THC representative announced

that the City of Sonora has been selected as the location for the office of the Trail's regional coordinator.

This announcement represents a major milestone in implementing this economically important tourism initiative.

Experience in other Texas trail regions has shown that local heritage tourism activities, in combination with a statewide marketing effort, will increase the number of visitors and retail sales in communities throughout a region.

Substantial economic benefits can accrue to communities that work cooperatively to protect and promote their historic and cultural resources.

Please see **TRAIL** page 3

'Playing With Time'



Photos by Melissa Perner

OHS ONE ACT PLAY CAST MEMBERS perform scenes from the play "Playing With Time" by Arthur Miller, published by Dramatic Publishing. The group will perform in the Zone Competition Thursday in Sonora. Cast members pictured are: Erika Conner, Melissa Miller, Brook Tambunga, Alexandra Bean, Allison Skehan, Mandy Fierro, Brooke Galindo, Kara Bird, Michael Maldonado, Kyle Webb, Jasmine Tambunga and Jessica Newby. Also in the cast and crew are Brady Granger, Cat Sessom, Farran Wilson, David Lee Borrego, Levi English, Jessica Knaack and LuCinda Birkenfeld.



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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

My favorite sound

Something happened this weekend that I hadn't heard in a long time.

In fact, it is one of my favorite sounds.

As the rain was hitting our tin roof Saturday evening, my husband and I turned off the television (shocking, I know), sat on our front porch and listened to the rain. Our front porch is enclosed.

With dog and cat in tow, we sat and watched the amazing lighting storm, listened to the rain hit the roof and enjoyed this wonder of Mother Nature that we haven't seen in a long while.

Of course we didn't just sit there and not talk. Anyone who knows me knows I can't just sit there and not talk.

However, what we talked about was one of those conversations that ranged from weather, to family, to work, to our two four-legged children sitting around us.

We watched my cat crawl all over my husband's new exercise

equipment, as his dog kept going in and out the doorway. The dog wanted to play and we just wanted to sit for a minute.

There's something about rain that, to me, just does something to people. It makes you want to slow down, take a deep breath and sometimes take a nap. It's weather where you want to curl up in your favorite blanket, read a good book, watch a good movie and have a hot bowl of soup.

It's weather that brings people together and gets them to take time for each other.

Don't get me wrong, Paul and I always manage to find time for one another, but on this particular rainy night it was different. We didn't have technology surrounding us or we weren't staring at the TV.

It was just a moment of us, our animals and our favorite sound of rain hitting the roof.

I hope I don't have to wait so long to hear my favorite sound again.

Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"

BY OSCAR KOST



FROM THE OZONA STOCKMAN JAN. 5, 1928

Miss Emma Phillips and Arthur Phillips were in San Angelo Tuesday.

Back to the story about Ozona Bank. Deposits are \$1,177,000. Population 1950 total.

With some 300,000 sheep in the county, it's easy to determine why Ozona with its pot of gold is coming to be known as "Rainbow's End." The closest rival to sheep is oil as Crockett now has 34 producing oil wells. Ozona is an inland town with no railroad which puts it in a class by itself because of the progress in development.

The Hotel Ozona has 150 rooms at a cost of \$145,000. A lot of new business buildings and businesses are in town. Also a lot of personal dwellings with the coming of West Texas

Utilities Co. have made the town. The town and county were established in 1891.

The town site was on a section of land donated by surveyor E. M. Powell. Because of the atmosphere here the name of the town became Ozona. A town not incorporated and the only town in the county.

Wonderful schools with plans to build a new high school. One good thing about the new building will be a gymnasium for basketball. At this time they play on outside courts.

The valuations are \$4,000,000. and tax rate \$2.70 for county and school. County officials: Chas. E. Davidson, county judge; J.M. Baggett, Ralph Watson, J. W. Owens and Fleet Coates, commissioners.

Bob Weaver returned to his home in Dallas after spending the holidays in Ozona.

TAKS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Once again, The Ozona Stockman will be running questions from the TAKS test to test your knowledge and skills. The answers to each question will appear in the next week's edition. Call 392-2551 or e-mail publisher@ozona.com to let us know your answer.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:
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F. 1,200 m
G. 120 m
H. 1.2 m
J. 0.12 m

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

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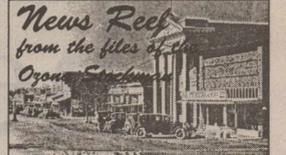
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Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

Community Calendar

March 22 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
• Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
• CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.
March 23 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
• Ozona JV Baseball Tournament at the baseball complex.
• Ozona Girls Golf Team in the Mason Tournament at Mason.
March 24 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
• Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
• HRM of Texas and HMI West Ranch Field Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the West Ranch.
• Ozona Varsity Baseball vs. Mason at Mason.
• Ozona JV Baseball Tournament at the baseball complex.
• Ozona Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
• OHS Tennis Team in the Reagan County Invitational at Big Lake.
• OMS Track Teams at Sonora.
March 25 - Ozona JV Baseball Tournament at the baseball complex.
• OHS Track Teams at the Sonora Bronco Relays.
• OHS Tennis Team in the Reagan County Invitational at Big Lake.
March 27 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
• Ozona JV Baseball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
March 28 - Ozona Varsity Baseball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
March 29 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
• Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
• Ozona Golf Teams in the first round of the District 2-AA Tournament at the country club.



NEWS REEL

MARCH 18, 1976

Ozona Tennis Team won the Midland Tennis Meet this past weekend. Those participating were: Karen Bebee, Karla Fenton, Karen Kirby, Lynn Maness, Ronnie Schneider, Ricky Perry and Tony Hoover.

The Ozona Lions Golf Team won their practice tournament here last weekend. Those participating were: Ronald Koerth, Mike Hayes, Wilson Hill, Eugene Hood and Kirby Kirklen.

Oscar Kost sold the shoe repair equipment out of the Ozona Boot & Saddlery last week to Romulo Vela.

NEWS REEL

MARCH 20, 1947

B.O. Franklin, of Ozona, and his brother W.C. Franklin of Muskogee, Okla. and their three sisters enjoyed a reunion in Ozona this week. This the first time the family has been together in more than 40 years.

J.B. Nelson, owner of Sonora building supply company, was here last week supervising the erection of the first of a new type of pre-fabricated house to be built in Ozona. The new structure known as "Western Homes" is being erected here for Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McCook in the north end of town.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Truth in Advertising

In the battle for market share Madison Avenue has come up with all sorts of fancy slogans to sell us stuff. But much of it doesn't tell the real story. Here are a few phrases that would more accurately reflect the products they represent.

Modern Day Airlines- Fly bankrupt airlines... we crashed but that doesn't necessarily mean you will.

Monopoly Oil Company- Pull up to our pumps and get-hosed.

United States Postal Service- We're faster than the Pony Express. Really.

Big Box Stores- Everyday low prices because our stuff is made by poorly paid Chinese who took your job. Na, na, nana, na.

Athletic Shoes- I'm an immortal, trash talking, NBA star with my name on your shoes. I'm rich and your parents must be morons for buying these \$150 sneakers.

Cosmetic Surgery- Stay pretty. Die young.

Fast Food- All new and improved packaging that is good for the environment and actually tastes better than the food it is wrapped around.

Japanese Hybrid Cars- Our cars drive better than they look. What, You expected high gas mileage and good looks too?

Drug Companies- Our prices will make you sick.

Big City Newspapers- Our Sunday edition weighs twelve pounds. Surely there must be something worthwhile reading in there someplace.

Hollywood Movie Studios- More trash from the same people who brought you Brokeback Mountain, Hugh Grant, The Crying Game, Pee Wee Herman and Ishtar.

Environmental Organizations- Making the world greener one twenty dollar bill at a time.

Huge Hardware Stores- If it's in stock we have it. Otherwise don't ask.

Multinational Banks- Your money is so safe with us that even you will have a hard time getting any of it.

Cell Phone Makers- Making the world a more obnoxious place one phone call at a time.

FEMA- We do nothing in particular. And we do it well.

Mass Transit- Experience the feeling of what it must be like to be livestock.

Celebrity Perfume- This \$185 fragrance may reek of smelly gym socks and remind you of a wet feedlot but it smells like money to me, sucker.

The Medical Care Industry- We'll make you feel better about being bled to death.

Junk Mail- You have been specially selected from 200 million other people to receive a free special gift. Send no money (We'll bill your credit card). You may already be a winner. (But chances are greater you are a big loser if you bite on this one.)

Computer Maker- Complete money back guarantee. Just return the device in the same packaging and the same box it came in. Go ahead, we dare you.

Home-Style Cafeterias- Eat food like momma used to make; the bacon is burned, the coffee is weak and our special of the day is creamed tuna on toast.

Luxury Hotels- Spend one night in luxury and the rest of your life in debt. Discover the real meaning of TLC (Takes Loads of Cash).

Grocery Store Chains- Featuring "home grown" meat and produce from Mexico, China, Chile, Brazil, Argentina and who knows where else? Wash extremely well before eating. Eat at your own risk. Side effects may include vomiting, nausea, diarrhea, bellyache and, eventually, extreme hunger when all of America's farmers and ranchers go broke and there is no food in our collective pantry.

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Fernandez - Ortiz united in marriage

Irma Fernandez and Onecimo Ortiz Jr. (O.J.) exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Serafin Avenido officiating.

The Maid of Honor was Veronica Vasquez. Bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Mayra Fernandez, Monica Fernandez and sisters-in-law Lisa Gonzalez and Amanda Maldonado.

Flower girl was Diana Si-fuentes.

Best man was Jose Dominguez. Groomsman were Luis Orona, Freddy Fernandez, Alfred Gonzalez and brother of the groom John Ortiz.

Ring bearer was Anthony Gonzalez.

Ushers were Crystal Gonzalez, Julie Gutierrez, Markus Galindo and Josh Gonzalez. Train holders were Kaitlyn Tambunga and Thomas Cruz.

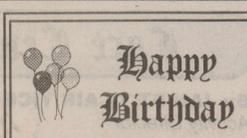
Honorary Padrinos were Mark and Cheryl Galindo.



Padrinos de Arras were Ruben and Irma Cruz. Padrinos de Lasso were Angel and Jerri Lyn Fierro. Padrinos de Biblia y Rosario were Mary and Santiago Ybarra Jr.

Parents of the bride are Fernando and Rosa Fernandez. Parents of the groom are Onecimo and Elva Ortiz.

After a trip to East Texas, the couple will reside in Ozona.



March 22 - Juan Villarreal, Cynthia Bartley, Alejandra Sanchez and Joaquin Meza

March 23 - T.R. Conner, Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Sabastian de la Cruz, Tyra Branch and Cynthia Flores

March 24 - Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Alfred Enriquez and Austin Borrego

March 25 - Cynthia Hokit, Steve Hubbard, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Alex Hopper, Emilio Tambunga and Taylor Newton

March 26 - Pife Borrego, Juan Molina Jr., Jose I. Dominguez Jr., Albert Trevino, Chapo Leal, Vanessa Tobar, Melvin Parker Jr. and Enrique Delgado

March 27 - Cynthia Castillo and Justin Rodriguez

March 28 - Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan, Debbie Arrott, Roky Vega, Romeo Perez III, Leonel Jr. Rodriguez, Donovan Santiago, Veronica Talamantez and Wendy Crawford

Former Ozona student in Denton theatre production

Amanda Carson-Green, a native of Ozona, is appearing in the Denton Community Theatre production of "Daddy's Dyin Who's Got the Will?" a comedy by Del Shores, from March 23-April 1 at the Campus Theatre, 214 West Hickory Street, Denton, Texas.

"Daddy's Dyin Who's Got the Will?" a rowdy, raucous romp set in the tiny West Texas town of Lowake. The laugh riot centers on the Turnover clan gathering at the family farmhouse to await the impending demise of Daddy. Each wonders what is in store for them once the will is read. There's just one problem: where is the will? Sparks fly as sibling rivalry, feuding spouses and long-held grudges surface. This production is sure to tickle you more than any awkward family reunion should. This play is not recommended for children under the age of 14 due to adult language and situations.

Amanda Carson-Green, a



current student at the University of North Texas, will be playing the role of Evalita. Her past credits include Queen Aggravain in "Once Upon a Mattress" and Panacea in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

Performances of this knee-slappin' Texas celebration are 7:30 p.m. March 23, 24, 25. The one matinee is at 2 p.m. March 26. The production continues at 7:30 p.m. March 30, 31 and April 1.

Ticket information is available at 800-733-7014 or www.campustheatre.com.

TRAIL: Coordinator being sought for the region

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Another important step to be taken will be the Board's hiring of a regional coordinator for the Trail. The coordinator will work closely with the Board and the THC to facilitate the development of heritage sites and the promotion of the entire region as a prime destination for heritage tourists.

Earlier, in February, the Board met in Odessa to begin work on a Strategic Plan for developing and marketing the region. The plan will be completed after the coordinator is hired and will serve as a guide for both the Board and the coordinator in carrying out their duties.

Current plans call for hiring the coordinator in June. The vacancy announcement for the regional coordinator position may be viewed on the THC's website (www.thc.state.tx.us). Resumes/applications will be accepted through Friday, April 7.

The THC will be supplying grant funds to the region of \$50,000 annually through 2008 to hire the coordinator to help develop and market the Pecos Trail Region, as well as to pay for operating expenses.

Communities in the region will also contribute a total of \$10,000 annually, consisting of \$5,000 in cash and \$5,000 in in-kind services for use in the region. The THC will submit a

grant application to TxDOT for additional program funding of all the heritage trails beyond 2008.

As part of the current grant, the THC will also provide technical, financial, and marketing assistance. Such assistance includes conducting on-site evaluations of historic and cultural sites and making recommendations for making the sites more attractive to tourists.

These on-site visits are tentatively scheduled to be conducted throughout the region in late summer and early fall.

Other assistance includes matching grants for specific tourism projects, advertising, and media events. Ultimately, a full-color travel brochure (approximately 500,000 copies) will be produced to use in marketing the Trail.

A Texas Pecos Trail website has also been established -www.texaspecostrail.com. This user-friendly site is designed to permit communities to enter tourism-related information (e.g., local attractions and events) on the website. It also permits potential visitors to develop travel itineraries throughout the region.

It can be a powerful and effective marketing tool, if properly utilized. Chambers of Commerce and city and county governments are encouraged to make full use of this asset for the

benefit of their communities.

Board members welcome suggestions for attracting heritage tourists to the Pecos Trail Region, and the public is encouraged to attend and participate in the Board's bi-monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be held May 11 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Park at the intersection of Interstate-10 and State Highway 163 South. The meeting, to include a catered lunch, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The current members of the Pecos Trail Region Board are: Chair -- Shanon Biggerstaff (Crockett County); Vice Chair -- Betty Cash (Pecos County); Treasurer -- Bill Oglesby (Upton County); Secretary -- Debbie Vickers (Ector County); Ann Schneemann (Reagan County); Jed Elrod (Pecos County); James Murr (Kimble County) Mary Ann Kay (Sutton County); and Paula Walker (Ward County).

The region covers approximately 35,000 square miles and consists of the following counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

Helping Hands News

The Crockett County Senior Center was one happy place during the Helping Hands St. Patrick's Day dance, thanks to the Big Lake Guys, Willena Holden, Jamie Knox and Benny Logan.

Our dinner/dance was a big success, with people attending from Austin, Barnhart, Sonora, Big Lake and Illinois as well as Ozona.

The raffle winners were: Microwave-Johnnye John-

son; Savings Bond- Ray Stover; Clock-Benny Gibbs; Ice chest-Lara Baggett and Savings Bond-Nato Tambunga.

Heart felt thanks goes out to our donors for the prizes and meal supplies. They were Pepe's Cafe, Antojitos Del Barrio, Mi Taco, Orlando De Hoyos, Coleen Kilgore, Gregg and Corba Jones, Judy Churchill, Triple C Hardware and Lumber, Ozona National Bank, Crockett National Bank and Liz Martinez

of San Angelo. Special thanks to our volunteers Chris Reeves, Jack Gilit, Lupe Martinez, Toni Thomas, Eli Irlas and Bertha Rivera.

The Helping Hands board members are Concha Zapata, Roberta Schoehals, Carlos Lopez, Helen Wall, Joe and Sarah Stewart, Betty Bullard, Helen Stokes, Johnnye Johnson, Bertha Landin and Janet Hill.

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Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Tuesday, club members Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, Tina Jarvis and our student danced at the Care Center.

This Saturday, Levis and Lace will have a dance at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. It will feature callers Tom Harrison from Abilene and Tina Jarvis from Ozona. Come join the fun!

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Ozona Garden Club News

By ALICE BREWER
Ozona Garden Club

The Ozona Garden Club met on March 13 in the home of Marolyn Bean. Her associate hostesses were Sharon Williams and Tina Bean. Dessert and coffee were served.

As the business meeting began, Alice Brewer read the minutes of the last meeting, and an article from the local newspaper to thank garden club members for their handmade gifts of bouquets for Care Center residents.

The treasurer's report was given by Sharon Williams, followed by discussion on purchasing a live tree to be set and grown in a local area. Debi Hamilton, club president, will purchase a tree, and its final location will be decided by the Arbor Committee of Dorothy Montgomery, Alice Brewer and Judy Jones.

A floral setting and permanent arrangement to honor the club's 50th anniversary was discussed in length. Some plans were taking place, with several ideas to consider.

Conversation then shifted to plans for the upcoming Ozona Garden Club show, planned for April. New and older members alike were delighted and amazed by several show projects done and presented by Marolyn Bean, who discussed arrangements and theme, to put together the correct components for various types of plant presentations for a show.

She showed how things would be noticed by judges, as to texture, color, balance, form, rhythm and various ways to highlight a particular project, and the importance of bringing forward a certain single object to prove a theme.

The District VIII Spring Club Convention will soon meet in Coleman. Anyone interested in attending please be in touch with Charlotte Harrell, soon.

Members present were: Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Alice Brewer, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Celia West, Esther Williams, Sharon Williams, Katie Sellers and Bobbie Bird.

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Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**
Activity Director

On Monday afternoon, residents, guest and staff enjoyed Judy Reagor's sister Cindy with music and singing. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Tuesday afternoon, Brother John Collis, Audrey Glynn, Carol Adcock and granddaughter were here for Baptist Bible Study and Odella Sanchez at the piano. Thank you all for the service. Wednesday afternoon, Judy Reagor entertained our residents in the main lobby. Judy, keeping doing those country and western songs, our residents, staff and guest were really impressed. Thank you, Judy. The Levis and Lace square put their best foot forward this past week and entertained our residents. Thank you all, we all enjoyed your performance. Thursday afternoon, our residents enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day party and residents birthday party sponsored by the Crockett National Bank. Shirley Kirby and resident Frances Flanagan helped serve at

the social. Thank you two ladies. Birthday cake, cheese, crackers, green beer and punch and green wine were the food and drinks for the afternoon. The social was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks goes to Nell Wester for volunteer beauty shop for our lady residents. We could use some help with our volunteer beauty shop on Thursday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. Our church services are provided by the First Baptist Church of Ozona and the Ozona Church of Christ this past week. Thanks goes to everyone that is so faithful to our facility residents. Coming in April, volunteer week and residents birthday party and Easter party. We will give details later. The answer to last week's trivia question is \$.15 a gallon. Thanks goes to resident Frances Flanagan for helping me take down St. Patrick's Day decorations and putting up Easter decorations this weekend. How nice the rain was. We are so thankful. Hope your week was as good as ours was here at CCCC.



CARE CENTER RESIDENT BERNICE PHILLIPS with her daughter Diane the resident's monthly birthday party/St. Patrick's Day party at the care center.

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

Card of Thanks
On behalf of the Sanchez and DeHoyos families, we would like to thank everyone for your prayers, thoughts and gifts of food, flowers and your expressions of sympathy. We would especially like to thank Jesse and Queta Fierro, Eddie and Penny Moore, the Guadalupanas, and all the County Road Employees. We are very appreciative of all the support shown to us by the entire community. Fannie was very special to many people and she will be greatly missed.

Card of Thanks
I want to thank God first of all for my 70 years of life and health and the Blessing of my wonderful family. They made my birthday a very special for me, and I thank God for the many wonderful friends that helped me celebrate. Thank you all for being with me. God Bless all of you.
Suléma

Obituaries

Emilio P. Gutierrez

Mr. Emilio P. Gutierrez, 75, of San Angelo, passed away surrounded by his family on March 7, 2006. A Prayer Service was held on March 18 at the Gutierrez Funeral Chapels/North. Funeral Services were held March 17 at the chapel. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Survivors include his daughters, Sara Torres and husband Juan, Edna Martinez and husband Aureliano of San Angelo, Alda Banda and husband Alfredo of Wyoming, sons; Philip Gutierrez and wife Rita, Joe L. Gutierrez and wife Mary Ybarra, and Fred Lozano all of San Angelo, Emilio Gutierrez Jr. and wife Patsy of Ozona; brother Joe Gutierrez and wife Otelia of San Angelo, sisters, Anita Gutierrez,



of San Angelo, Lupe Prieto of Lubbock and Delfina Gutierrez of Del Rio. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were his grandchildren.

George Kenneth Kramer
Feb. 26, 1935-March 15, 2006

Kenneth Kramer was born in Graham, Texas on Feb. 26, 1935 to Lucille Wilkinson Kramer and George Dewey Kramer. He passed away in his home in Ozona on March 15, 2006. Kenneth often commented that when he first saw Linda Sullivan, he thought she was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. Kenneth and Linda were married in Tucumcari, N.M. on Oct. 21, 1961. They lived in Woodson and Snyder before moving with their two daughters to Ozona in 1969. Kenneth was an oilfield pumper for Union Oil of California before opening Kramer Welding Service. He was a self-employed welder in the oil fields of West Texas until his retirement from welding in 1985. He loved his family and enjoyed the outdoors and hunting. Kenneth's greatest joy was spending time with his "Buddies"-grandsons Latham and Kramer. His dry wit and sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Following a family memorial service at the First Baptist Church in Woodson, Texas on Saturday, March 18, Kenneth was brought home to rest under his favorite oak tree at the Kramer family homestead in Murray, Texas. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents; his step father, Henry Kramer; his brother, Frank Kramer; and his mother and father in law, Vera and Clarence Sullivan. Surviving family members include: his wife Linda Kramer and daughters Kendalia "Tilly" Edelman and her husband Dr. Eric Edelman of Syracuse, N.Y.; Leanna Childress and her husband Dwight Childress and Leanna's children Latham and Kramer of Ozona; a son Kenneth Glenn "Kenny" Kramer of Fort Worth, and his children Aaron and Ashley and her son, Maverick of Bridgeport; a daughter, Becky Morrow and her husband Jerry and their daughter Brianna of Bridgeport; sisters Mazelle Gann and Gayle Riggins and their families; brothers Ray Kramer and Don Kramer and their families; and a sister-in-law Ethel Kramer and her family. The family requests memorials be made to the Becky Childress Memorial Scholarship Fund - P.O. Box 1947 Ozona, Texas 76943 or the charity of your choice.

Ozona Senior Happenings
By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director
We have a new book case to house our recipes, magazines and book exchange. It was constructed and painted at the county road barn by Elliott Barrera and Rick Storms. It was placed in the hall across from our small kitchen here at the Senior Center. We thank the county men for a good job, well done. We have a group coming to play dominos every Wednesday afternoon. So far, we have only had ladies but you gents out there are invited to come out and play dominos. These domino players enjoy the game and the fellowship. Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles," has increased in numbers. Their exercise conditions you to begin your day. We meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The ladies are playing bridge at 1:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday. The ladies who come have such fun and bring smiles with them. Come by and let them cheer up your Mondays and Thursdays. If you are a pool player, we have a pool table in the back room. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon. Hope to see you at our activities. Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Cries in the Night

A few years ago a friend of mine told me of a story that I will never forget. He said there had been some heavy rains near his home and he lived next to a creek that went through town. The police and others were driving around and telling everyone to evacuate to higher ground because there was a danger of flooding. A few heeded the warning but the majority paid no attention. That evening more rains came and flooded everything. My friend had gone to many homes trying to warn them to get out but was told him to go away that they didn't want to miss their favorite television programs or be inconvenienced or thought there was no real danger. At the last moment, my friend was able to carry out or rescue a few but not all. He said the hardest or most painful thing, was that friends or neighbors he knew very well were crying in the night for someone to come get them but nothing could be done. Their cries grew fainter and fainter and finally, no sound. God uses wants to use Christians, (Matthew 28:19,20, Romans 10:13-15,1 Timothy 4:16) to reach or tell people who are not Christians about the oncoming danger. Some will respond and accept Christ, (Romans 10:13) but many will put it off or ignore it till it is to late, (Proverbs 1:27-29). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	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.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth CEA-FCS



Choosing the right athletic shoes

With many of us beginning to think about increasing our exercise time and sign-up for Walk Across Texas just around the corner, it is time to think about what the "right" athletic shoe really is. With the many types of athletic shoes that are available, it can be hard to choose the right shoes. There are differences in design and variations in material and weight.

The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons says that these differences have been developed to protect the areas of the feet that encounter the most stress in a particular athletic activity. Some of the different types of sports shoes available include the following:

- Athletic shoes are grouped into the following categories: running, training, and walking; they include shoes for hiking, jogging, and exercise walking. These shoes should have a comfortable soft upper, good shock absorption, smooth tread, and a rocker sole design that encourages the natural roll of the foot during the walking motion. Features of a good jogging shoe should include cushioning, flexibility, control, and stability in the heel counter area, lightness, and good traction. Cross-training shoes combine several characteristics of other types of shoes so that you can participate in more than one sport and wear the same shoe. A good cross trainer should have flexibility in the forefoot that is needed for running, in addition to stability on the inside and outside of the shoe for the control needed for aerobics and tennis. Walking shoes should flex easily at the ball of the foot, which help feet to push forward.

- Court sport shoes include shoes for tennis, basketball, and volleyball. Most court sports require the body to move forward, backward, and side-to-side. As a result, most athletic shoes used for court sports are subjected to heavy abuse. The key to finding a good court shoe is the sole

Ask a coach or shoe salesperson to help you select the best type of sole for your sport.

- Field sport shoes include shoes for soccer, football, and baseball. These shoes are cleated, studded, or spiked. The spike and stud formations vary from sport to sport, but they generally are replaceable or detachable cleats, spikes, or studs affixed into nylon soles.

- Track and field sport shoes are very specific to the sport. The needs of the individual are most important when picking the shoe. For example, foot types, gait patterns, and training styles should always be considered. It is always best to ask a coach about the type of shoe that should be selected for the event in which you are participating. It's also important to choose proper-fitting sports shoes.

- Proper-fitting sports shoes can enhance performance and prevent injuries. Follow these specially designed fitting facts when purchasing a new pair of athletic shoes:

- Try on athletic shoes after a workout or run and at the end of the day. Your feet will be at their largest.

- Wear the same type of sock that you will wear for that sport.

- When the shoe is on your foot, you should be able to freely wiggle all of your toes. There should be a thumb's width from the tip of the toe to the end of the shoe.

- The shoes should be comfortable as soon as you try them on. There is no break-in period. If they're not comfortable in the store, they won't be comfortable when you're exercising.

- Walk or run a few steps in the shoes. They should be comfortable. The heel of the shoe should not slip off the foot as you walk or run.

- Always re-lace the shoes you are trying on. You should lace through each top eyelet as you crisscross the lacing pattern to ensure a more snug fit and decrease slippage. Don't tie the

laces too tight as this may cause injury to the nerves or tendons on the top of the foot and ankle.

Now that you know what type of shoe to buy and tips to picking out a properly fitting shoe, you need to consider its construction—how well it was made. Understanding the basics of shoe construction can help you choose intelligently from among the thousands of available styles.

- Stitching should be secure, even, and straight. There should be no rough spots, wrinkles, bulky seams, or gummy adhesives.

- Rubber around the base of the shoe should be one continuous strip, tightly attaching the sole to the upper.

- The toe box should be square for adequate toe room.

- The shoe should have side and tongue padding for extra comfort. Cushioning on the cuff around the ankle and at the Achilles tendon helps to reduce friction and irritation.

- The inner sole should be soft and resilient, with adequate arch cushions.

- The reflector should be as big as possible, especially if you will be outside at dusk or dawn.

- The insole should be removable for cleaning and, when it loses springiness, replacement.

In addition to being overwhelmed by all the choices in athletic shoes, you may be surprised at how much they cost. Slick ads and television commercials tout technological features, the latest gimmicks, and shoes named after sports celebrities.

Paying more than \$100 does not necessarily get you a better shoe. Good quality shoes may be pricey, but don't overlook the less expensive shoes because they can outperform their costlier brand mates.

Be sure that whatever price you decide to pay for the shoes, it's because the shoe has the features that meet your needs—not because it is a certain brand or has a sports celebrity's name on it.

RANCH: Field day to feature new transects study

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Over a period of three days, they discussed terminology, management procedures, monitoring protocols and educational objectives. The team established a project scenario, marked end points of paddock fences, determined and marked location of twelve 100 meter transects, and placed pegs in the ground every 10 paces on all transects.

It was decided to try four livestock management "treatments."

Already established on the ranch was a moderate continuous graze 200-acre paddock. Of the other eight paddocks, each about 100 acres, one is being rested from livestock grazing, three are for one herd 3 month rotation grazing, and four paddocks are used for high density, short duration, planned recovery grazing.

The baseline transect monitoring data was collected on June

6-8, 2005 (three transects per treatment). Fences (electric) were completed by Dec. 1, 2005.

The livestock "herd" consists of both cattle and hair sheep. Two cows and four rams are the one herd/three paddock. Three bulls are in the continuous graze paddock. In mid December a herd of 72 cows and 820 sheep grazed for two to three days in each of the planned recovery paddocks. The second round of transect monitoring data was collected on Dec. 19-20, 2005.

The study is monitoring change over time at the transect locations. Data is collected along each transect counting any seedling trees and any tree that provides canopy cover over the transect.

At each peg along each transect, a pvc pipe a meter square is dropped and within the square researchers estimate percent rock,

percent litter, percent basal cover, percent bare ground and percent spike moss (possible nutrition for wildlife). At each corner of the square they identify and measure distance to the nearest living forb and the nearest living grass (either inside or outside the square). A series of fixed point photos at each peg of each transect are taken also.

Dr. Pat Richardson, head of the research team stated, "What the team hopes to observe will depend on several factors, but it is hoped to be able to monitor change in amount, type or pattern of vegetation from using animal impact as a management tool. Science at landscape level is quirky, because there are so many variables we cannot control. But it's exciting as well as challenging to try to document the complex effects of our management practices."

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Lions Golf Team wins second, Lady Lions third at local meet

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Golf Teams competed in the Ozona Golf Tournament on March 13 and 15 at the country club.

The Lions placed second to Junction with a score of 384.

Matt Turland was the top scorer for the Lions shooting a

Lions baseball fall to Sonora, Wall

This past week the Lions began district play by opening with the Broncos of Sonora.

The Broncos began the scoring in the opening frame.

Chris Perez led off with a single and was bunted to second. Perez scored on Embre Smith's double.

The score stayed 1-0 till the bottom of the second when Drew Clayton opened with a single and moved to second on a pass ball. Nick Perez drove in Clayton with a double that got under the fence in left-center.

Perez scored on Josh Santos single to left field to give the Lions the lead.

The Lions maintained the 2-1 lead till the top of the fifth.

Chris Perez began the inning with his second single of the night but was later erased on a great play by Jordan Long at short stop.

Smith and Anthony Longoria scored on a single by Martin Gonzales to put the Broncos in the lead, a lead they would not relinquish.

The Broncos scored two more runs in the top of the sixth when Lito Trevino led off with a single, Aaron Gayton walked and Cullen Parkers ground ball was misplayed.

The Lions did not go quietly.

With one out Joe Lira singled to short stop. Lira was forced out when Santos grounded to short. Jared Espino reached base on an error and Mark Tambunga walked to load the bases.

However the Lions grounded out to end the threat and the ball game, 3-5 in favor of Sonora.

Joe Lira went the distance for the Lions giving up 5 runs on 10 hits, striking out 4 and walking 1.

Santos and Perez each had a single and 1 RBI.

Mark Tambunga was 2 for 3. Clayton and Lira each added a single.

Cullen Parker got the win allowing 2 runs on 6 hits, striking out 3 and walking 3.

On March 17, the Lions traveled to Wall to play the much improved Hawks.

90. He was also the second place individual medalist.

Other team members and scores were: Aaron Pearl 95; Josh Smith 97; Alan Lozano 102 and Parrish Aiguier 109.

Also competing for the Lions were: Cody Gotcher 102; Ross Kelley 126 and Wilson White 136.

The Ozona Lady Lions Golf Team placed third behind Wall

The Lions began the scoring in the top of the first.

With one out Jared Espino singled.

One out later Drew Clayton homered to give the Lions an early 2-0 lead.

However in the bottom half of the inning, the Hawks answered with 3 runs of their own.

In the second, Alex Ochoa reached on a two-base error and scored on Jordan Long's Sacrifice fly to deep center that Bradford caught crashing into the wall.

The score remained tied till the top of the fourth.

Josh Santos singled with one out but went to third as the left fielder let the ball get by him.

Jordan Long walked with two outs. Long then got into a running play to allow Josh Santos to score before the inning was over.

Lions scored again in the top of the fifth when Mark Tambunga doubled and scored on Clayton's second hit of the afternoon.

The Hawks half of the inning proved disastrous for the Lions.

After a lead off walk and a single, the Lions failed to handle a sacrifice bunt.

"When you do not get an out on a bunt, you set yourself up for a long inning and that is just what we did. This was probably the key play of the game. If we get the out at first, we probably do not have the errors that followed," said Coach Ronny Clayton. "Somehow when you have one error, another and another seem to follow. We had to get 6 outs in the inning. The extra outs cause our pitcher to throw more pitches and makes for a long inning."

The Hawks scored 6 unearned runs and never looked back making the final score 5-12 in favor of Wall.

Clayton was 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's and Tambunga was 2 for 4. Long, Espino and Santos each had 1 single.

The Lions will take on Mason Friday at Mason and then Reagan County Tuesday at Big Lake.

and McCamey.

The team had a score of 447. Individual scores were: Britni Buchanan 114; Cristi Guynes 96; Cheyenne Taylor 118; Kasey Gray 119 and Farran Wilson 129.

Also participating were Adrienne Bendele 119 and Frankie Skinner 123.

"The weather for both days

was very windy and this caused the scores to be pretty high. It was tough golfing weather," said Coach Benny Granger. "The girls have placed in both of their tournaments so far this year and we feel like we can compete for a spot to the regional golf tournament. The boys are in the same situation. Sonora has the strongest boys team in the district, but I feel we have a chance for the number two spot. We have a tournament this week in Mason and this is the last chance for us to get tuned up for district next week."

The first round of District 2-AA play will start on March 29 at the Ozona Country Club. The second round will be April 5 in Sonora and the final round will be April 8 in Big Lake.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

THE OZONA LADY LIONS VARSITY GOLF TEAM placed third in the Ozona Golf Tournament on March 13. Pictured are: Britni Buchanan, Farran Wilson, Coach Benny Granger, Cristi Guynes, Cheyenne Taylor and Kasey Gray.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
FRANKIE SKINNER shot a 123 for the Lady Lions in the Ozona Golf Tournament on March 13.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

THE OZONA LIONS VARSITY GOLF TEAM placed second in the Ozona Golf Tournament on March 15. Pictured are: Parrish Aiguier, Matt Turland, Alan Lozano, Josh Smith and Aaron Pearl.

JV Lions Baseball Team competes in Crane tourney

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions JV Baseball Team competed in the Crane JV Tournament March 16 and 18.

In the first game, Ozona lost 4-7 to Coahoma.

Score by innings: Ozona-003010; Coahoma- 500020.

Runs - Rocky Munoz (1); Matthew Komechak (2); Matt Turland (1).

Outstanding play - Matt Turland had a good shot to center field for a triple.

Losing pitcher - Riley Ramos

In the second game, Ozona lost 0-6 to Crane.

Score by innings: Ozona 0000000; Crane 3012000

Losing pitcher - Matt Turland

In game 3, Ozona won 11-8 over Alpine.

Score by innings: Ozona 08120; Alpine 22021.

Runs - Komechak (2); Mitchel (2); Turland (1); Fierrio (1); Auguier (1); Lara (2); Lozano (1) and Flores (1).

Winning pitcher - Chris Lara.

The JV Lions overall record 2-6.

"The guys played well for not really having much practice. I am proud of the guys effort. Keep up the good work," said Coach JayBen Alls.

The Lions will compete in the Ozona JV Tournament Friday-Saturday at the baseball complex.

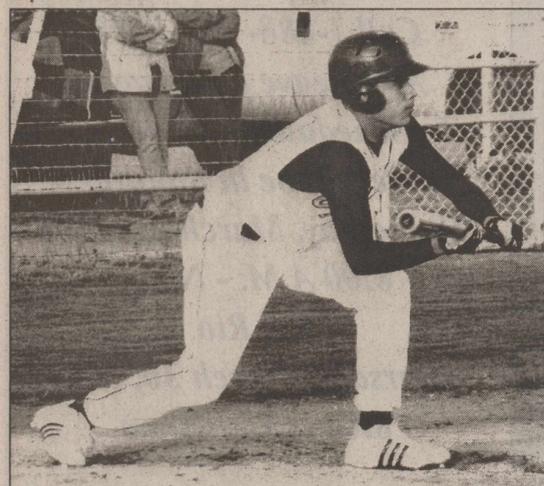


Photo by Joe Hernandez

JOE LIRA MADE A GREAT BUNT in the Ozona Lions game against Sonora.

Lady Lions Softball Team gets first win at San Angelo Tourney

The Ozona Lady Lions competed in the San Angelo tournament on March 3-5.

In the first game the Lady Lions faced Menard losing 4-6 in the 55 minute drop dead game. Pitching for the Ladies was Tori Miller; Tori pitched 3 innings giving up 6 runs on 10 hits and walking only 3 batters.

Playing for the Lady Lions were Kayla Parks who went 2-3 with one run scored, Erika Venegas who went 1-3, Morgan Glosion who went 1-3 and a run scored, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-3 with two RBI's, Brooke Kelly 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Lyndsie Crawford 0-2, Keisha Dean 1-2, Tori Miller 1-2 Erica Conner 0-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Team 1 2 3 Runs Hits
Ozona 0 2 2 4 7
Menard 5 1 0 6 10

In the second game the Lady Lions faced Central JV winning 9-2 and giving the Lady Lions their first win of the season.

Pitching for the Ladies was Erica Conner. Erica pitched two innings giving up only 2 runs on 5 hits and walked 6 batters.

Playing for the Lady Lions were Kayla Parks who went 1-2 with two runs scored and two walks, Erika Venegas who went 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Morgan Glosion who went 1-2 and a run scored and two RBI's with a home run, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-2 with two RBI's, Brooke Kelly 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Payton Fenton 0-2 with two walks and a run scored, Tashina Lewis 1-2 with a walk and a run scored, Erica Conner 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Elizabeth Hernandez 1-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Team 1 2 Runs Hits

Ozona 6 3 9 5
Central JV 0 2 2 5

In the third game Ozona faced Early losing 5-3.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Tori Miller. Tori pitched three good innings giving up 5 runs on 8 hits and walking 5 batters. Playing for the Lady Lions were Kayla Parks who went 1-3 with a run scored, Erika Venegas who went 0-3, Morgan Glosion who went 1-3 and a run scored, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-3 with two RBI's, Brooke Kelly 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Lyndsie Crawford 0-2, Keisha Dean 1-2, Tori Miller 1-2, Erica Conner 0-2 with.

Team 1 2 3 Runs Hits
Ozona 0 3 0 3 5
Early 5 0 0 5 8

The fourth game saw Ozona take on Miles.

The Lady Lions lost 8-2, with Erica Conner pitching for the lady Lions. Erica gave up 8 runs on 12 hits walking 8 batters in two innings.

Playing for the Lady Lions were Kayla Parks who went 0-3, Erika Venegas who went 0-3, Morgan Glosion who went 1-3 and a run scored, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-3 with an RBI, Brooke Kelly 1-2 with a walk and a run scored, Lori Lozano 0-1 with a walk, Tashina Lewis 1-2, Erica Conner 0-2, and Payton Fenton 0-2.

Team 1 2 Runs Hits
Ozona 2 0 2 4
Miles 8 0 8 12

The fifth game Ozona played Menard again this time falling 15-3.

Pitching for the ladies was Tori Miller, giving up 15 runs on 13 hits with 8 walks in three innings of work.

Playing for the Lady Lions

were Kayla Parks who went 2-3 with one run scored, Erika Venegas who went 0-3, Morgan Glosion who went 1-3 and a run scored, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-3 with two RBI's, Brooke Kelly 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Lori Lozano 0-2, Tashina Lewis 1-2, Tori Miller 1-2, Erica Conner 0-2.

Team 1 2 3 Runs Hits
Ozona 3 0 0 3 6
Menard 3 12 15 13

The finale game of the tournament Ozona played Early falling 14-8.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Erica Conner, who gave up 14 runs on 8 hits and walked 10 batters, in three innings.

Playing for the Lady Lions were Erica Conner who went 2-3 with one run scored, Erika Venegas who went 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Morgan Glosion who went 1-3 and a run scored, Whitney Hernandez who went 1-3 with two RBI's and a run scored, Brooke Kelly 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Lyndsie Crawford 0-2 with a walk and a run scored, Keisha Dean 1-2 and a run scored, Christina Rodriguez 1-2, Alyshia Lara 1-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Team 1 2 3 Runs Hits
Ozona 0 3 5 8 7
Early 10 4 0 14 8

"This tournament was a good experience for us we were able to get our first win, and really improved defensively; we were able to turn a few double plays and really came together as a team," said Coach John Esparza. "We are now looking forward to district play and hope to continue getting better each and every week. We are still a young program and I think we made some great improvements."

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Birkenfeld, Black, Renfroe win big at Austin Stock Show

By MILES DABOVICH
CEA-AG/NR

Crockett County 4-H completed the 2006 Stock Show season last week in Austin.

They finished out the year with a bang!

Starting off with the Breeding Goat Show, LuCinda Birkenfeld won Grand Champion Full Blood Buck and Grand Champion Full Blood Doe. Congratulations to LuCinda and her parents Randy and Cindy Dusek and their success with their breeding goat program.

In the Junior Meat Goat Show, last Thursday, Kelbie Renfroe won Reserve Champion Goat, one week after she won Grand Champion at the Houston Show.

What an awesome year for Kelbie with her goats. Kelbie also won Reserve Champion Goat Showman. Congratulations to the Renfroe family.

Congratulations also goes to Alexandra Bean for placing her goat third and to LuCinda Birkenfeld for placing seventh with her market goat.

All three Crockett County goats made the sale.

In the Junior Market Lamb Show, which was held Sunday, Crockett County had an awesome day.

In the Finewool Division, Kelbie Renfroe won Champion Finewool with her heavy weight lamb.

In class 2, Allie Black placed first and Murphey Black placed second. Allie won Reserve Champion Finewool, making this her third banner of the year.

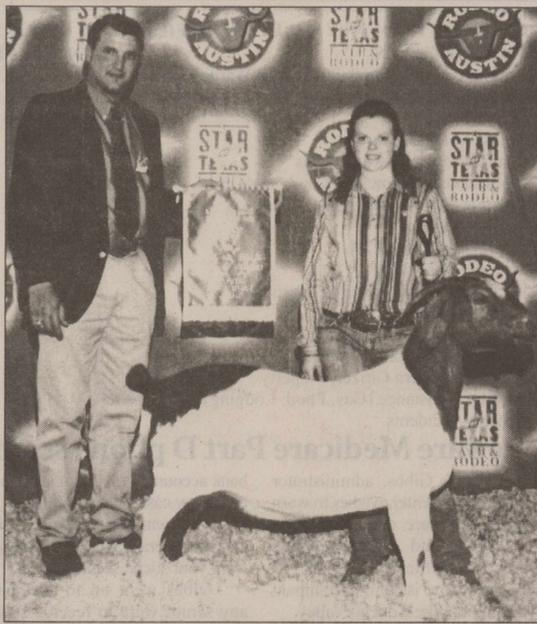
In the Finewool Cross Division, Clint Hale placed fourth making it 100 percent of all Crockett County market animals.

It's been a great stock show season for Crockett County 4-H. A total of 101 animals placed for either prize money or a sale at a Major Stock Show in 2006.

Congratulations to everyone and thanks to everyone for their support.

Seven Senior 4-Hers will graduate this May. They are: Clint Hale, Alexandra Bean, Ross Kelley, Victoria Miller, Allison Skehan, Dean Wadsworth and Matt McGuire.

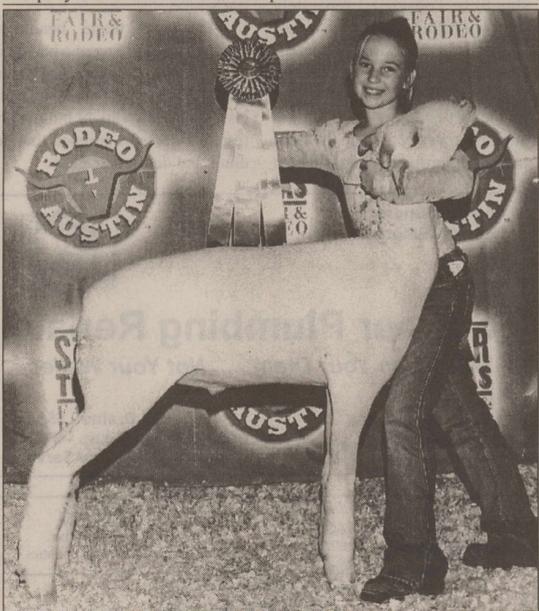
Good luck to each and every one of you in your future endeavors.



Submitted photos
LUCINDA BIRKENFELD placed Grand Champion Buck with Racer and Grand Champion Doe with Moosecow at the 2006 Austin Stock Show. Pictured with her is the Judge Dr. Brian Faris of Wendell, N.C.



Submitted photo
ALLIE BLACK won Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb at the 2006 Austin Stock Show this past weekend. Also pictured is big brother, Murphey Black who had a second place finish in the show.



KELBIE RENFROE won Champion Finewool and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat at the 2006 Austin Stock Show this past week and weekend. Pictured with Kelbie and her goat are big brother Aaron Renfroe and parents Bobbie and Billy Dell Renfroe.



Submitted photos



Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENTS ask and answer questions about the Texas Farm Bureau's Mobile Learning Barn on March 16. The Mobile Learning Barn can display up to seven commodities, such as corn, cotton, grain sorghum, pork, beef and dairy. Each individual display contains commodities and their by-products. These common products found on the household pantry shelves bring agriculture into the home.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

WILSON WHITE AND ROSS KELLEY (r.) competed for the Lions in the Ozona Golf Tournament March 15.

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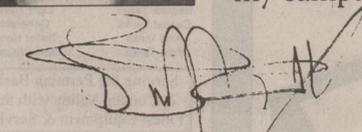
March 27
High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.

March 29
High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

Card of Thanks

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:

The following persons have outstanding Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants in Crockett County. It is against the law to aid, harbor, or assist in preventing arrest/apprehension of a person with Felony warrants.

• **Joe Sanchez**, of Ozona, Class "A" misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury (family violence).

• **Mario Najera Aguilar**, of San Angelo, theft/adjudication of guilt - felony

• **Stacy Lynn Mann**, of Roundrock, failure to appear/possession of marijuana

ARREST REPORT

03-14-06

• **Michael Joseph Henderson**, 45, was arrested for assault. Subject was released from jail after paying fine.

• **Anna Marie Fierro**, 26, was arrested by sheriff deputy on a Crockett County Warrant for disorderly conduct/gesture language. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

3-17-06

• **Valentin Manuel Galindo**, 41, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

3-18-06

• **Sean Clayton Allison**, 28, was arrested by DPS Trooper on two Kerr County warrants for failure to appear and driving while license invalid. Subject was released from jail after paying fines and posting bond.

• **Saul Sandate Flores**, 20, turn himself in on a court sentence, subject is awaiting transfer to SAFFP.

3-19-06

• **Jonathan Daniel Borrego**, 20, was arrested by Sheriff Deputy on a Crockett County Warrant for motion to revoke probation. Subject remains in jail bond bail denied.

OFFENSE REPORTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14 - MARCH 20

• A unauthorized use of motor

vehicle and a burglary of building report was filed by sheriff deputy - person or persons enter building and stole a dirt bike, upon further investigation four juveniles were arrested.

• A theft report was filed by sheriff deputy - person or persons stole a bike from 200 block of Avenue E, upon further investigation four juveniles were arrested.

• A burglary of a building report was filed by sheriff deputy - person or person enter a concession stand, and took soft drinks and baseball equipment, upon further investigation four juveniles were arrested.

• A arson report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised that subjects went on his property on Hwy 137, and set some fires, upon further investigation four juveniles were arrested.

• A criminal mischief report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised that person or person damage some light fixtures at the airport, upon further investigation four juveniles were arrested.

• A burglary of vehicle was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised that person or persons enter his vehicle while park at his place on employment on Avenue F, and took two 12-inch speakers, investigation continues.

3-17-06

• A criminal mischief report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised that someone damage his property 1100 block of Avenue E, complainant advised someone spray graffiti on the side of the building, investigation continues.

3-18-06

• A theft report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised a bike was stolen from in front of her house on Man O War Street, investigation continues.

3-19-06

• A theft report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised that a bike was taken from in front of his house on 100 block of Native Dance, investigation continues.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, complaints, Game Warden's	10
Civil Complaints	3
Civil Service	5
Courtesy Transports	2
Criminal Activity Complaints	5
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	12
Juvenile Complaints	6
Locked vehicles	12
911 Medical, Fire Calls	3
Motorist Assistance	2
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	5
Security Alarms	1
Sheriff's Office/ Jail Admin.	16
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	6
Welfare Concern Citizen/Property	2
Welfare Assistance (Gas, Food, Lodging)	4
Vehicle Accidents	3

Beware Medicare Part D phone scam

Benny Gibbs, administrator at the Care Center, wishes to warn those Medicare eligible citizens of Ozona and the surrounding area that a Medicare (MCR) D phone scam is running rampant throughout the Concho Valley.

Gibbs informs the public that when enrolling in MCRD prescription drug plan, to be knowledgeable to the fact that over the phone you never release your

bank account number nor send the caller any cash of any amount.

The premiums for your Medicare D coverage can be deducted from your social security check.

Gibbs went on to say that any senior were to receive such a phone call, simply ask for a phone number that you may call them back and nine out of 10 times they will hang up or give you a false number.

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Perry to call April 17 special session



79th Texas Legislature, to begin April 17.

The governor said the main job for lawmakers will be to fix the state's property tax system.

In this case, fix means to find alternate sources of revenue so that local taxing authorities will be able to set local property taxes at something below the \$1.50 per \$100 valuation cap.

The Legislature is under a directive from the Texas Supreme Court to have the matter resolved by June 1.

Former Comptroller John Sharp, chair of the governor's 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission, suggested lowering property taxes by one third and paying for the tax cut by raising the cigarette tax by \$1 and implementing a new business activity tax that businesses, including most law firms, would have to pay.

Sharp also suggested using \$1 billion from the state's \$4 billion-plus budget surplus in the current biennium to help make property tax relief possible.

Perry's office formed the Texas Tax Reform Commission last fall to gather input at citizen forums staged across Texas and then make recommendations to the Legislature.

Already, there is resistance to Sharp's business activity tax idea. A coalition of law firms expressed aversion to a flat, across-the-board tax on limited licensed partnerships.

Also, there is pressure on the governor to expand the call to school finance reform because of its inextricable bond with property taxes.

Perry has not yet issued a proclamation specifying other issues for the special session, but Sharp has said the two issues should be considered separately with tax reform up first. His reasoning: if tax reform is accomplished, there will be a platform from which to operate on school finance. If taken together, strong and disparate feelings in the Legislature regarding school finance

likely would doom any progress on tax reform.

Fires char northern expanses

Prairie fires that erupted in the Panhandle and south of Childress killed at least 11 people and more than 10,000 head of cattle and horses.

Total acreage of the fires has been estimated at more than 880,000 acres, or more than 1,375 square miles.

The Texas Forest Service is coordinating firefighting efforts, and volunteers have answered the call from counties across the state. The agency also has received help from other states in the form of personnel and equipment.

Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn and other officials have asked for increased federal aid to the fire-ravaged areas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture reports that more than 10,000 fires have burned about 4 million acres across the state since Dec. 26.

Illegal fires, such as trash-burning, in the drought-stricken areas have been cited as possible causes of the conflagrations.

Campaigners sting each other

Tony Sanchez of Laredo, the Democratic party's candidate for governor in 2002, announced that he would support Carole Keeton Strayhorn's independent candidacy for governor this time around.

The campaign of Democratic candidate Chris Bell expressed "mild disappointment" at Sanchez' decision.

Bell is considered incumbent Republican Gov. Perry's top challenger.

Strayhorn and author-entertainer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman are rapidly gathering signatures for their petitions to be on the ballot in November.

They have until May 11 to collect 45,540 signatures each. The number of signatures is equivalent to 1 percent of the total vote in the 2002 Texas governor's race.

Friedman made headlines for appearing to accept a beer and drink it while riding in a car at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dallas. After being caught but not arrested, Friedman quipped that he drank but did not swallow.

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Approach Operating	9000	Cinea Terry -A- #1301	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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Pioneer Natural/Trv	8200	Merchant Unit #3240k	Matlock Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 4800*
New Pioneer Natural/Trv		Sherrod Unit #3611	Adobe Drilling/Svstrh	Drig Ahead 6554*

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0246722 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 17, 2006 Status/Permit No. 615779 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BLUEGRASS ENERGY, INC., [RRC Operator No. 076848] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk., MARSHALL, O Survey, A-2827, BLUEGRASS (LEONARD) Field, CROCKETT County, being 5.7 miles NE direction from IRAAN, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: FIELD: BLUEGRASS (LEONARD) - Lease/Unit Name: SIMPSON CANYON 103 UNIT; Lease/Unit Well No.: 2; Lease/Unit Acres: 80.0; Nearest Lease Line (ft): 467.0; Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 1128.0; Lease Lines: 467.0 F N L, 467.0 FEL; Survey Lines: 467.0 F N L, 2757.0 FEL. Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: BLUEGRASS (LEONARD): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (918)7438060. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0246272 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS Austin, Texas February 27, 2006

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF MLC OPERATING, LP TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY FIELD RULES AND AN MER FOR THE FREEDOM (WOLF CAMP) FIELD, CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2006), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on April 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2006). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of MLC Operating LP for temporary field rules and a maximum efficient rate for the Freedom (Wolfcamp) Field, Crockett County, Texas. Applicant requests that all accrued overproduction be canceled. Applicant requests that the following rules be adopted:

1. Designated interval: from 3474' to 3948' as shown on the Platform Express High Resolution Laterolog Array Log of MLC Operating, LP's Pearl Unit, Well No. 1;
2. Spacing: 660'/1320';
3. Density: 80 acre oil proration units, 40 acre tolerance to the last well on the lease, maximum diagonal of 3250'; and
4. Allocation formula: 100% acreage.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Dale Miller, at (512) 478-3456. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify. ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

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ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0246184 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 28, 2006 Status/Permit No. 613632 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC., [RRC Operator No. 147715] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Bk. OOO, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-3800, MILLER (ELLENBURGER) and MILLER (STRAWN) Fields, CROCKETT County, being 23 miles S direction from OZONA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: FIELD: MILLER (ELLENBURGER) - Lease/Unit Name: MILLER RANCH GAS UNIT Lease/Unit Well No.: 3 Lease/Unit Acres: 640.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 990.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 2657.0 Lease Lines: 990.0 F W L, 3635.0 F S L Survey Lines: 990.0 F W L, 1980.0 F S L FIELD: MILLER (STRAWN) - Lease/Unit Name: MILLER RANCH GAS UNIT Lease/Unit Well No.: 3 Lease/Unit Acres: 640.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 990.0 Lease Lines: 990.0 F W L, 3635.0 F S L Survey Lines: 990.0 F W L, 1980.0 F S L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 4 additional fields: (1) WILDCAT, (2) HUPPLER (DEVONIAN), (3) MILLER (MONTROYA), (4) MILLER (CANYON). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields. Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: MILLER (ELLENBURGER): GAS Special Rules 1320/3725, 640.0 acres. MILLER (STRAWN): GAS Special Rules 1867/3735, 640.0 acres. WILDCAT: Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. HUPPLER (DEVONIAN): GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. MILLER (MONTROYA): GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. MILLER (CANYON): GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Bill Spencer, at (512)4956416.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may Rule 37/38 Case No. 0246184 (Dist. 7C) Page 1 be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Apr 11, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION Rule 37/38 Case No. 0246184 (Dist. 7C) Page 2 NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST hereby enter a protest to this application and states he/she or his/her representative will appear in protest, through cross-examination or presentation of a direct case at a hearing called to consider this application. I further certify that I have this date mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice of Intent to Appear in Protest, to Applicant at the address shown in the Notice of Application Service List. RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION Rule 37 Department, P. O. Box 12967 Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Print Name) (Print Name) I, representing, Signature Date Tel: Area Code () ADDRESS TO WHICH NOTICE OF APPLICATION WAS SENT: Is correct Is incorrect and should be corrected to: Name ADDITIONAL NOTICE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SHOWN BELOW: Name City State Zip Code Street City State Zip Code THIS NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE MAILED TO THE APPLICANT (see address on the Service List) AND TO THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, RULE 37 DEPARTMENT, P O BOX 12967, AUSTIN TX 78711-2967. IT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION BEFORE THE DEADLINE GIVEN IN THE NOTICE OF APPLICATION. APPLICANT: CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. P-5 Organization No. 147715 District: 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0246184 Status/Permit No. 613632

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