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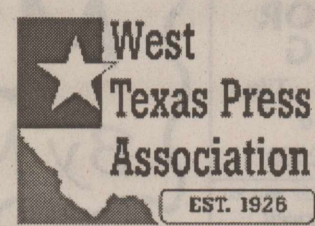
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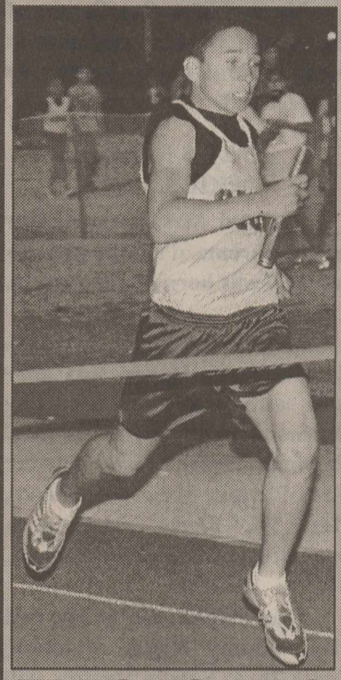
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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday	
High 89	Low 62
Partly Cloudy	
Thursday	
High 84	Low 53
Partly Cloudy	
Friday	
High 82	Low 52
Mostly Sunny	
Saturday	
High 82	Low 54
Mostly Sunny	
Sunday	
High 84	Low 55
Partly Cloudy	
Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo	

Fire engulfs trailer



Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS douse water on a refrigerator out of trailer house that caught on fire Monday morning off at the 348 mile-marker off of Interstate-10.

Hunters lose house, gear and turkeys

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Falkner. Fire Marshall Steve Kenley said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The house was occupied by four Louisiana hunters. The house was located on a ranch owned by Bob Buchholz, of Eldorado. Foreman Adam White was also at the scene. The fire started at the west end of the house, Kenley said. "There was no heater left on, no electrical problems, none of them smoked and I don't believe it started in the kitchen," Kenley said. "By the time I arrived there wasn't even a floor left." The hunters had left the house and when they got a couple of miles away they saw smoke, Kenley said. The hunters lost a shotgun, some gear and clothes and four turkeys in the freezer.

A fire total engulfed a trailer house Monday morning resulting in a total loss of the structure. The fire, reported at 9:25 a.m., was located off of the 348-mile marker on Interstate-10, about 20 miles west of Ozona. "It was fully engulfed when the fire department arrived at the scene," said Fire Chief Bob

Levis and Lace to host annual Dance Festival Friday, Saturday

By TINA JARVIS
 Levis and Lace Square Dancer

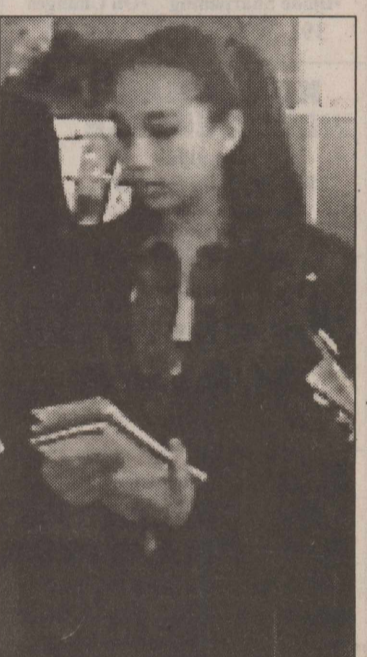
becue and 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. dance.

Levis & Lace Square Dance Club will host their annual Dance Festival April 7 and 8 at the Crockett County Civic Center, located at 1st Street and Avenue H. Weekend's events: Friday, April 7 - 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. dance with soup and crackers after dance. Saturday, April 8 - 2:30 p.m. workshop; 5:30 p.m. bar-

Cost is \$30 per couple for both days and \$15 per single for both days. Callers are Roy Lomuard - Del Rio and Bill Prichard - Eagle Pass. Line Dancing will take place between tips. Dancing will be mainstream with announced plus. For more information, call Carol Adcock at (325) 392-2912 or Tina Jarvis at (325) 392-9547.

Local students tour Ozona Visitor Center

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
 Chamber Executive Director



Submitted photo

Mrs. English, math teacher, Mrs. Hale, history teacher, and Mrs. Nanny reading, brought 35 seventh grade students to the new Ozona Visitor Center for a tour.

JESSLYNN FIERRO looks at brochures during the seventh-graders tour of the Visitor Center. More photos pages 3 and 7.

The Visitor Center was also host to 54 kindergarten students that had their pictures taken in front of the Texas sign and toured the lobby. Shanon Biggerstaff, Executive Director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Park spoke to the students about the Chamber operations, the tourism industry and the information available at the center to travelers and the community.

p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, noon-4 p.m.

"This is strictly an 'Information Center'. We do not display history exhibits because we are not a museum. We do not sell coffee or food because we are not a restaurant. The reason this center was built was to attract visitors off of the interstate so that we could provide 'information' directing travelers to the museum, restaurants, motels and stores in an effort to generate 'revenue' for the community. Tourism is the third largest industry in the state of Texas," Biggerstaff said.

Chamber of Commerce operations are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The students toured the Visitor Center lobby as well as the Chamber operations and Conference Center.

"At our former location, we generally saw 80 walk in visitors a month. In January we saw 320 visitors and in February 401. We still have over a week left in March, and we have already exceeded 400 visitors," said Biggerstaff.

The Visitor Center is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5

Students learned that the center has information about communities and attractions within a 300 mile radius of Ozona.

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'Superior' middle school band



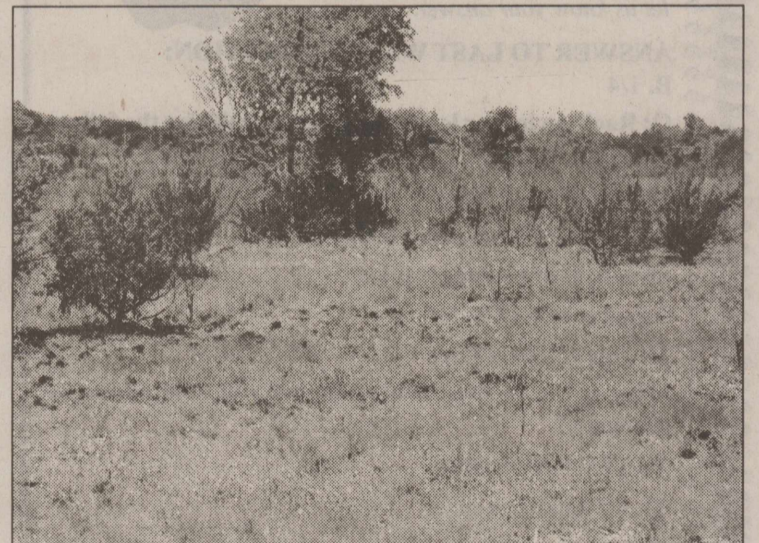
Photo by Melissa Perner

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS attended the Cisco Junior College Music Festival on March 23 in Cisco. The combined Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands received a First Division ("Superior") rating and trophy for their concert performance. For performances in solos and ensembles, students earned 76 First Division ("Superior") medals and 15 Second Division ("Excellent") ratings. In addition, Austin Perez (clarinet) won an "Outstanding Soloist" award. For a list of solo and ensemble winners, see page 3.

Land management after wildfire

What can landowners do to manage property after a burn?

Submitted by DEE ANN BURKES
 USDA-NRCS
 State Public Affairs Specialist



Submitted photo

Recent wildfires have been devastating to people, homes, barns, fences, livestock, hay bales, or standing grass that was needed for winter forage. In the areas burned by wildfires, it may look like the flames destroyed all the vegetation.

THIS PHOTO SHOWS RANGELAND IN CENTRAL TEXAS approximately one month after a later winter wildfire. Note the significant regrowth that is taking place.

"Wildfires can affect the vegetation in ways that are very similar to the effects of prescribed fire and can provide valuable control of brush species," said Susan Baggett, State Resource Conservationist for NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

type, previous history of grazing and fire, presence of weeds (competition), season of fire and management after the fire.

Many landowners may be left with the fear that vegetation will not return unless it is reseeded. Even though the initial appearance on the land may be that of a moonscape, in most cases native plants evolved with fire and are still alive. They can recover with a management plan. Factors that affect recovery time include types of plants and their adaptation to fire, fire intensity, precipitation (before and after the fire), soil

Burned vegetation still provides protection from soil movement due to remaining plant roots and plant parts. Instances where erosion could occur include areas where active erosion occurred prior to the wildfire, on very steep slopes, in very sandy soils, and along drainages until the vegetation recovers. Usually within two years, the erosion rates return to pre-burn conditions. Most native trees, shrubs,

forbs and grasses have mechanisms of coping with fire. Some will grow new leaves; some will re-sprout, while others have fire resistant seeds that will sprout following a fire. Bunchgrasses, like little bluestem, accumulate dead material above the root crown and the center of the plant dies over time.

After a fire, it sometimes appears that the plant was killed, when in fact the center of the plant was already dead. This can be observed by examining burned and unburned plants in the same area. In contrast, rhi-

zomatous grasses, such as big bluestem or sidecoats grama, have growing points below the soil surface and do not accumulate fuel next to the root crown.

Woody plants are adapted to fire by location of buds or protective bark. Most woody plants resprout if top growth is killed. Once top growth is lost, dormant basal buds below the soil surface begin growth. Plants such as Ashe juniper though, lack basal buds and do not resprout. Many woody plants have thick bark and are adapted to intense fire. Eastern cottonwood, post oak, and shortleaf pine are examples of fire tolerant woody plants.

Management prior to wildfire will affect recovery time. Plants that had a healthy root system at the time of the burn will recover the quickest. A flush of weeds could be expected the first season after a wildfire. However, these may be plants that benefit wildlife and typically within two years following a wildfire, will decline as grasses increase.

The key point is to identify the weeds, understand their life cycle, evaluate their impact on recovery, then make a decision regarding weed control.

It is important to recognize three distinct growth stages of plants to plan for recovery.

Preparing for wildfires begins at home

By PAT SCHAUB
 Texas Forest Service

COLLEGE STATION - During the midst of a record-breaking wildfire season in Texas, state fire officials uncovered a disturbing trend: 85 percent of the large fires occurred within two miles of a community.

More than 400 homes have burned in the state since Dec. 27, 2005—far surpassing any previous fire season.

Texas Forest Service wants to remind Texans that "wildfire preparedness begins at home," which is the theme of Texas Wildfire Awareness Week, April 1-8.

"We want to emphasize that individuals can take several simple steps well in advance of a wildfire that could make a difference in whether or not a home survives," said Texas Forest Service Director Jim Hull. "Waiting until a wildfire is bearing down on your home is not the time to try to save it. Prepare in advance, and that might save your home as well as your life."

Communities and neighborhoods at risk for wildfires
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Viva Las Vegas

Before this past weekend, my images of Las Vegas came strictly from TV, movies and tales from friends who had visited.

Now, I can truly say that the city lives up to the majority of my expectations. A two-day trip to Vegas is a bit overwhelming your first time, but not without its highlights.

The people there are so overfriendly, which is what I didn't expect. Of course, tipping comes along with most of that, but even those who you didn't tip were just as nice.

Vegas was also bigger than expected. Oh yes, I expected it to be huge but not as HUGE. The strip seemed to go on for miles as Paul and I walked down at it looking at these hotels that took up acres at a time.

Even when walking through the hotels it seems like you are walking for miles as well there. Here's a tip for any future first-timers, take money for taxis it will save your feet.

Gambling is what comes to mind to a lot of people when they think of Vegas, but I quickly discovered there is so much more to do than sit behind a slot machine or card table.

Hidden treasures exist in every hotel, including the Gallery of Fine Art at the Bellagio which was one of the most beautiful hotels I've ever seen.

I'm not a big art aficionado but on this exhibit I found it pretty cool that I was looking at original works by Monet, Van Gough and other artists of the Impressionist time period.

I mean, here I was a girl from Ozona standing in a fine art gallery and looking at this incredible works of art. It was kind

of overwhelming. Other hidden treasures I discovered were moving statues at Caesar's Palace as I was shopping, the Lion Exhibit at the MGM and a floating masquerade parade at the Rio.

There were also the big treasures, such as the fountains at the Bellagio that was fun too.

By the way, unlike the gallery, these four things were free. Don't get me wrong, it was neat getting to see Penn & Teller in their show at the Rio and then meeting them afterwards, as well as watching Cirque de Soleil performers leap through the air in their show "KA."

However, next time I think Paul and I will just pursue all the free stuff that Vegas has to offer. To me, those treats were just as fulfilling as the ones we had to pay for.

It was also fun to watch the frenzy of the Final Four in the sports gambling area.

The games themselves weren't very exciting as the winners who were predicted stomped their opponents, but it was fun to see the people cheering the big screen TVs as they were mentally counting their money.

The other thing I also enjoyed was getting over my fear of playing at the tables in a casino. Tables always made me nervous because I feel like I don't know what I'm doing.

Thanks to a dealer named Chuck, I now know a little more about blackjack.

Of course, Chuck kept all the money but at least I had fun while I was losing.

Naturally, Paul and I didn't get to see all that we wanted to see, but you know what that means. We'll just have to go back again!

Community Calendar

- April 5 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Golf Teams in the District 2-AA meet, 9 a.m. at the country club.
- April 6 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Track Teams in the District 2-AA meet at Big Lake.
- April 7 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- End of the 5th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Softball Teams vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
- OHS Baseball Teams vs. Grape Creek, 4 p.m. at the baseball complex.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival, 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. dance with soup and crackers after dance at the Civic Center.
- April 8 - OHS Track Teams in the Ozona Relays at Lion Stadium.
- OHS Golf Teams in the District 2-AA meet at Big Lake.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival, 2:30 p.m. workshop; 5:30 p.m. barbecue and 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. dance at the Civic Center.
- April 9 - Palm Sunday.
- April 10 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex.
- OHS Tennis Team in the District 2-AA meet at San Angelo.
- OHS JV Baseball Team vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado.
- April 11 - OHS Tennis Team in the District 2-AA meet at San Angelo.
- OHS Softball Teams vs. Junction, 4:30 p.m. at the softball field.
- OHS Varsity Baseball Team vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado.
- April 12 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Senior Center.



NEWS REEL APRIL 1, 1976

The Ozona chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is organizing for the county fair, which will be held July 3. The sorority has chosen the fair as a Bicentennial Project and members are most anxious that everyone in the community participate.

A booming thunderstorm during the wee hours Wednesday morning last week, brought around a half inch of rain, the first recorded this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers of Big Spring were houseguests in the Tom Montgomery home over the weekend.

NEWS REEL APRIL 3, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Walker are the parents of a baby girl, Janet, who was born in San Angelo.

Miss Billie Jo West, bride-elect of Jerry Hayes, was honored with a gift tea Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sherman Taylor. Hostesses were Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. V.I. Pierce, Mrs. J.M. Baggett and Miss Posey Baggett.

Floyd Hokit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hokit, attending North Texas State in Denton, will spend the Easter weekend here with his parents.

(Best of)

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Finding Myself

Have you Googled yourself lately? It sounds almost perverse doesn't it? For those of you buckaroos who have been living in a line shack out in Nevada somewhere, Google is an Internet search engine that indexes anything and everybody. For instance, if you Google the words "mad cow" you will be shown a list of articles based on mad cow in the order of their relevancy. Type in the words "Lee has a peanut brain" and you will be directed to MY web site. Why? I have no idea. Surely there must be other Lees in this world with a bigger peanut brain than me!

The baby-billionaire brains at Google don't seem to like me very much. I thought my computer malfunctioned so instead of typing "Lee has a peanut brain" I typed, "Pitts is an idiot." I'm glad to report I was not the top selection. But I still made the top ten.

Google has supposedly made available the sum of all human knowledge for anyone with web access, but sometimes I question their accuracy. When I asked Google to look up everything on Lee Pitts it came up with a web site that said I am "smooth, intelligent and handsome." So you know right away there's something wrong. Right?

Google's first listing for Lee Pitts also said that he was a Miami Herald columnist, a bank president, host of a radio show and a swimming instructor. In reality I am a columnist for the Bonesteel Enterprise, I owe money to a bank, the only time I was on a radio was when I sat on one and as for swimming, I would drown in six inches of water. It also said that I was listed in Who's Who of African American history.

To clear up any confusion, the closest I have come to being an African American was when I was in grade school and my classmates were bragging about all their famous relatives. This presented a real problem for me because my only famous relative is John Wesley Hardin, the notorious gunslinger. So I lied and told everyone that Elijah Pitts, a star football player for the Green Bay Packers at the time, was my dear uncle. Only when we got

color TV did I find out that Elijah was African American.

I also discovered from Google that I was an embedded reporter in Iraq with the Chattanooga Times who got in a verbal battle with Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, which probably explains why I'm getting audited this year. I am also a Bassmaster Angler from Alabama who has caught several fish in excess of twenty pounds and has won \$40,455 in fishing contests. Google also said I had competed in 84 fishing competitions since 1999. I assure you that my wife has not let me out of the house 84 times since 1999 and if I had caught a twenty pound fish you would have heard about it by now. Also, if I could make 40 grand fishing do you think I'd still be working for a living?

Google gave me a multiple personality disorder because Lee Pitts is also a Southern Baptist preacher and a muffler specialist who also runs the Lee Pitts Institution of Marriage and the Pitts Theology Library. According to Google my best writing was a piece called "Secure Pay-load Access to the International Space Station."

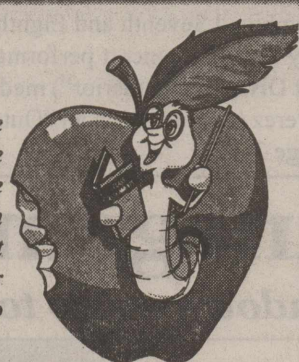
To find out what else I am I went to Wikipedia, the Internet Encyclopedia, to find out what they had to say about Lee Pitts. According to them I am on a list of people pardoned by President Bill Clinton and I am also mentioned in an article about sexual objectification, whatever that is. Maybe that's what Clinton pardoned me for.

Here's something scary. Go to Google and type in your phone number and your address will pop up. Not only that but Google gives you a map to your house and a satellite view of it. In other words, some irate customer from the Marriage Institute could get mad at the wrong Lee Pitts, come to my house and put a mega-hurt on me!

If all this doesn't make you shake in your shorts go to zillow.com and type in anyone's address and it will tell you the value of their home. I must admit, that African-American bank president sure has a nicer place than this peanut brain.

TAKS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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:
B. 1/4

Q: Rae's recipe for lemon-lime punch calls for the following ingredients:

- 1 quart of apple juice
 - 2 3/4 cups of lemon-lime soda
 - 64 ounces of pineapple juice
 - 2 quarts of cold water
 - 1/4 cup of lemon juice
- What is the smallest container that will hold all the ingredients?
- F. A 4-quart container
 - G. A 5-quart container
 - H. A 6-quart container
 - J. A 7-quart container

Letters to the Editor

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

To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com.

Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand.

Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

TOUR: Center has information on all seven regions of Texas

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This information has been divided into the seven regions of Texas: Panhandle Plains, Big Bend Country, Hill Country, Prairies and Lakes, South Texas Plains, Piney Woods and the Gulf Coast. There is a rack dedicated to state and national parks.

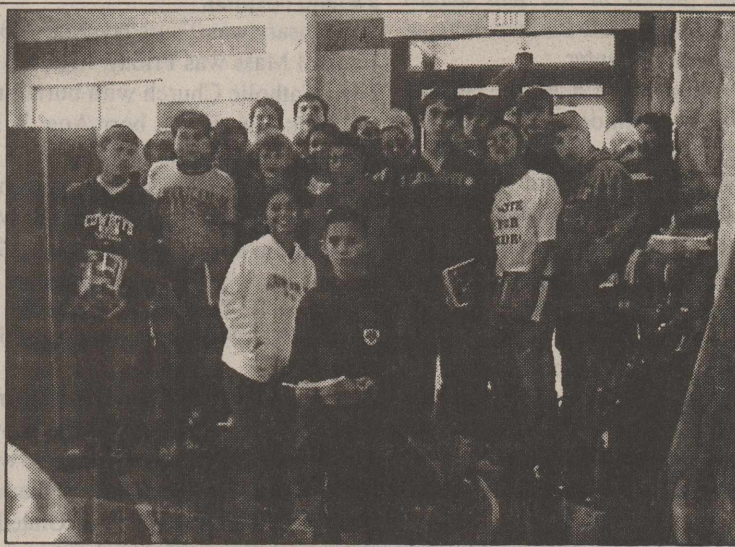
For the visitor staying in Ozona for more than one day, they will find a rack dedicated to Day Trips.

This rack provides information about local attractions and services as well as those available within a days drive.

Of course the center provides all types of information about Ozona, such as real estate, churches, restaurants, lodging, hunting, relocation information, and much more.

Anyone can stop by to pick up a city, county or state map, as well as a phone book.

The Chamber has been working with 22 surrounding counties and received a grant to activate the Texas Pecos Trail.



Submitted photo
OMS SEVENTH-GRADERS touring the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

There is a rack in the center displaying a map that encompasses the Trail, and what sites and services are available as well as events that are happening in the region.

One rack is dedicated solely to Chamber of Commerce mem-

bers who have produced a brochure promoting their product or service.

For visitors seeking souvenirs, there is a case displaying items available to purchase at the Crockett County Museum.

Crockett County Library News by Louise Ledoux

FRIENDS BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will be holding a Gigantic Used Book Sale at the Public Library during the next two weeks beginning Monday, April 3, Monday through Friday, and running through Thursday, April 13.

The books are located on the second floor of the Crockett County Public Library at 1201 Ave. G in Ozona. The sale will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is a good selection of Children's books, Hardback Bestsellers, Fiction, Non-Fiction and Large Print books.

There are lots of paperbacks that are all in good condition, including Fiction and Non-Fiction. There are many sets of encyclopedias, cookbooks, and other beautiful books. And much, much more! Please come browse through these wonderful books and take home a treasure or two.

All books are especially marked for this super sale, with Hardbacks, Tapes and CDs for \$1 each and Paperbacks for 25 cents each. Magazines are free. Come check it out at the Public Library through Thursday, April 13.

IRS FORMS

It's that time again! April 15 is fast approaching and you can get all your tax forms to file your Income Tax at the Public Library.

Instruction books are available and you can also file your

taxes online using the public computers. Stop by now and get the forms you need or even an Extension Form to give yourself a little more time. But, don't delay - file today!

LIBRARY STATISTICS

Our Annual Report to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has been completed for 2005. This Report compiles every statistic for the past year for our library and includes attendance, circulation of books and materials, collection numbers, library programs, volunteers, staff and services. Our collection has grown to over 32,000 volumes. We had almost 18,000 patrons visit the library and had over 23,500 materials circulated. Mrs. Nancy Smith was our best patron checking out 218 books. Thanks, Nancy, for your business!

2005 was a very busy year and 2006 is starting out to be even busier. Library services include an automated circulation and card catalog listing the latest fiction and non-fiction bestsellers and award-winning books and audio materials, of course, but we also offer 10 public computers with free DSL Internet access, a color copy machine, fax and laminator, IRS forms, children's reading programs, book sales and fairs and much, much more. Come check it out and be a part of our library statistics!

Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE
Activity Director

Johnnye Johnson and Lucy Hinds came by the facility for an afternoon visit. They played dominos with resident Mildred Couch. Lucy stayed on to take part in our volleyball game. We enjoyed the visit and fun.

Volunteers for the week are E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Audrey Glynn, Broth John Collis, Colleen Kilgore, Nell Wester and the Ozona Stockman.

Our churches that provide services for our residents are the Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, the First Baptist Church of Ozona and OLPH Catholic Church.

Our Easter-residents' birthday party will be at 3 p.m. April 12 in the main dining room. It is sponsored by Crockett National Bank.

We will honor all our volunteers at 3 p.m. April 26 for National Volunteer Week.

Spring is here and it's time for family members to do spring cleaning of residents' closets and exchanging their clothing for warmer weather, and see if we need new items.

Trivia answer for last week was 10 cents. This week's is: who was John Wayne named after by being called the "Duke?"

Have a good week from the CCCC.

Ozona Garden Club News

Ozona Garden Club Flower Show is scheduled for April 13

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
Ozona Garden Club

Members of the Ozona Garden Club cordially invite the public to its annual flower show, "Seeing the World through Design," to be held from 4-6 p.m. April 13 at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

You will enjoy original designs of international flavor pre-

pared by each garden club member, as well as samples of their horticultural efforts.

Members of the public are invited to exhibit in the horticultural section of the flower show.

Horticultural entries will be received between the hours of 8-10 a.m. the day of the flower show.

If you do not know the correct botanical name of you plant, help will be available.

Knights of Columbus seeking donations for Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus annual Easter Egg Fun Hunt is coming soon.

Persons, businesses or organizations wishing to donate can do so on or before April 15.

Items needed include eggs (prepared or not), candy eggs and toys.

Call Grand Knight Robert Tambunga at 392-3306; Deputy Grand Knight Jesse Ortiz at 392-4537 or Knight Emilio Tambunga at 450-0327 or any Knight for pickups.

On behalf of Ozona's children and the Knights of Columbus, thank you.

Middle school solo and ensemble band winners

Second Division - Solo
Sixth Grade: Anthony Avila, Craig Fluth, Michael Medina and Steven Rubio.

Seventh Grade: Jadyn Poindexter, Wilton Russell and Brenda Venegas.

First Division-Ensemble
Sixth Grade: Anthony Avila, Maria Camarillo, Leigh Ann Galindo, Collyn Glaspie, Gabriella Gutierrez, Emalee Hamilton, Artemio Hernandez, Dalia Hernandez, Neida Lozano, Michael Medina, Austin Perez, Kelisei Ramirez, Nancy Rodriguez, Adrienne Sanchez, Amber Sanchez, Jorge Sarabia, Jennifer Venegas and Candace Weddle.

Seventh Grade: Rae Lynn Arredondo, Makayla Badiillo, Murphey Black, Joe Borrego,

Dominguez, Stephanie Galindo, Julie Gutierrez, Corey Kelley, Oscar Lopez, Jordan Martinez, Sophie Trevino.

Second Division-Ensemble
Sixth Grade: Aron Aguilera, Lane Hale, Jose Lozano, Ollie Mendez, Steven Rubio and Adriel Zamarripa.

Seventh Grade: Jill Marquez and Robyn Slayter.

Levis and Lace News

BY TINA JARVIS
Saturday club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Nell Wester, Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, our new member and Lucy Hinde performed at the Dog Trials in Big Lake. Tom Harrison from Abilene called this event and his wife Debbie danced with us. Tom called mainstream and ran patter calls and even got a square of people up to teach a few calls too.

Happy Birthday

April 5 - Jasmine Tambunga, Jeffrey Gillit, Betty King and Kaya Davidson

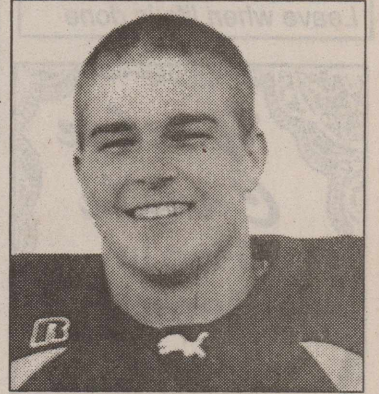
April 6 - Madison Hubbard, Gloria Williams, Brelinda Garza and Olivia Tijerina

April 8 - Matthew Payne, Ben Badillo, Adam J. Martinez, Dawn Wilha, Marjah Y. Ayala and Joe Patrick Borrego

April 9 - Layne English, Amber Nicole Moran, David Landin Sr., Toby Perez, Christie Pena, Maleigha McDowell and Lisa Talamantez

April 10 - Barbara Meador, Chiquita DeHoyos, Lazarae Lorena Rodriguez, Alma Perez, Nila Kelley and Miky Savala

April 11 - Emily Rodriguez, Rachel Ybarra, June Knox Abbott, Michael Gonzalez, Aiden Aguiar and Weldon Nicks



Clayton receives Carr Scholarship

Ozona High School Senior Drew Clayton has been selected to receive a Carr Scholarship from Angelo State University.

Carr Academic Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, with priority given to individuals of high academic ability.

This public, charitable, and educational trust has been designated as the Angelo State University Robert G. Carr and Nona K. Carr Scholarship Foundation. Today, the principal of the trust is valued at over \$61 million.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration April 6

Pre-registration for the 2006-2007 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the primary school library.

Pre-Kindergarten students can register from 9:00 to 12:00 and Kindergarten students from 1:00-4:00. To be eligible to attend prekindergarten, a student must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, eligible to participate in the National Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program, or is homeless. The child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2006.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card in order to register the child. If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Prekindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration.

Parents enrolling their child for Pre-Kindergarten must bring a copy of their recent check stub. Income will be verified prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten students must be five on or before September 1, 2006. Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card to registration. A copy of these documents will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of August 1, 1999, all children born on or after September 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: hepatitis A immunization, 4 year old booster immunization, and if your child has not had the Chicken Pox the Varicella immunization is required.

Jueves, 6 de Abril 2006, se pre-matriculara para pre-kinder y kinder en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria. Estudiantes de pre-kinder podran matricular desde las 9:00 A.M. hasta las 12:00 P.M. y las 1:00 hasta las 4:00 para estudiantes de kinder. Para ser elegible asistir a pre-kinder, se requiere que al estudiante le falte el idioma ingles, ser elegible a participar en el programa nacional de comidas

gratis o comidas a precio reducidos o ser sin hogar. El niño tiene que tener 4 años antes del primero de Septiembre 2006.

Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y el numero de seguro social. Si, su niño habla español, se le tomara una prueba para ver si su niño califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer su niño con Ud. a pre-matricular. **Tambien necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheque.**

Estudiantes de kinder tendran tener 5 años en o antes del primero de Septiembre 2006. **Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y numero de seguro social.**

Desde del primero de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar escuela: hepatitis A, la vacuna de 4 años, y si su niño no ha tenido Varicela, la vacuna de varicela es requerido.

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Scholarships to be handed out during awards ceremony in May

Ozona High School will not be presenting scholarships during the graduation ceremony.

The scholarships will be presented at the Awards Ceremony to be held on May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

We would like to remind those organizations who wish to present scholarships at this time that we will need confirmation of an award in order to prepare for the program.

For more information, call Carole Allen at 392-5501 ext. 5712.

AFTER GLOW
I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one
I'd like to leave an after
Glow of smiles when
Life is done
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly
Down the ways
Of happy times and
Laughing times and
Bright and sunny days
I'd like the tears of those
Who grieve, to dry
Before the sun
Of happy memories that I
Leave when life is done

(25) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me though he may die, he shall live.

(26) And whoever lives lives and believes in Me shall never die. (Martha) Do you believe this
John 11:25-26

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

April has sprung up on us from out of the blue. With April comes the time change and hopefully April showers.

I am happy about the showers, but the time change is a lot to be desired. Most of us will walk around sluggish for 10 days. Did you remember to reset your clocks?

On Monday, the Crockett County Senior Center Board conducted their monthly business meeting. We planned our Health Fair that will be held April 26. You will be reading more about the Health Fair in this column in the coming weeks.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council met Tuesday at the Senior Center to assist those who qualify with their utilities.

Our next Pot Luck will be April 12. The program will be presented by Kurt Frantzen with Texas Family Health Plans. He will give us information about Medicare Part C. Bring a friend and join us at Pot Luck.

All of us from "Walking Two Miles" are off to a good start with the "Walk Across Texas" program sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas A&M University of Rural Public Health.

If you need transportation to the Crockett County Senior Center, call Lynn English at 392-9094. We will arrange a ride for you.

We have a number of books to select from in our new book

case. We also have magazines and a few recipes. The book case was placed in the hall across from our small kitchen here at the Senior Center.

There are a group coming to play dominoes every Wednesday afternoon. So far we have only had ladies, but you gents out there are invited to come out and play as well. These domino players enjoy the game and the fellowship.

Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles," numbers have increased. The exercise conditions you to begin your day. We meet to exercise by walking every Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

The ladies came in Monday to play bridge looking bright and cheerful in their pretty frocks. These ladies are playing bridge every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. here at the Senior Center. 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 good pool table in the back room. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon. If you would like to teach pool here at the center, call Lynn English at 392-9094.

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.

Obituaries

Angelita Garcia

Angelita Garcia, 94, of Ozona died Monday March 27, 2006 in a Plano hospital.

Rosary was Thursday, March 30, 2006 at Preddy Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was Friday, March 31, 2006 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery.

Mrs. Garcia was born Aug. 3, 1911 in Ozona and was a lifetime resident and a Catholic.

Survivors include three daughters, Emma Nichols of Garland, Rosita Richardson of Dallas and Marcelina Mongarro of Allen; two sons, Efrain Porras of Garland and Sammy Porras of San Diego, Calif.

Darrel M. Williams

Darrel M. Williams, 67, of Jessieville, died Saturday, March 25, 2006.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1938 in San Saba, the son of William Jackson Williams and Mary Francis Brown Williams. On Nov. 11, 1975, he was married to Carolyn Rorie. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Simon D. Williams and Kenneth Williams.

He attended the Village United Pentecostal Church and was a retired truck driver. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Williams, of Jessieville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jammie and Syble Absher of Cleveland, Ark., Jeffery Absher of Hot Springs and Jason and Miranda Williams of Mountain Pine; three daughters, Francis Williams and Martha Jean Williams, both of Ozona, and Renee Williams of Hot Springs; four brothers, Cal Williams of Camp Wood, Billy Howard Williams of Kerrville, Allen David Williams of Albuquerque and Brown Williams of Camp Wood; three sisters, Willie Vee Williams of Jessieville, Tommie Nelson of Albuquerque and Mabelle Williams of Lackey and 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Frances Corder Harkins

Mary Frances Corder Harkins, 92, of Sanderson passed away April 1, 2006 in Ozona. Born Dec. 23, 1913 in Austin, she was the first child of Terrell County pioneers, Monty and Margaret Corder. She married Sid Harkins in Austin on May 19, 1932. Returning to Sanderson, they lived and ranched for the next 67 years.

As a Christian, "Honey" was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Interests focused around home, family, church and community. She loved studying the bible, gardening and playing bridge. Needlework was her favorite pastime. Attending roping events with Sid and visiting friends near and far brought her great pleasure. While they traveled to many places, Mary Frances was always happiest at home.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her sister, Ferdie Leatherwood, and her husband and best friend, Sid Harkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Sidney Dickson of Mason; a son, Monty C. Harkins and his wife Lisa of Sanderson; her grandchildren, Cotton Dickson and his wife Denise, Lincoln Dickson, Destiny Hooks, Jase Harkins and Lauren Harkins; three great-grandchildren, Logan Dickson, Tyler Hooks and Dylan Dickson. Claude and Mary Bess Harkins, Jolly and Dell Harkins, Doris Harkins and several nieces and nephews also survive this special lady.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 3, 2006, at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Sanderson. The Rev. Lewis Allen, pastor of The Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Sonora, will officiate and her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Preddy Funeral Home of Ozona will handle funeral arrangements.

The family would like to acknowledge the compassionate care Mary Frances received from Crockett County Care Center as well as Hospice. Her passing was comfortable and dignified. Thank you.

In 1998, Terrell County showed their appreciation to the Harkins for various contributions through their lifetime by honoring the couple on "Sid and Mary Frances Appreciation Day." In keeping with her desire to help others, the family requests memorials be sent to a favorite charity of choice. Nothing would have pleased Mary Frances more.

Joe Ross Hufstedler

Joe Ross Hufstedler, 75, was born April 14, 1930 and died March 29, 2006 in ConCan, Texas.

He spent his early days in Ozona where he excelled in all sports. He graduated from the University of North Texas and worked for El Paso Energy (El Paso Natural Gas Company) for 33 years.

During the Korean War, in the U.S. Army, he worked as a Forward Observer for a mortar company, earning his Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars and a United Nations Service Medal.

He married Mary Graves in 1952, his wife of 54 years.

Joe loved flying and his big love was playing golf, in which he was a quality player for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife Mary, son David Ross Hufstedler and wife Susan of Pflugerville and daughter Dasa Clarice Ullman and husband Dennis of ConCan. Grandchildren are Erin Clarice Hufstedler and Ross Edward Hufstedler of Pflugerville and David Allen Ullman of ConCan.

Graveside Funeral Services was Saturday, April 1 at the ConCan Cemetery. Arrangements were by Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary.

Memorial donations may be made to the ConCan Baptist Mission, ConCan, Texas 78838.

Card of Thanks

Extra thanks to Larry Williams and George, plus members of Crawford's Garage who bailed me out when needed.

Anson, from California

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this time to thank Shio and all the choir members for singing at our wedding, all our padrinos, the St. Peters Prayers Group and their family members for preparing and serving the meal and to everyone else who helped in some way or another. A special thanks to Lilia Tijerina for doing all the decorations. May God Bless you all Always.

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Everyone welcome to attend

Making Way

Years ago we lived near a town that was located on the Texas-Mexico border. We heard that the President of the United States was coming there for a meeting. Things were made ready for the special guest. Trash and junk picked up and hauled off and even new pavement was put down on the road he was to travel. The president arrived, school was let out and everybody lined up by the roads to welcome the president. That event reminds of another event that took place in Israel about two thousand years ago. It was the week before Jesus was to be crucified on the Cross. He had been in the countryside and one of the last places He visited before entering Jerusalem was the house of Lazarus, Martha and Mary, (John 12:1-3) where Mary anointed Him with a very expensive perfume. He had been telling his disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and be crucified but they did not understand, (Matthew 16:21 and 26:2). He also told His disciples to go and find a young donkey colt and bring it to Him. He got on the young donkey colt, (Zechariah 9:9) and rode into Jerusalem where coats and branches were laid in His path. People were shouting and greeting Him as a King that day, (Matthew 21:7-11). Have we received Him as King and Savior? (Luke 19:38 and Mark 1:15).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collins Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>

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FIRE: Rotate livestock between pastures to allow plant recovery

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1. During the "green-up" or early stage of the growth, perennial grasses can be defoliated rather intensively without permanent damage to the plant; as long as the growing point remains below the point of defoliation and is unharmed.

2. As soon as the grasses shift from the short-shoot growth stage to the early reproductive or long-shoot stage excessive grazing can be detrimental, but not necessarily "life threatening" to perennial grasses.

3. It is the period between post-reproduction and dormancy during which perennial grasses periodically must be rested to insure their long-term survival and vigor.

Management considerations following a wildfire include:

- Some areas may need to have grazing deferred until plant growth is adequate to support grazing. This will be dependent on precipitation.
- Stocking properly.
- Avoiding grazing the same areas and plants at the same time each year.
- Rotate livestock between pastures to allow plant recovery. Additional practices such as temporary fencing and new water facilities may be needed.
- With adequate precipitation, areas can be grazed with intensive early stocking (IES). The key is to remove cattle by July 1 if using IES and not graze

the area again until after frost.

- Apply fertilizer according to a soil test for introduced species.
 - Utilize rotation of salt, mineral and feeding locations to better distribute grazing.
 - Weed control may be necessary. Types of weed control include herbicides, flash grazing or intensive early stocking with livestock.
 - Monitor to ensure management decisions are restoring desired plants.
- Fire has been and still is an essential part of maintaining healthy native grassland, rangeland, and forest lands and has positive impacts. In many cases, prescribed fire can reduce the

potential for future wildfires.

The information is meant to provide some guidance in helping landowners make decisions following wildfire events.

The impacts of wildfire will vary in each situation as will the course of action and management needed following the wildfire.

For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or Soil and Water Conservation District. Offices are located in almost every county and are listed in phonebooks under federal and state government.

Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

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- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Social Security Card
- Child's Shot Record
- Copy of child's last IEP or IFSP (if applicable)
- Food Stamp Case Number (if applicable)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

Ozona Head Start @
392-3429 or go by 1310 Ave.G.

WEEK: People can work together to prevent fires

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can work together to make sure they can withstand a wildfire by becoming a Firewise Communities/USA (information available at www.firewise.org) or by implementing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), <http://texasforests.tamu.edu>.

The CWPP empowers communities to take the lead in developing a plan which reduces risks before a wildfire occurs.

"Because so many people are moving to once-rural areas, firefighters face increasing challenges to protect lives and property during a wildfire," Hull said. "Texans can do their part by en-

suring their homes and communities are Firewise."

Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property.

The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.

4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around all structures.

7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for water.

8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood

Texas Wildfire Awareness Week events are scheduled throughout the state that teach Firewise principles and provide tips on how to protect your property from wildfires.

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Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth CEA-FCS

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Juice - too much of a good thing

Preschoolers who drink too much juice are more likely to be too short, and too heavy, for their age according to research. As a result, nutrition experts are advising parents and child caregivers to limit juice to 3/4 cup per day. "Unfortunately, when it comes to juice - there's such a thing as too much" says Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

While fruit and juice are part of a healthful eating plan, they should not be substituted for milk and other healthful foods. As always, a healthy eating plan is based on variety, balance and moderation.

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THE OHS LADY LION GOLF TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP at the Mason Golf Tournament held Thursday, March 23. Pictured are: Coach Ronny Clayton, Frankie Skinner, Kasey Gray, Cheyenne Taylor, Cristi Guynes, Adrienne Bendele and Britni Buchanan.

Lions are in second, Lady Lions third after the first round of district

The Ozona Lions are in second place after the first round of play in the District 2-AA golf tournament on March 29 in Sonora.

The Lions scored a 350 total. Sonora is leading with 305 and Eldorado is in third at 356.

Individual results from the meet are: Matt Turland 89; Aaron Pearl 86; Alan Lozano 87; Josh Smith 88 and Parrish Aiguier 105.

The second Ozona team

scored 480. Individual results for that team were: Cody Gotcher 113; Ross Kelley 128; R. Ibarra 115 and Wilson White 123.

On the girls' side, the Lady Lions are in third after the first round.

Ozona scored a 422. Wall is ahead with 385 and Sonora is in second at 405.

Individual results are: Britni Buchanan 105; Cristi Guynes 92; Cheyenne Taylor 100; Kasey Gray 130 and Adrienne Bendele

125. Guynes is currently sitting in fourth in the individual standings. Taylor is in sixth and Buchanan is eighth.

Also competing for the Lady Lions is Frankie Skinner who shot a 126 and Farran Wilson who shot 128.

The second round of the District 2-AA is at 9 a.m. today at the Ozona Country Club. The final round will be April 12 at Big Lake.

OMS brings home several district titles in tennis

The Ozona Middle School tennis team traveled to Big Lake this past Saturday to participate in their zone of the District 2-AA Tennis Tournament.

Gathering first place finishes and District titles were: Dylan Castillo in 8th grade boys singles; Kyle Dean and Russel Komechak in 7th grade boys doubles and Britni Mitchel in 7th grade girls singles.

The 8th grade boys also finished as team co-champions with Reagan County with 22 points each, and the 7th grade boys finished just behind Wall for the team title by one point, 25-24.

In 8th grade boys' singles action, Dylan defeated Hunt of Grape Creek 8-1, Villarreal of Reagan County 8-0 and Hernandez of Reagan Co. 8-5 on his road to the singles title.

Jordan Martinez had the difficult task of facing last year's champion Hernandez of Reagan County in the first round where he lost 8-3. Jordan then went on to breeze through the consolation bracket by defeating Luxton of Grape Creek 8-0, and Hettick of Wall 6-0.

In the "B" division, Matthew Fay defeated Fischer of Grape Creek 6-1 before falling to Villadas of Wall 6-4 and finishing third. K.C. Carson lost a close match to Francis of Wall 7-6 (7-3) before rebounding to beat Sonnenberg of Wall 6-1, and Jordan of Wall 6-3 to capture the consolation.

Kurtlan Reyes and Kyle Sewell finished in third place in 8th boys doubles and Lalo Longoria and Austin Whitten finished in 4th place. Kurt and Kyle defeated Hartman and Hirt of Wall 8-5 before losing to Rey and Lopez of Reagan Co. 8-3. The duo then went on to beat teammates Austin and Lalo 8-5 for 3rd place.

Austin and Lalo beat Shaw and Murphy 8-0 in their opener before losing to Collett and Gray of Wall 8-1 in the semis. They then lost to Kurt and Kyle 8-5 to finish in fourth place.

Corey Kelley and Taylor Newton won the "B" division by defeating Rader and Calvert of Wall 1-6, 6-3, 6-1. They then played teammates Trey Fierro and Anthony Gonzales and beat them 6-2.

Diana Rodriguez and Sophie Trevino also had a great tournament as they finished the tournament as runners-up in 8th girls' doubles. They defeated Selph and Reyes of Wall 8-2, and Jimenez and Portales of Reagan County 9-8 (7-2) before losing to Reagan Co.'s Saucedo and Blankenship 8-3.

Angelie Gutierrez played well in the 8th grade girls' singles where she lost her opener to Storey of Reagan Co. 8-4. She then went on to beat Simon of Grape Creek 6-3 and Aguila of Grape Creek 6-4 to win the consolation. Brandi Glosson had a very tough draw where she lost to Sherman of Wall 8-2 and Aguila 6-0.

In 7th grade boys double action, the team of Kyle Dean and Russel Komechak defeated Toops and Tjaden of Wall 8-1, Garner and DeLaRosa of Reagan County 8-1, and teammates Abey Lara and Chris Rendon 8-6 to capture the championship.

Abey and Chris beat Schneemann and Ritchie of Reagan Co. 8-1, and Hettick and Hettick of Wall 8-5 before finishing as runners-up to Kyle and Russel.

In the boys "B" doubles, Anthony Gonzales and Trey Fierro won their division by beating Chavez and Munoz of Reagan Co. 6-4. They then played 8th grade teammates Kelley and Newton and lost 6-2.

Joe Borrego and Sean Davis lost 6-3 to Chavez and Munoz of Reagan Co. and 6-4 to Rader and Calvert of Wall.

Austin Sudreth defeated Trowbridge of Grape Creek 8-2 in 7th grade boys singles. He then lost to Nichols of Wall 8-1 and Villapando of Reagan Co. 8-3 to finish fourth overall.

Stefan Wilson lost a very close first round match 8-5 to Waits of Wall and then cruised through the consolation by beating Ybarra of Reagan County 6-0, and Rios of Reagan County 6-0.

Jayce Logan captured the "B" singles by defeating Jost of Wall by default, and Cestero of Wall 6-3. Duncan Knox lost to Cestero 6-4; then beat Matthews of Wall 7-6 (7-4) and Doege of Reagan Co. by default to win the consolation.

Britni Mitchel won the 7th grade girls singles title by defeating Huerta of Reagan County 8-2, Talley of Wall 8-1, and Wilde of Wall 8-6.

Kristen Mendoza beat Allen of Grape Creek 8-4 before losing a close match to Wilde 8-6. She then lost to Talley of Wall 8-1 to finish in fourth place.

Melanie Miller and Chelsea Moore narrowly lost their first match to Doege and Goodloe of Reagan Co. 8-6, but then went on to beat White and Stephenson of Grape Creek 6-2 and teammates Jadyndy Poindexter and Roxanne Talamantez 6-0 to win the consolation bracket.

Jadyndy and Roxanne lost to Cooper and Beard of Wall 8-4, and then defeated Foreman and Harris of Grape Creek 6-3 before dropping their last match to Melanie and Chelsea.

In the "B" division of 7th girls' doubles, Rocio Torres and Alma Elizondo beat Valdez and Johnson of Wall 6-4 in their first match. They then lost a very close match 7-6 (7-3) to Erp and Gonzales of Wall to finish in third place.

Leandra Hernandez and Emily Merrill lost their first match to Watson and Fuchs of Wall 6-3 and then went on to defeat Valdez and Johnson of Wall to capture the consolation.

"First I must thank Coach Porter for all he has done for our middle school players this season as he has taken them to all of their tournaments and helped prepare them for their district play. I must also acknowledge my sincere appreciation to Larry and Melissa Glosson, Wesley Bean, Lindsay Flanagan, Andy Coates and the rest of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department for their valiant assistance in helping arrive back in Ozona safely. The 'little' things they do for our community often goes unheralded, but I must commend them for everything they do for us all, and especially our children. We should all be grateful for these fine people who volunteer their time and efforts to make Ozona a great place to call home," said Coach Rick Bachman. "I was elated with the way this group kids handled themselves in this tournament as they all played hard and fought for every point. Wall and Reagan County are both very strong and deep in players, and our team battled them like seasoned veterans. We captured several key matches and were able to come home with some gold medals and one team championship, and we lost one team championship by only one point, which was simply fantastic. There is some real talent in this group, and I expect great things to come out of them as they continue to work on their game and improve in every aspect of it."

Lions defeat Owls, fall to Eagles in district play

On March 28 the Ozona Lions traveled to Big Lake to do battle with the Owls.

The Lions won 9-7.

After 2 and a half innings the Lions were up 8-0 due to 3 walks, 4 hit batters and 2 hits by Joe Lira and a couple of singles each from Arty Gonzales and Mark Tambunga and a Sacrifice Fly by Drew Clayton.

Jared Espino was 1 for 2 with 2 RBI's. Lira had 2 RBI's as well. Rylee Ramos, starting pitcher, had a double and 1 RBI. Ramos pitched the first 2 innings like a champ giving up 2 hits and no runs.

However, the third inning was a little different story. The Owls started finding little holes with the hits and scored 5 runs in their half of the inning.

Caleb Mitchel was brought in to get the next 2 batters to end the Owl threat. Mitchel and company breezed through he next inning.

With 2 outs in the bottom of the 5th Joe Lira was summoned to the mound to shut down another attempt by the Owls to score some runs. Lira struck out 5 of the 7 batters he faced to seal the victory for the Lions.

Ozona Varsity baseball missed a golden opportunity to stay atop the district race when they let a victory slip through their fingertips.

The Lions played great baseball for 6 and a half innings, said Coach Ronny Clayton.

For 6 and a half innings Joe Lira had the Eagles stifled at he plate and Jordan Long and the rest of the bats were doing their thing.

Long lead off the game with his first homer of the season, a shot over the left center wall. Long added a single in the 6th and a stolen base.

That would be the only run in the 1st for the Lions.

The Lions got on the board again in the 3rd on

Mark Tambunga's double that scored Jared Espino who had reached on a walk.

After 3 innings of play the Lions lead 2-0.

Rylee Ramos lead off the 4th with a single and score when Jared Espino reached base on an error. The Eagles scored their first run in the bottom of the 4th on a Hit batter and a double. That would be all the scoring for them till the bottom of the 7th.

Tambunga lead off the 5th with another double and scored on Drew Clayton's Drag bunt that the third baseman from Junction over threw the first baseman.

Stevie Vargas, running for Clayton scored on Joe Lira's single to put the Lions up 5-1. In the 6th, Long reached base on a single and stole 2nd.

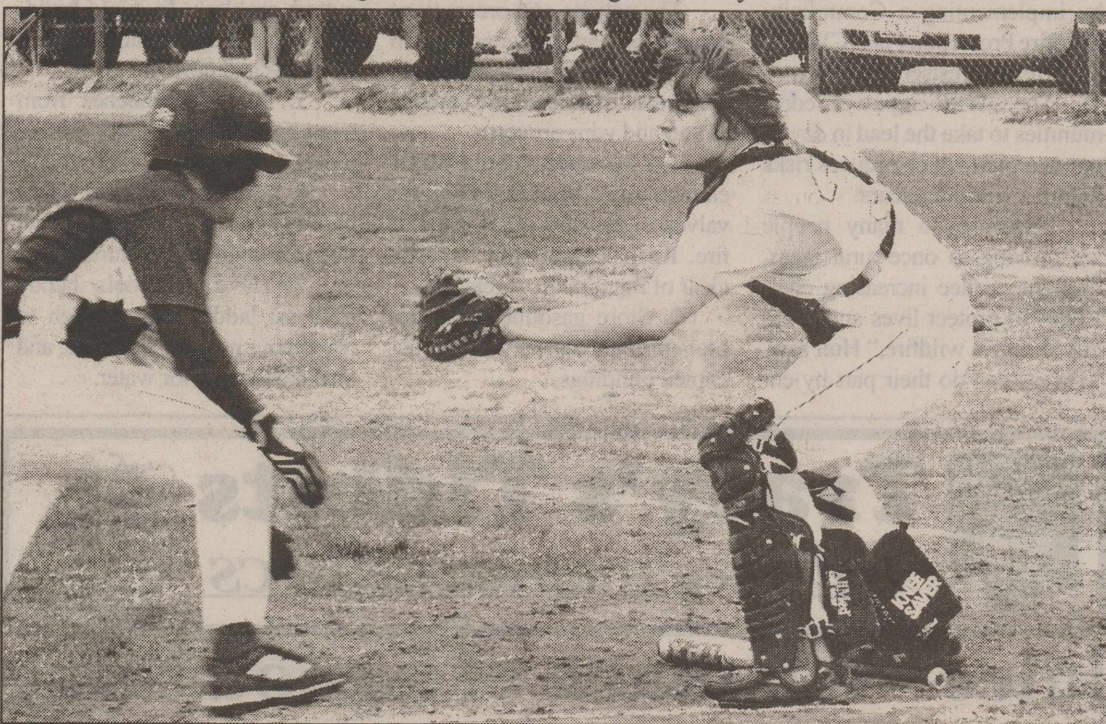
He later scored on a wild pitch. In the bottom of the 7th Lira retired the first batter on a ground ball back to the pitcher. Lira hit the next batter.

Third batter of the inning bunted and Clayton threw it in the dirt at first. Still, one out. Lira strikes out the next batter, 2 away.

Then a double and 2 singles and a dropped fly ball allowed the eagles to tie.

The was the best 6 and a half innings we played all year. It was a shame we could not finish it off. We did so many things right and looked very good doing them.

"Joe just ran out of gas and I should have brought Jordan Long in a couple of batters sooner. We still should have been out of the inning with a win with out having to change pitchers. Drew called a great game behind the plate and Joe pitched a great game. This was a hard one to lose. I have confidence the kids will bounce back. They are a great bunch of kids and I keep telling them they are the best kids I have coached and had in classes in a long time," Clayton said.



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DREW CLAYTON is about to tag out a Reagan County runner in the Lions 9-7 win over Big Lake.

Moore takes huge title at Mason Invitational

Jessica Moore pulled off another remarkable string of wins to capture the very prestigious Mason Invitational "A" girls singles crown this past weekend in Mason.

This was Jessica's sixth tournament championship of the season in as many tournaments which is an amazing accomplishment considering the enormity of this event, said Coach Rick Bachman.

There were 27 teams represented this year with many very strong 3A and 4A tennis teams including Fredericksburg, Kerrville Tivy, Waco Midway, Lampasas and Uvalde just to name a few.

"We played the toughest schedule we possibly can to prepare for our district and post-season play, and for Jessica to have won every tournament she has played is truly sensational. I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach many great tennis players in the 12 years I have been here, but this feat is unprecedented and will set the standard for many years to come for all who aspire to be great," Bachman said.

On her march to the championship, Jessica defeated Peterson of Lampasas 6-0, 6-0; Currie of Fredericksburg 6-1, 6-0; Osborne of Menard 6-1, 6-1; Lange of Mason 6-2, 6-4; and Mechem of Fredericksburg 7-5, 6-0.

Julia Henderson once again also played some great tennis as she defeated Jones of Lampasas 6-3, 6-4 before dropping her next match to the Number One seeded Mechem of Fredericksburg 6-0, 6-1.

"Julia continues to improve her game each week and is hitting the ball with authority and conviction. Mechem was just too much for her, but the experience of playing her will make Julia a better player," Bachman said.

In the "B" girls singles, Diane Hernandez defeated Lopez of Menard 6-1, 6-2 before losing to Watkins of Midland Christian 6-2, 6-2.

In the "A" boys singles bracket, Devon Diehl lost his opener 6-1, 6-1 to Graham of Uvalde and Ben Flores dropped his opener 6-0, 6-1 to Abile of Junction.

In the "A" boys doubles, Justin Maldonado and Daniel Gonzales lost a tough match to Vaughn and Bradshaw of Midland Christian 6-1, 6-4.

Matthew Bullard and Stephen Gillit fared a little better as they defeated Aguilar and Gunnels of Menard 6-1, 6-1 before losing to the Number Two seed McCarter and Fernandez from Waco Midway 6-2, 6-1.

Jordan DeHoyos and Nathan Knox played in the "B" boys doubles and lost a very close contest 7-5, 6-4 to Kuykendall and Morris of Uvalde.

Puja Bhakta and Patsy Larson lost a very close match in the girls "A" doubles to Durham and Weiner of Midland Christian 6-4, 6-3 and Kyann Kothman and Park Preddy also played in this division where they lost 6-1, 6-0 to Nesloney and Radke of Mason.

In the girls "B" doubles, Morgan Capps and Libby Martinez lost 6-2, 6-1 to Perez and Rodriguez of Uvalde.

Ashley Anderson and Freddy Veloz lost 6-2, 6-0 to a very accomplished team from Lampasas, Gillis and McLain in the "A" mixed doubles.

"I was very pleased with the overall performance of all of our players as you expect to 'take your lumps' so to speak when you go to Mason. Our team is extremely young and this experience will hopefully enlighten them as to the work they must put into the game to reach another level in this grueling sport. To play in the "A" division is tough enough for a junior or senior, but the freshmen and sophomores who were able to experience this will benefit from it as they mature as tennis players," Bachman said.

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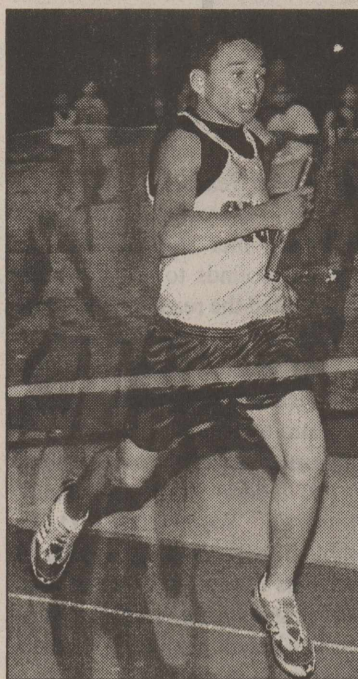


Photo by Joe Hernandez
JOSH GONZALES in the winning 7th grade 800 meter relay. He also won the 200 meter dash.

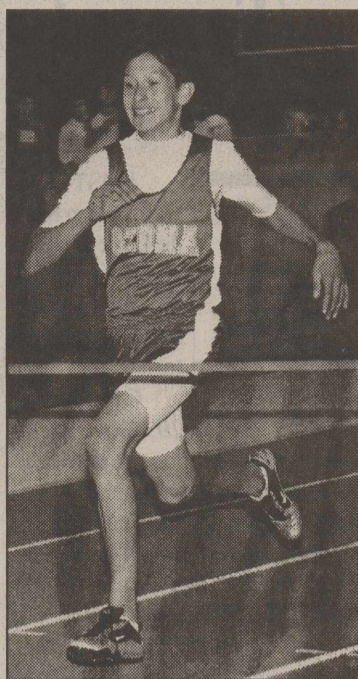


Photo by Joe Hernandez
BAILEY BADILLO won the 1,600 meter run and the triple jump for the eighth grade Lions.

Middle School Lions take second at local track meet on March 30

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions took second place at the March 30 Ozona Middle School Track Meet.

In the Seventh Grade Division, the Lions scored 128 points. Also placing were: 1. Sonora, 268; 3. Junction, 95; 4. Reagan County, 79; 5. Comstock, 2 and 6. Midland Classical, 2.

Seventh Grade Results are:

- Shot put - 5. Abel Gonzales, 28-feet, 5 inches.
- Discus - 2. A. Gonzales, 80-5.5.
- High jump - 5. Josh Gonzales, 4-4.
- Long jump - 6. Chris Rendon, 13-11.5.
- Triple jump - 1. J. Gonzales, 31-8 and 2. Abey Lara, 28-11.
- Pole vault - 3. Russel Komechak, 7-0.
- 2,400-meter run - 1. Lara, 9 minutes, 19 seconds and 2. Stefan Wilson, 9:45.
- 110-meter hurdles - 3. Komechak, 20.19.
- 100-meter dash - 6. Kyle Dean, 14.31.
- 300-meter hurdles - 2. Komechak, 50.27.

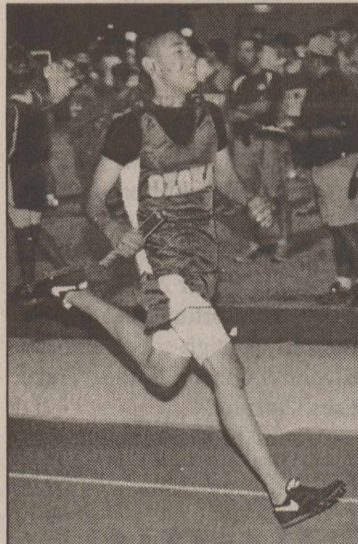


Photo by Joe Hernandez
SERGIO MATA is a member of an 8th grade relay. He won the long jump and the 400 meter dash.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
RUSSEL KOMECHAK was 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles and third in the 110 meter hurdles.

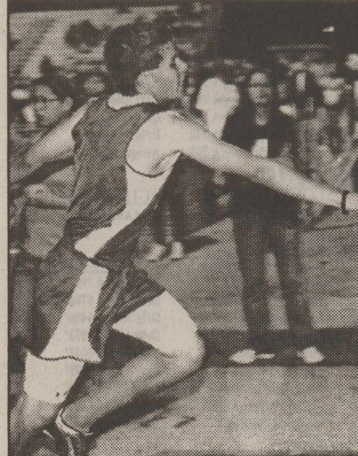


Photo by Joe Hernandez
DYLAN CASTILLO AND LALO LONGORIA run a relay for the 8th grade Lions.

mechak, 50.27.

200-meter dash - 1. J. Gonzales, 26.65 and 5. Rendon, 28.95.

1,600-meter run - 1. Wilson, 6:03.03.

1,600-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 4:20.02.

800-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 1:53.96.

In the Eighth Grade Division, the Lions scored 172.50 to take second place. Also placing were: 1. Sonora, 224; 3. Reagan County, 129.5; 4. Comstock, 32; 5. Junction 31 and 6. Midland Classical, 20.

Eighth Grade Results are:

- Shot put - 1. Markaus Galindo, 39-4 and 5. Kurtlyn Reyes, 36-1.5.
- Discus - 5. Reyes, 101-7.
- High jump - 6. Reyes, 4-6.
- Long jump - 1. Sergio Mata, 16-11; 2. Lalo Longoria, 16-8.5 and 3. Dylan Castillo, 16-7.
- Triple jump - 1. Bailey Badillo, 34-10; 2. Longoria, 33-5 and 6. Vasquez, 31-6.5.
- Pole vault - 6. Austin Whitten, 6-6.
- 2,400-meter run - 3. Badillo, 9:36.84 and 5. Corey Kelley, 9:49.18.
- 400-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 50:73.
- 800-meter run - 2. Ramos, 2:31.98.
- 110-meter hurdles - 5. Reyes, 22.31.
- 100-meter dash - 2. Martinez, 13.09 and 4. Badillo, 13.36.
- 400-meter dash - 1. Mata, 59.29; 2. Longoria, 1:01.33 and 6. Galindo, 1:06.90.
- 300-meter hurdles - 6. Kyle Sewell, 56.02.
- 200-meter dash - 2. Castillo, 27.39.
- 1,600-meter run - 1. Badillo, 5:43.38.
- 1,600-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 3:59.63.
- 800-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 1:45.94.

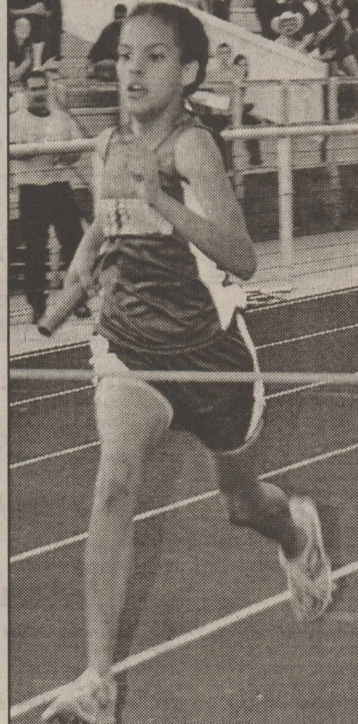


Photo by Joe Hernandez
REBECCA RAMOS was 2nd in the 800 meter dash, 5th in the triple jump and 3rd in long jump.

OHS track teams compete in San Angelo, Iraan relays

Two members of the Ozona Lions Varsity Track Team placed at the San Angelo Relays this past weekend.

Levi English came in second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4 minutes and 53.13 seconds. Freddy Fierro placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 47 feet and 9.25 inches.

In the Bravette Relays held March 30 in Iraan, the Varsity Girls Track Team placed fifth.

Alexa Cervantez was third in the discus with a throw of 88-5. Vicky Treto came in second in the 3,200-meter run at 13:26.90 and Stacy Silva was third.

The Varsity Girls Track Team placed fourth at the Sonora Bronco Relays on March 25.

- Results are as follows:
- Shot put - 4. Cervantez, 26-10.
 - Discus - 4. Cervantez, 83-6.75.
 - High jump - 3. Treto, 4-8.
 - Pole vault - 5. Allison Skehan, 7-0.
 - 3,200-meter run - 3. Treto, 13:42.
 - 400-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 53.59.
 - 800-meter run - 1. Skehan, 2:35.88.
 - 100-meter hurdles - 4. Melissa Miller, 18.21.
 - 100-meter dash - 4. Kayla Parks, 13.14.
 - 400-meter dash - 2. Adrienne Bendele, 1:07.72 and 5. Miller, 1:10.78.
 - 1,600-meter run - 5. Treto, 6:18.42.
 - 1,600-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 4:29.28.

The Varsity and JV Lions and the Varsity Lady Lions will participate in the Ozona Relays Saturday at Lion Stadium.

Middle School Lady Lions take second, third at local track

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions took second and the Eighth Grade Lady Lions won third at the March 30 Ozona Middle School Track Meet.

In the Seventh Grade Division, Ozona scored 174 points. Also placing were: 1. Sonora, 229; 3. Junction 56; 4. Comstock, 51; 5. Reagan County 42 and 6. Midland Classical 10.

Seventh Grade Results are:

- Shot put - 3. Rodriguez, 21-feet, 9-inches and 4. Britni Mitchel, 21-5.5.
- Discus - 3. Mitchel, 59-0.
- High jump - 1. Melanie Miller, 4-5 and 5. Chelsea Moore, 4-2.
- Long jump - 2. Makayla Badillo, 14.75 and 3. Rebecca Ramos, 14.25.
- Triple jump - 2. Miller, 28-9.25, 4. Emily Merril, 27-11 and 5. Ramos, 27-8.25.
- 2,400-meter run - 3. Crystal Vasquez.
- 400-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 55.37 seconds.
- 800-meter run - 2. Ramos, 2:41.48.
- 110-meter hurdles - 1. Miller, 19.04; 3. Badillo, 19.40 and 5. Kristen Mendoza, 20.56.
- 100-meter dash - 3. Brenda Venegas, 14.78.
- 400-meter dash - 1. Moore, 1:06.73 and 4. Ashley Lewis, 1:14.41.
- 300-meter hurdles - 1. Miller, 55.70 and 3. Badillo, 59.11.
- 200-meter dash - 5. Jennifer Allen, 30.65.
- 1,600-meter run - 3. Vasquez, 6:43.53 and 6. Rebecca Pierce, 7:09.96.
- 1,600-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 4:37.18.

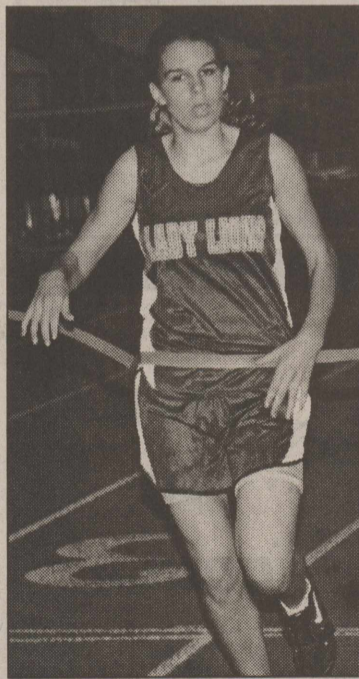


Photo by Joe Hernandez
ASHLEY LEWIS placed fourth in the 7th grade 400 meter dash.

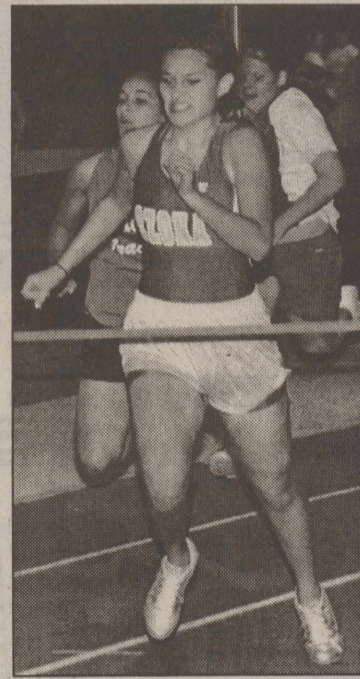


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ALEX CRUZ ran fourth in the 8th grade 100 meter dash.

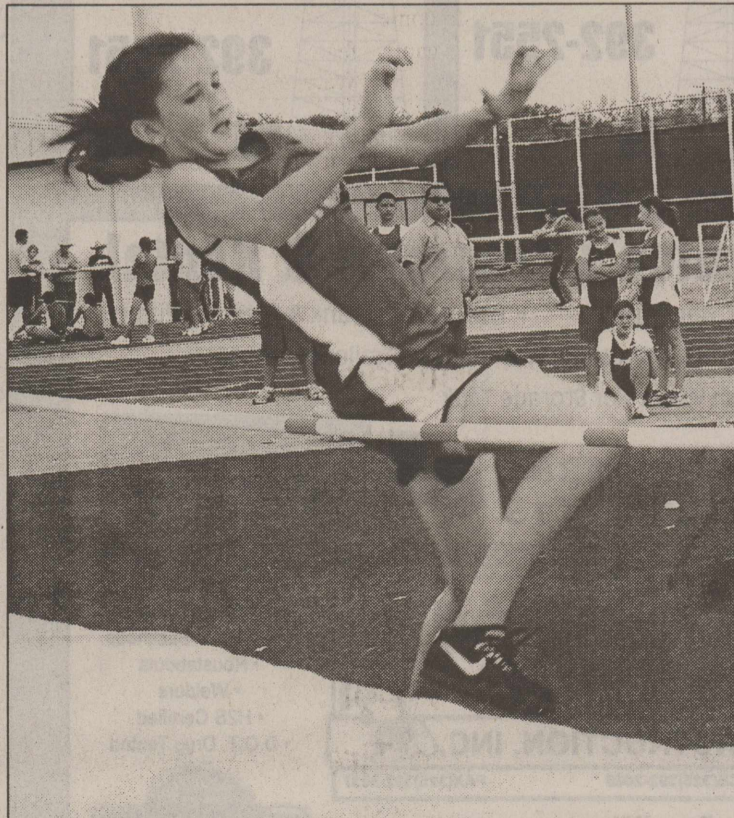


Photo by Joe Hernandez
MELANIE MILLER PLACED FIRST in the seventh grade high jump, 110 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles

Ozona Primary Students "Walk Across Texas"

Mrs. Munoz's Kindergarten Class and Mrs. Logan's 2nd Grade Class had a fun Friday on March 31. The classes participated in a special event where they invited moms, dads, grandparents, and others family members to participate and walk around the Ozona Primary School playground.

The children are participating in the school program "Walk Across Texas". This program is designed to promote and increase physical activity in students at school. The program also encourages all students to participate after school by walking and exercising. As a conclusion to their Texas unit, the children were dressed in western attire. As the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters walked around the playground, the students rode on their stickhorses. The children also participated in riding their horses around an obstacle course, throwing horseshoes and competing in sack races.

The students in Mrs. Munoz's Kindergarten class are: Alejandra Camarillo, Jessica Castleberry, Josae Coy, Roman Esparza, Brenna Hale, Andy Hernandez, Cora Lee, Murray Logan, Juan Lozano, Caleb Martinez, Caitlin Mendoza, Denise Rodriguez, Irving Rodriguez, Lucila Rodriguez, Mark Valadez, Hilary Valdez, Mark Ybarra and Maite Lopez.

The students in Mrs. Logan's 2nd grade class are: Bobbie Jo Benson, Kirstin Dane, Noel Fierro, John Gomez, Olivia Mata, Jeremy Muñoz, Jacob Talamantez, Estafania Torralba, Dustin Vargas, Megan Vasquez, Dalton Weddle and Gustavo Lopez.

The classes had great parent involvement and participation.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
ENJOYING A SACK RACE during the "Walk Across Texas" activity at the primary school are: (l. to r.) Denise Rodriguez, Estafania Torralba, Murray Logan, Mark Valadez and Bobbi Jo Benson.

Ozona Primary School Kindergarten students tour Visitor's Center



Youth Center Calendar of Events
April 5 -
Youth Center Board Meeting,
5:30 p.m. (teens);
6:30 p.m. (adults).
High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.
April 10 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.
April 12 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.
Youth Center Hours:
High School Schedule
Monday - 7-10 p.m.
Tuesday - 2-7 p.m.
Wednesday - 7-10 p.m.
Thursday - 2-10 p.m.
Friday - 2-Midnight
Saturday - 2-7 p.m.
Seventh and Eighth Grade Schedule
Tuesday - 7-10 p.m.
Wednesday - 2-7 p.m.
Saturday - 7-10 p.m.
Parents, please try to pick up your children on time.

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT TYPE OF CALLS # OF CALLS

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:

The following persons have outstanding Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants in Crockett County.

• 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 3-28-06

• Miguel Rivas Jr., 17, was arrested by sheriff deputy on a Crockett County Warrant for failure to appear and minor in consumption of alcohol.

• Aaron Petree, 26, was arrested by DPS Trooper on two Eastland County warrants for theft, one Comanche County warrant for theft and Earth County warrant for theft.

• Britney Aline Chandler, 19, was arrested by deputy sheriff on a charge of criminal trespass.

• Stacey Townsend, 32, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Potter County warrant for theft by check.

• Matthew Graveline, 24, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Waller

County warrant for driving while intoxicated. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• David Herrera, 56, was picked up by Crockett County Constable in Wharton County on a Crockett County warrant for possession of controlled substance/motion to revoke. Subject remains in jail after bond was denied.

• Sylvia Cardenas, 38, was arrested by sheriff deputy on a Crockett County warrant for criminal mischief. Subject was released from jail after paying the fines.

• Valerie Ann Gonzales, 17, was arrested by DPS Trooper on charges of possession of marijuana and failure to identify. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Valentino Castillo, 22, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

• William Henry Livingston, 43, was arrested by deputy sheriff on a charge of theft. Subject was released from jail after time served.

• Linda Jean Warren, 34, was arrested by deputy sheriff on a Winkler County warrant for driving while license invalid. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

• Edward Mendoza Jr., 26, was arrested by sheriff deputy on a charge of assault family violence. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Benny Vela, 33, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Caldwell County warrant for criminal nonsupport. Subject was released from jail after Caldwell County was unable to

pick subject up. • Sixto Raul Almazan, 23, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Hidalgo County Warrant for driving while intoxicated. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

• Barbara Susan Upchurch, 49, was arrested by DPS Trooper on an Ector County warrants for theft by check and tamper with government record and a Tom Green County warrant for theft stolen property. Subject remains in jail unable to post bonds.

• James Elmer Upchurch, 52, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while license invalid. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Amy Rac Trujillo, 17, was arrested on a Crockett County warrant for assault. Subject was released from jail after being placed on six months probation.

OFFENSE REPORT 3-28-06

• A criminal mischief report was filed by sheriff deputy, complainant advised that known person went in place of employment an cause some damage to property. A warrant was issued for subject and was arrested.

• An assault causing bodily injury report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised know

person with in her resident and assaulted her, upon further investigation a warrant was issued and subject was arrested.

• An abandoned vehicle report was filed by sheriff deputy, vehicle was impounded from mile-marker 351.

• An attack by dangerous dog report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised her son was attack by the dog as he was 1800 block of Mulberry Street, owner was contacted.

• A runaway juvenile report was filed by sheriff deputy - juvenile was later located and released to parent.

• An attack by dangerous dog report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised as she was leaving a resident on 200 block of Avenue E, she was attack by the dog, owner was contacted.

• An interference with child custody report was filed - complainant advised that he was denied his visit with his child as requested, investigation continues.

• An assault causing bodily injury report was filed by sheriff deputy - complainant advised she was assaulted at her resident by know person, subject was arrested on family violence assault.

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Junction Stockyards Market Report Sheep and Goats April 3, 2006 We sold 2,006 head of sheep and goats today. Kids were steady.

Tax reform plan ready for Legislature



AUSTIN - John Sharp has delivered, and soon it will be the Texas Legislature's turn.

On March 29, Gov. Rick Perry praised the bipartisan tax reform plan shepherded by Sharp, the former state comptroller who chaired the 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission appointed by Perry last fall.

The commission held a series of public hearings around the state beginning in January, receiving input from private citizens, businesses and local governmental bodies.

Perry has summoned the Legislature to Austin to convene April 17. Tax reform will be at the top of the agenda.

Sharp's plan boasts a \$6 billion property tax cut, and re-spreads the pain by initiating a business tax of 1 percent on gross receipts. If adopted by the Legislature as recommended, no business, not even doctors and lawyers, will escape this new form of taxation. And gone will be the current business franchise tax.

Also under the plan, more tax liability will be heaped on smokers. The tax on a pack of cigarettes will increase to \$1.41 from the present rate of 41 cents.

Perry said the plan would make homeownership possible for more Texans by lowering property taxes, generate more revenue for public education, and stimulate job growth.

Already, business groups are signaling support for the Sharp plan.

Among them are the newly formed Texas Manufacturers Association and the Texas Builders Association.

The Texas Supreme Court has placed a June 1 deadline on the Legislature to act on tax reform.

Students march on Capitol

Following the example of the half-million people who gathered in downtown Los Angeles a few days earlier to protest pending federal immigration legislation, hundreds of Austin-area high school students walked out of classes March 30 and made their way to the state Capitol to stage a peaceful demonstration.

Students marched up to 15 miles to speak in support of amnesty for undocumented immigrants, and of the ways society benefits from their families'

presence in Texas.

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, met students on the Capitol grounds to tell them he appreciated the reasoning behind their act of civil disobedience.

He assured them they had been heard and then asked them to return to school.

Abramoff to serve prison term

A federal court in Miami sentenced Washington, D.C., lobbyist Jack Abramoff to nearly six years in prison for fraud and conspiracy in the purchase of a Florida-based gambling cruise ship line.

Abramoff's dealings with Texas lawmakers are still under investigation.

On March 31, Tony Rudy, a former top aide of U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, and lobbyist with "Team Abramoff," pleaded guilty to an Abramoff-related conspiracy charge and is cooperating with federal investigators.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, filed the Stealth Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

Doggett said his act, which he originally filed in 2002, would close a loophole that lets lobbyists "spend millions trying to influence legislation while hiding behind empty coalitions to conceal their real clients' identities."

Ethics agency lets 'check' stand

On March 24 the Texas Ethics Commission ruled that a donation to a state official need only be reported as a check, and not a dollar amount.

Bill Ceverha, a former state representative and current member of the Texas Employee Retirement Commission board of directors, received a check from homebuilder Bob Perry.

State Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, asked to know the amount, but the Ethics Commission ruled otherwise.

Group submits rail-building bid

The Texas Department of Transportation accepted a bid from Cintra Zachry to build six Central Texas toll roads for \$7.2 billion. The 600-mile project will run from the Texas-Oklahoma border to Mexico, with completion scheduled for 2010.

The consortium also is bidding on a high-speed freight railway to operate in the "Trans Texas Corridor."

Cintra is based in Madrid, Spain, and Zachry is based in San Antonio.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Crockett County WCID #1, Ozona, Texas has for sale the following vehicles: 1982 GMC Truck, Pak Mor Sanitation Truck; 1990 Ford F700 Pak Mor Sanitation Truck; 1982 GMC Truck with working winch (back) Crockett County WCID #1 will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m., April 10, 2006 for the above items. To obtain complete bid list and bidding instructions contact Doug Meador at 325-392-2730. Crockett County WCID #1 Reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

BID NOTICE

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will be selling the following vehicle: a 1995 Chevrolet Lumina, with a mileage of 185,001, a minimum bid amount is required. Sealed bid proposals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13th, 2006 at the Administration Building in Ozona, Texas. The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting on April 19th 2006, by the School Board of Trustees. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids as they may appear advantageous to the district. For more information, contact: RAY DON MYERS, Ozona Public Schools, P.O. Box 400 Ozona, Tx. 76943 Telephone (325) 392-5501 Extension # 5710.

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Crockett County, Ozona, Texas

Crockett County will receive sealed Bids for the construction of a new Bathroom until 10:00 a.m local time on Monday, April 10, 2006, at the Commissioners Court, Courthouse Annex Building, 909 Ave. D, Ozona, Texas 76934. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. local time on Monday, April 10, 2006, at the Courthouse Annex Building, 909 Ave D, Ozona, Texas 76934. Bids shall be addressed to the Honorable Johnny Jones, Crockett County Judge. Bidding Documents and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be examined at:

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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 (R): 467.0; Nearest Well on Lease (R) : 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.

BID NOTICE

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District invites proposals for security cameras. Bid proposals will be opened at 2 pm April 18, 2006. The proposals will be approved at the regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2006. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids and to make purchases as they may appear advantageous to the district. For more information contact Rod Miller at Crockett County CCSD, PO Box 400, Ozona, TX 76943 or by phone at 325/392-5501 Ext. 5714. 2c10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT EQG Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 2267 Midland, Texas 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp formation, Shannon Hospital 2, Well Number 4. The proposed injection well is located 23.5 miles Northwest from Ozona, in the Noelke (Wolfcamp, Lower) field, in Crockett County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5500' to 6000' feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM CHILDRESS, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of John William Childress, deceased, were issued to Eileen Koury Childress, Independent Executrix, on March 21, 2006, in the proceeding styled "Estate of John William Childress, Deceased", Cause No. 1090, in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Crockett County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at HC 163, Box 107, Ozona, Texas 76943, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Eileen Koury Childress, Independent Executrix of the Estate of John William Childress, Deceased, Cause No. 1090 in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas.

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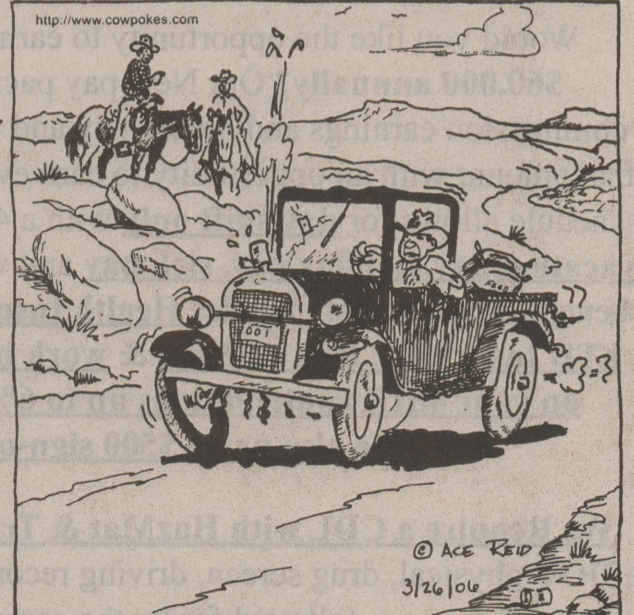
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