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OZONA, TEXAS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009 Sneak peek: tour shows off new park

BY MELISSA PERNER & PAUL C. PERNER IV THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A place to go hiking, bike around, ride a horse or watching birds is planning on being open in Crockett County this year.

Local officials and community members had a sneak peak at the Escondidio Draw Recreational Area (EDRA) Monday night. The off-road vehicle park, located 30 miles west of **Crockett County off of County** Road 406, will not only be a place to take Jeeps, motorcycles and four-wheelers, it will also contain an area for those wanting an adventure on foot, bicycle or horseback.

During the tour, Texas Motorized Trails Coalition (TMTC) officials spoke on how the east panhandle and the far east side of the property, which borders neighboring property owned by the Cox family, could be used for non-motorized activities, such as mountain biking, hiking, equestrian, bird watching and be open to local and area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

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This area is around 600 acres of the 3,400-acre park.



BEYRL ARMSTRONG (far left) shows a map of the trails at the Escondido Draw Recreational Area Monday during a tour of the off-road vehicle park located 35 miles west of Ozona. County officials and community members attended the tour.

cheological surveys have been

No motorized vehicles cal sites there were several rooms and showers.

VOL. 97, NO 16 75 CENTS Superintendent search begins at tonight's board meeting

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The search for a news superintendent begins tonight during a special meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

at the Administration Building. On the agenda is to inter-

view applicants in consideration for the position of Superintendent of Schools. This is listed to be discussed in executive/closed session. Any action the board takes pertaining to discussion in executive session has to be voted on in open session.

According to John King, who is helping the board with the superintendent search, 31 applications have been turned in for the superintendent position.

Tonight's meeting will be King's first opportunity to share with the board all the information about the interview process and the applicants.

Details of the number of applicants to interview will also be decided by the board tonight. The board can only interview about three maximum at any meeting due to the length of interviews, King said. The board will also meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18. On that agenda, the board will meet again in executive/ closed session to interview applicants in consideration for the position of superintendent. Also on the agenda is possible action to name a Lone Finalist for superintendent.

The park itself has a "healthy" bird population and, with some management, the population should improve, said Beryl Armstrong with the Environment Defense Fund.

Armstrong has been working with TMTC on conducting a bird survey of the park. Due to TMTC receiving federal grant money, environmental and arconducted on the park.

Armstrong said only one protected species have been found, a bird called the blackcapped vireo. Sites have been marked in the park so trails can be routed around the areas where the bird breeds. Early to late April and early May is the breeding season, Armstrong said.

will be used during the time in which the bird is in the park, Armstrong said. Nonmotorized use through the areas will be allowed in the bird's breeding sites.

A Texas A&M survey team will be at the park this week surveying the number of black-capped vireos.

As far as archeologi-

significant that was found. These areas will be strictly off limits, Armstrong said.

TMTC will have parking and camping facilities at the top of the mesa adjacent to County Road 406.

TMTC is planning on drilling a water well, installing a septic systems and constructing a bathhouse with rest-

At the end of this property will be an automatic gate, which will close at 8:30 p.m. when the park is not in operation. Everyone will need to be back at the camp zone at the time, said Tony Eeds, TMTC President.

Opening date for the park has not been set yet, but Eeds PLEASE SEE PARK, PAGE 10

Ozona Royals baseball is back

County Road Superintendent retiring in 2010

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

County Road Superintendent Eddie Moore will be leaving Crockett County after 27 vears.

Discussion on how to replace Moore was part of Monday's commissioner's meeting.

Commissioner Randy Branch said he was interested in coming up with a list of names of people who are interested in Moore's position and have a person in place to start training before Moore leaves. Branch also said he wanted to give internal employees the first shot.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said he is interested in looking at possibly splitting up the position into two positions with building and maintenance and parks under one and road and bridges with another.

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One, two, three jump

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAI

THIRD GRADE TEACHER JESSICA LUCKIE competes in the triple jump Friday at the Adults vs. Students track meet at Lion Stadium. The meet featured this year's regional track qualifiers who will compete May 19-20 in Odessa, along with coaches, teachers and community members.

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

In 1988 the Ozona Royals Baseball Team brought home a league championship trophy.

Jeff Sanchez still has the trophy and remembers when semi-pro baseball was a big part of Ozona life.

That baseball spirit is alive again as the Royals will field a team this summer as part of the San Angelo Baseball League.

Led by league president Kevin Brown and Head Coaches Lalo Rodriguez and Willie Fierro, the team will host their first game at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the south softball field.

The team started practicing three weeks ago. Around 20 members make up the Royals.

will get to play, but everyone is okay with that," said player Albert Talamantez.

The 10-week season will comprise of 20 games. Each game will be a double-hitter with seven innings played,



MEMBERS OF THE 2009 OZONA ROYALS BASEBALL TEAM will start their season Sunday, May 17, at the south softball field.

a 30-minute break and then been men's baseball here in another seven innings.

Ozona will be in a league comprised of six San Angelo teams, Big Lake and Sonora. The majority of the Royals games will be played in Ozona.

The highlight of the sea-"We know not all of us son will be the All-Star Game to be hosted June 19 in Ozona. There will be a homerun derby and fireworks at that game.

"Weknow the game. We've just got to get back into play-'ing baseball," Sanchez said. "It'll be a test. There hasn't

more than 10 years."

The history of the Royals begins in the late 1960s. The semi-pro team was active until 1996, with the team's major highlight being the 1988 championship.

Since then, men's softball has been featured in Ozona, but not baseball.

"We need to get back into baseball form, softball is so much different," Sanchez said. "It will be a challenge to see which guys stick around." PLEASE SEE ROYALS, PAGE 3

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Wednesday, May 13, 2009

A tale of Grannie and the snake bite victim

Dear Editor:

A fairy tale: Grannie is at home on the ranch, 50 miles from Ozona, sort of in charge of the 15 and 12 year-old grandkids, while Mom and Dad and the older grandkid are in Ozona. A nasty old rattlesnake bites the 15 yearold grandkid on the leg. All jump in Grannie's truck and rush madly to the Family Health Center of Ozona, antivenom is administered in the Emergency Room and a few days all is well and everyone lives happily ever after. WRONG!

Reality: The best sight in the world is a Crockett County Ambulance running hot toward you as you approach the Howard Draw Road exit on I-10. Even better is when the mom of the 15 year-old snake bite victim jumps out. She has been graciously allowed to ride in the ambulance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is after the 9-1-1 lady at the sheriff's office has called you on your mobile every few minutes to check your location and assure you EMTs are speeding toward you and deputies are also on the way.

Now, Grannie's responsibility is grateful turned over to professionals who tell you they are going directly to Shannon - no stopping in Ozona. Why is that? Isn't it vitally important to get anti-

venom started as soon as possible? Why don't we have anti-venom in our hospital? Here's what I've learned, which may not be exactly

right but close enough. Anti-venom is an extremely fragile protein which in its immediately useable form has a very short shelf life. After having it at our hospital, and having it go bad and throwing it out over and over, because very few rattlesnake bits are encountered in our county, the Family Health Center of Ozona no longer keeps it.

When you call 9-1-1, our people call Shannon Hospital telling them a rattlesnake bite patient is being brought to San Angelo. The Shannon people start the process to bring anti-venom to readiness from its frozen state. It is put in a medium which will be intravenously administered. It is so fragile, no microwave zapping and no shaking is allowed. This process takes several hours.

The bite patient is going to be hospitalized while it is administered drip by drop. Also, some people react violently in a life-threatening manner to antivenom. Consequently, the drip process is begun very slowly and possible reaction is carefully monitored.

If no reaction is encountered, the attending physician decides, after each drip bag is empty, whether more anti-venom may be needed.

Each dose must be readied in a timely manner. A blood test is given to see if the anti-venom is doing its job. This process may take several days. So, all in all, Shannon it is.

Almost as vital as the anti-venom is the administration of intravenous fluid, which is started in the ambulance. The only reason for stopping at the local hospital would be, if for some reason, fluids could not be started in the ambulance.

Crockett County first responder, one and all, here's a huge thank you from a grateful Grannie. You are the best!

> **Sid Hoover** Ozona, Texas

Ozona athletes

deserve recognition

here's been a lot of talk about Ozona athletics this year.

Some of it good, some of it bad and a lot of suggestions on how to solve the problems.

However, the matter of winning, losing and records was put aside at the annual Ozona High School Athletic Banquet.

Pulling up to the Civic Center 15 minutes before start time, there were cars already packing the parking lot.

Just before the event even started, extra tables and chair had to be put in place for the crowd that kept filing threw the door.

Let's just say, the place was filled with outstanding athletes and their families.

As the evening went on, athletes were honored, bragged about and admired. Each one beamed as their name was called out, every parent and grandparent smiled and all tried to get that winning photo.



WHAT'S ON **MY MIND**

some are going for the first **MELISSA PERNER** time. No matter what, all are champions in

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In fact, many of our outstanding adults sacrificed pride, dignity and physical comfort to help these athletes train for the meeting during a practice track meet last Friday.

Last week's banquet and meet proved 16 something "that" many thought was dead. The pride and spirit is still alive and well for our student athletes.

To be an Ozona athlete it re-

One of my favorite self-help programs in the beef business is the Beef Ambassador program which trains the next generation of cattlewomen and cattlemen to speak up and, on behalf, of beef.

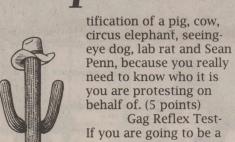
Our best and brightest young people compete each year for the chance to become one of five members of a Beef Ambassador team to travel the country on behalf of all cattlemen. The competition features mock media interviews, classroom presentations, response to issues and consumer promotion.

I wonder if our enemies have any such program to brainwash future vegetarians and animal rightists, and if so, how do they train their spokesidiots?

Surely they would place their emphasis on other things than public speaking and rational writing. Here is how I imagine the scorecard for young PETA Ambassador contestants would looks like. (100 points possible)

Balloon Toss Accuracy- Because one of the main functions of PETA members is throwing paint filled balloons at anyone wearing fur it's important that they be able to hit their target. You wouldn't want them hitting a reporter for USA Today or one of their own woolly haired members. They should also be able to tell what is real and what is fake fur or whether the target just needs a haircut and a shave.(5 Points)

Animal Identification- This phase of the competition would involve the iden-



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Penn, because you really need to know who it is you are protesting on behalf of. (5 points) Gag Reflex Test-

Exposed

If you are going to be a sincere PETA member you must be a vegetarian and if you are going to be a vegetarian it means you are going to have to survive on squash muffins, tofu pasta and soy milk.

In the gag reflex test contestants will be fed a variety of vegetarian dishes to see if they have a strong enough stomach for the job. (5 points)

Background Check- This is to determine if you or any of your relatives have ever had a life threatening disease and, if so, did any drugs or medical procedures that were tested on lab animals save your relative's life? If so, turn in your PETA badge. (5 points)

Lie Detector Test- Contestants will be asked questions to determine if they have led a "cruelty free lifestyle", such as, have you ever eaten a cheeseburger? Have you ever worn a pair of shoes? (5 points) tooot

Pet Care- In light of recent charges leveled at PETA by the Center for Consumer Freedom this test has recently been added. The Center alleges that PETA killed 95% of the adoptable pets in their care during 2008. They say that public records from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services show that PETA killed 2,124 pets last year while placing 7 in adoptive homes. Since 1998 they allege that 21,339 dogs and cats have died at the hands of PETA workers. In light of this report PETA is going to want to know if

their spokesidiots know how to do simple, life saving tasks such as opening a can of cat food or pouring water in a dog's bowl. (1 point)

Accounting Skills- Let's face it folks, when it comes to PETA it's all about the money and they are going to want to know if you can count the cash. (40 points)

The Nudity Test- Really, about the only thing PETA members do well is take off their clothes for the protest pictures, so they are going to want to see what you look like in your birthday suit. (Their philosophy is that people won't be interested in facts if they are busy looking at nude bodies.) If you look like ancient PETA members Angelica Huston and Cloris Leachman don't worry, PETA will cover you up with lettuce and cabbage leaves. But you WILL NOT become a PETA Ambassador. (40 ~ points)

Editor's Note! You hay notentiat the our total score does not add up to 100 points. Hey, we never said these were the smartest centerfolds in the book.

During this time of year, what the record was on the field no longer matters. What matters is the amount performance and heart these players gave.

Even if Ozona didn't have the best record in all sports this year, we still have award-winning athletes that perform as well, or even better, off the field.

Flipping through that night's banquet program, comments could be read that stated "dedication and hard work was obvious to coaches, athletes and fans," "each of these students were essential," "all the players will take with them the lessons learned on the court and carry them forth into their own lives," "the ladies have taken large strides and made leaps and bounds in a positive direction," "we played well and we came together as a team" and "although character will not win games by itself, it is a vital component for building a program and its success.'

The lessons athletes learn on the athletic field are often ones learned during practice, traveling to games or after the game when the coach pulls the athlete aside and tells them they did a good job despite the loss.

Ozona athletes have character, heart, talent, charisma and are some of the finest around when they put their mind to it. These athletes deserved the honors they received last week.

They deserve the support the community showed them that evening. They deserve the continued support of all Ozona citizens win or lose.

quires sacrifice, self-discipline, self-motivation, a strong mind and most important: Lion Pride.

It means getting up at 6 a.m. to go run three miles up hills and over rock terrain. It means staying late to make sure you get that play down just right. It means standing in the gym, all alone, and shooting free-throws until you make 10 in a row.

It means braving the heat to pitch a double-hitter in a tournament full of teams twice your size

It means hitting golf balls and tennis balls over and over until that one perfect shot comes into play.

It means having Lion Pride.

Even those of us who have only been Ozona citizens for a short time can see that Lion Pride was alive and well at last week's banquet.

The community of Ozona should be proud of their student athletes. For they are not only athletes, they are the leaders of our community.

They are leaders of all communities in our great nation.

In this year's senior class, these student athletes are aiming to become nurses, engineers, law enforcement officers, entrepreneurs, teachers and leaders in the U.S. Military.

As these young men and women grow and face life's challenges, they will think back to the times as they stepped on the field, the track, the starting line or the court.

They will remember "Every Step Lion Pride."

House bill raising exemption on franchise tax to \$1 million moves to Senate

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The House on May 4 approved HB 4765, legislation to raise the small business exemption to the state margins tax from \$300,000 to \$1 million but only for years 2010-11.

The primary author of the bill was Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville. One of the bill's four co-authors, Rep. Bill Callegari. R-Katy, said the timing of the new margins tax could not have been worse on Texas businesses because tax bills came due right as the economy began to worsen.

"By raising the revenue exemption, small businesses will get some needed relief to help deal with the terrible aftershocks of the economic crisis," he said.

Next, the Senate Finance Committee will consider the bill.

The margins tax has evolved over recent sessions of the Legislature.

The 2005 Legislature, in its 3rd called session, revised the state's franchise tax to by basing it on gross margins and businesses with total revenue of less than \$300,000 were exempted from paying the tax.

In 2007, the Legislature enacted a sliding scale of franchise tax discounts for businesses with revenue between \$300,000 and \$900,000.

SENATE APPROVES CHIP BILL

Families that earn more than the federal poverty level but still can't afford health coverage would be able to buy into state health insurance for their children under SB 841 passed by the Senate on May 6.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) covers families whose annual income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$44,000 for four-member family.

Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, said his bill aims to make it so families "will have the opportunity to pay part of the premium, so that they can grow into fully paying for their own health insurance for their own children."

SB 841 would create a program where families that make up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, about \$66,000 for a family of four, could pay part of the premiums and buy in to CHIP coverage.

The bill moves to the House for further consideration. DPS CHIEF RESIGNS,

INTERIM NAMED

Col. Stanley Clark, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety since September 2008, announced his resignation on May 4 after allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace against him were made public.

Allan B. Polunsky, chair of the Texas Public Safety Commission, the agency that oversees the DPS, accepted Clark's resignation and named Lamar Beckworth of Austin as the interim director. Col. Beckworth has been a DPS officer for 31 years. He is the first African-American to lead the agency.

AG CHIEF REQUESTS FIRE ASSISTANCE

North Texas wildfires over Easter weekend and recent weeks contributed to losses estimated at more than 220,000 acres of pasture, roughly 1,500 miles of fence and almost 500 cattle and calves.

Wildfires cost Texas farmers

and ranchers about \$35 million during March and April, and Agriculture Commissioner Todd ' Staples said that is why he has requested USDA assistance. In a May 5 letter to U.S. Depart-

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Tom Vilsack, Staples asked for access to emergency loans and other forms of needed assistance for producers in 18 counties including: Archer, Baylor, Callahan, Clay, Cooke, Eastland, Hamilton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Shackl eford, PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 10

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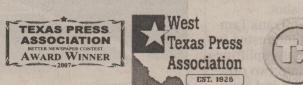
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State Comptroller to visit Ozona May 22

Texas State Comptroller-Susan Combs will be visiting Ozona at 12:30 p.m. May 22 at the Ozona Chamber of **Commerce and Visitor Center** Conference Room.

Combs visit is open to the public. Please stop by before leaving for the Memorial Day weekend break.

Elected by the people of Texas in 2006, Susan Combs serves as the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Texas Comptroller's office was originally created by the Texas provisional government in 1835.

The Comptroller is the chief steward of the state's finances, acting as tax collector, chief accountant, chief revenue estimator and chief treasurer for all of state government.

As Comptroller, Combs was one of only three women named to Government Technology's 2009 list of the Top 25 "Doers, Dreamers and Drivers," recognizing leaders who use technology to solve problems, meet evolving expectations and operate more efficient government operations,

mand for improved services, www.window.state.tx.us.



SUSAN COMBS

Combs' efforts to reengineer the Comptroller's office propelled the state to analyze expenses and use electronic tools to offer a transparent look at government spending.

She brought the agency into the 21st century, and by leading the charge with transparency, she's now helping other state agencies and local governments open their books and identify ways to spend smarter.

Combs won back-to-back elections in 1998 and 2002 to serve as Texas Agriculture Commissioner, taking the reins as the first woman elected to the office.

For more on Combs, and In recognizing the de- the comptroller's office, visit



CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND COURTHOUSE ANNEX employees enjoyed Cinco de Mayo last week with a barbecue meal by "Chef" Bear Borrego.



CARE CENTER EMPLOYEES hosted a Mother's Day cookout on May 8 where they served up a feast for residents and staff.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, May 13 Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. • CCCCSD Board of Trustees special meeting, 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, May 14

 Census Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett Room. • Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, May 15

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Del's Little Schoolhouse Graduation, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Saturday, May 16

 CERT Training, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Crockett Room. Monday, May 18

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• CCCCSD Board of Trustees special meeting, 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Tuesday, May 19

OHS Track Team at the Regional Meet in Odessa.

 Reception honoring Superintendent Abe Gott, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Wednesday, May 20

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

OHS Track Team at the Regional Meet in Odessa.

 CCCCSD Board of Trustees regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

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May 13 - Charlotte Harrell, Krislyn B. Longoria, Antonio Carreon and Ebony Ramirez

May 14 - Miguel Camarillo

May 15 - Juan I. Mendez, Jesus Esparza, Libby Moore, Blair Chandler, Rylee Ramos, Alejandra Camarillo, Melony Moran, Marge Smith and Al Fields

May 16 - Elva Oritz, Stephanie Galindo, Martha Villarreal, Lori De Hoyos and Vanessa Guadarrama

May 17 - Vicki Childress, Vickie ____Villarreal, ____Senovio Oritz, Heather Thompson and Freddy Fierro

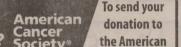
May 18 - Frank Moran Jr., Jennifer Holmsley and Michael

CERT training May 16 and May 23

The C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) will be conducting another training for anyone interested in becoming a member of the C.E.R.T. in Crockett County.

The trainings will be from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. on May 16 and May 23 at the Crockett Room.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS Ghana on the West Coast of Africa is new exhibit

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Ghana on the West Coast of Africa is the subject of a new exhibit at the library. Roy Harrell visited and worked in Ghana many times over the years and was present in 1957 when Ghana gained its independence from Great Britain. There was much optimism and jubilation as Kwame Nkrumah became Ghana's first president. The British withdrew, leaving a well orga-

Ghana was the first black African

country to throw off the shackles

of colonialism. The future looked

bright. Over time, however, Nkru-

mah bankrupted the country with

his grandiose public works proj-

ects and vast expenditures on un-

needed programs. Today, Ghana,

which was the Gold Coast before

its independence, is again rela-

tively prosperous after its rocky

beginning.

and the United States.

the population of over 12 million. In addition, there is a textile of it. For instance, by establishmill, which produces the colorful ing schools based on European Dutch wax print cottons of everyday clothing. Weavers produce the famous kente cloth, long strips or Portuguese, facilitating interof woven cotton or silk cloth in a country communications. Within of a Scottish merchant and a Ghabright colors and patterns, which a search African country there are unatan woman from Cape Coast, when sewn together, make the biterally hundreds of languages beautiful traditional robes worn or dialects spoken. With fewer by both men and women. Local languages spoken, trade and gov- England. After blindness struck artisans produce pottery, woven ernmental business is conducted in old age, he could quote whole nized and funded infrastructure. baskets, jewelry, Western-type clothing, musical instruments, tribal masks, fertility dolls and the famous Ashanti stools on which the elders sit. Religion in Ghana is an amalgam of beliefs. Various forms of Christianity have been superimposed on the ancient, traditional animist ones. Christian missionaries brought education to Ghana long before the government established elementary schools. Children educated in these missionary schools developed a loyalty for the school and the church it represented. Therefore, to this day, you will find many married couples who do not share a church but each belongs to the church in which he or she was educated. It is considered normal. The peoples of the northern part of Ghana, bordering Burkina Faso, are mostly Muslim. While the colonial period of

on with disdain by most Afri-Farming and fishing sustain cans, there are those who will admit that some good came out methods, all educated Africans speak English, French, Spanish

uated from universities in Britain African history is looked down books of the three denominations dating back to the 1920 and 1930s. Charlotte sang in the choir and learned to sing the psalms. Among our favorite friends was the Rev. Francis Charles Ferguson Grant, head of the Methodist Church in Ghana, whom Roy first met in the 1950s. He was the son and brilliant. He received his doctorate from Oxford University in

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Ghana is rich in resources. It has produced much of West Africa's gold, diamonds, cocoa, timber and hydroelectric energy. Kumasi in central Ghana is the seat of the old Ashanti Kingdom, which covered a great swath of central West Africa. Its people are among the friendliest and smartest in Africa. Accra, the capital city, boasts a large university, and there is a large middle class and a professional class, many of whom gradwith greater ease.

Roy and Charlotte live in Accra, the capital city, from 1980 through 1982, and made many friends. Charlotte played her flute in the National Orchestra and was President of the American Women's Club, which did a lot of charitable work in the county's orphanages. Roy was active in the local Masonic Lodge. Would you believe that they had to wear tuxes to meetings! Ghanaians are very formal due to the British influence. They both attended the Accra Ridge Church as associate members.

This interesting church was an experiment in ecumenism: the church had three ministers -Anglican (Ghanaian educated at Yale University), Methodist (Ghanaian educated at Emory University) and Presbyterian (a Scotsman educated at St. Andrew's in Edinburgh). We used old hymn

chapters of the Bible from memory. He was an eloquent preacher who lived to the ripe old age of 94, and his picture is a part of the library exhibit.

The Ghanaian economy was at low ebb during the 1980s and gasoline was scarce. However, the Harrells did manage to visit several old coastal castles, including Elmina Castle and Cape Coast Castle. These castles were built by Europeans beginning in the 1500s for all sorts of trade - timber, gold, diamonds and slaves. The turnover of merchants and missionaries was great due to deaths from malaria. West Africa was known as White Man's Grave. There is a sundial on the grounds of Elmina Castle, which Christopher Columbus was said to have consulted before he made his voyage to the New World. Enjoy the exhibit and calls us if you have any questions.

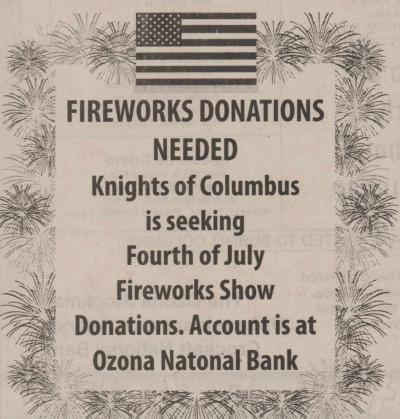
Monthly diabetes support group to meet May 21

The Wesley Nurse Pro- Church Fellowship Hall. gram hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 good continuation of the "Do meeting including cooking, E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Well, Be Well with Diabetes" the Ozona United Methodist class, but is open to anyone.

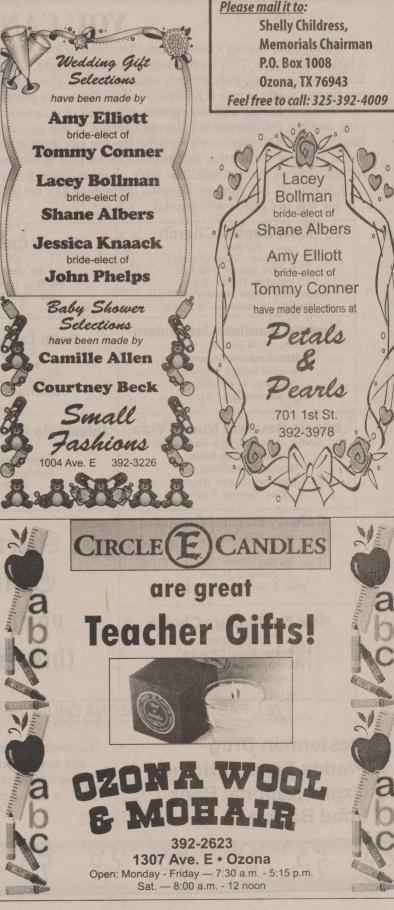
This support group is a ties are part of the monthly

Various topics and activi- search and general discussion. diabetes care, medications, re- 3060.

For more information, call



Romero



ROYALS: Team seeking sponsors, domations

from page 1

Brown said he was president of the league last year when players from Ozona started talking to him about forming a team.

Brown played professional ball with the San Angelo Colts and teams from Sioux Falls, Columbia, Mo. and Fort Worth.

"I wanted to bring back the love of the game," Brown said.

Members of the Royals are: Jeff Sanchez, Albert Talamantez, Abe Rodriguez, Josh Santos, Jaime Ramos, Miky Savala, Ryan Cathie, David Esparza, Luis Cruz, Rick Gonzalez, Jerold Savala, Joe Lira, Timo Mal-

donado, Michael Maldonado, Dean Fierro, Ryan Mason, P.J. Urbina, Mario Mendoza, Brian Badillo, Lalo Rodriguez and Chris Sanchez.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

of May and believe me everyone is busy with school activities.

plus degrees. I attempted to mother. My hat goes off to Center to play their favorite watch the OHS faculty run Nancy for her tenacity in car- past time game. These ladies against our track teram. I ing for her mother. stood in the heat about 20 minutes when I decided that both Jack and Terri Adams wasn't the place for me and were improving. Just keeping regular activities: square dance promptly left the activities. I getting better and we hope to lessons and dances, exercise also noted that the ambulance see both of you up and about class, bridge, bingo, home was standing by.

Dale Bebee is back from to have you back, Dale.

Here at the Crockett County Senior Center last Satur- will be having our Senior Bin- with stand and a screen. day night the Levis and Lace go Social at 6:30 p.m. at the Square Dancers had 40 people Senior Center. We will serve a we have a Wii game and three that attended. It was reported meal of brisket, potato salad, different simulating games. We to have been a really fine time beans, tortillas and ice cream are anxious for these games to for all who came.

It was very sad for all who

pleasure of knowing her.

cerning Jo Cox, that her daugh-Last week, on Friday, the ter Nancy was at the Care Cen- 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge temperature reached to 100- ter every day for care for her players come to the Senior

It was reported to me that always have a fun afternoon. soon.

Colorado and is attending our day, May 15. A big Happy Birth- computers that are on the inexercise classes. We are happy day to you Al from all of your ternet for seniors to use. friends at the Senior Center.

sandwiches for dessert.

The "Walk Two Miles" laknew her that Jo Cox passed dies are still faithful about 50 years young and older. We away last week. Jo was the doing this exercise every Mon- will remain flexible as to age.

mother of Nancy Hale and had day, Wednesday and Friday been a resident of the Crock- here at the Crockett County ett County Care Center. Jo will Senior Center at 8:30 am. You We are in the second week be missed by all who had the are welcome to join this group and get the exercise that you I would like to add, con- need to keep healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at are faithful about coming and

We continue to have our health, pool, canasta and puz-Also, everybody's friend Al zles. We also have a collection his three month vacation in Fields will be 96 years old on Fri- of books, magazines and three

> We have recently added to On Thursday, May 14, we our activities a new projector

> > Also for your enjoyment, be used.

Our activities are for those

DEATH NOTICES

Denzy Leatherwood

Denzy Leatherwood, 74, of Jacksboro, Texas, formerly of Andrews Texas, died May 4, 2009 at his home.

Services were May 8 at the Church of Christ in Jacksboro with interment at Dark Corner Cemetery.

Survivors are: Three daughters Diann Schooley and husband Lonnie of Cleburne, Texas, Deana Shockley and husband Don of Jacksboro. Texas and Debbi Meador and husband Craig of Jacksboro; three brothers H.D. "Sonny" Leatherwood of Springtown, Deuard Leatherwood of Jacksboro and Doy Leatherwood Sr. of Bryson; three sisters Eva Tabor, Sarah Turner and Linda Clower all of Jacksboro; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Coker Funeral Home, Jacksboro, Texas.

OBITUARIES

Pearl Pierce Riggs

Pearl Pierce Riggs was born April 2, 1915. She had a long and distinguished career as an educator spanning 34 years. She graduated from the then Sam Houston State Teacher's College with a degree in Art and a teaching certificate. She later graduated from the University of Houston with a Masters Degree in Education.

She was an accomplished painter in oils, watercolor, and China painting; leaving many examples of her talent for friends and family to cherish.

Ray Riggs thus beginning a 67 year long love affair that only intensified with age. They had a wonderful life punctuated with sometimes monthly trips around the United States, Mexico and Europe

On their eighth anniversary, their only child, a daughter was born, Marilyn Ray Casson. They also had four wonderful grandchildren who enriched their lives; Mary Ellen Phares, Beth Sims and her husband, Dr. Marcus Sims, Michael Lindsey and his wife Renee, and their beloved Stephen, who died in 1998. They were also blessed with one great granddaughter, Kelsey Anne Childress.

She is also survived by nieces and nephews too numerous to name that she loved so much.

The one universal comment personality and her willingness officiating.



to always help anyone in any cir-In 1938 she married Nolan cumstance. Her strong love of and faith in God and her church were the basis for these wonderful traits. She was a lifelong member of the First Methodist Church in Conroe.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, grandchildren, and anyone who came in contact with her. The fact that she was so very sweet and loving is a rare gift in today's world. The family takes comfort in the fact that she and Nolan are reunited in a love that transcends eternity and are joined by their beloved Stephen.

If she were here, she herself would be thanking yet again all the fine nurses with Medway Home Health in Ozona, Dr. Sims, and the wonderful ladies who took care of her; Romie, Norma, Mary and Rafaela.

Graveside Services were May at Conroe Memorial Park in about Pearl was her sweet loving Conroe with Reverend Sam Jones

as the new officenew officenew officenew officenew **BY TINA JARVIS**

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER Saturday night club mem-



TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS INC. NEWS District 1 holds 81st Spring Convention

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS INC.

District I of Texas Garden Clubs hosted the Texas Garden Clubs Inc. 81st Spring Convention April 21-23 in Midland. 'Sagebrush and Sequins" was the theme of the convention held at the Hilton Midland Plaza Hotel for 137 Texas Garden Club members, with TGC President Judy Keillor presiding. District VIII was well represented with Abilene GC sending 10 members for one day of the convention. Charlotte Harrell and Pamela Maresch represented the Ozona Garden Club.

Mayor of Midland Wes Perry welcomed our members to Midland, as well as Jean Mills, District I Director. Aside from the usual committee reports, members were delighted by Mary Pothress' design program "Design: Let's Have Fun." Fred Dunlop present-

John Hyde presented "Historical Midland" with pictures showing the early days of the town vs. the present.

President-elect Kathy Cox of El Paso presided over the Installation Banquet, while South Central Regional Director Linda Whetsell installed the slate of 2009-2011 state officers. Jacki Simmers of Midland was installed as the new state president. From Ozona, Charlotte Harrell was installed as TGC State Recording Secretary and Pamela Maresch was installed as the incoming District VIII Director. The Texas Garden Club theme for 2009-2011 administration is "Under the Green Umbrella," and District VII's theme is "Good Ole Days + Green." Green umbrellas will be on sale at the 2009 fall convention in Texarkana.

Despite the economic downturn, Texas Garden Clubs was

ed a program on gourds. Judge able to award \$6,000 in scholarships for 2009. All clubs are encouraged to support the TGC Scholarship Fund so that worthy students can be helped with their education.

The National Garden Clubs, jointly with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund, is encouraging individuals and clubs to plant pink flowers in their communities to make people more aware of the need to support breast cancer research and treatment.

During the past year, Texas Garden Clubs welcomed 10 new Texas Life Members and 10 new clubs were ratified, as well as nine affiliate clubs. At present, Texas Garden Clubs consists of 338 clubs, 54 affiliates and 19 councils for a total of 11,996 members.

The Texas Garden Clubs Inc. Fall Convention will be hosted in Texarkana by the Texarkana Council of Garden Clubs Oct. 21-23.



YOU CANNOT

I remember seeing a movie about two men in love with the same girl. One was the big athletic type while the other was a little skinny guy. They were going to have a fistfight to see who got the girl. The big fellow had his friends around him in his corner and they were already talking victory. The only one in the puny contestant's corner was the girl. He was scared but he was going to give it his best shot. As they were putting on the boxing gloves the girl told the puny contestant to give her his hand; He did and she secretly put a roll of quarters in his right hand and then helped him put on his glove. The bell rang and the two opponents started fighting. It was not long before the little contestant hit the big guy on the chin with a hard right and to everyone's surprise the big guy went down and was out for the count and the fight was over. It reminds me of some of the battles and difficulties we face in life and sometimes victory may seem impossible. However, if God is on our side we cannot lose. The Bible gives us hope. It says God will deliver us, (Deuteronomy 23:14 .Psalms 5:11, 32:7, 59:1, 69:29, 91:14). And my favorite, (Romans 8:31). Let us draw near to God and put our faith in him.

See you in Church next Sunday.		Brother J
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	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.
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bers Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Jim and JoAnn Couch, Rita Rios, Lucy Hinde, Tammi and Danny Monzingo, Frank and Debra Fed and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Tracey Dowell from McCauley, Texas.

Tracey kept us moving with plus and Mainstream calls and Line dancing between tips.

Tonight turned out to be family and friend night at Levis and Lace.

Danny and Tammi Monzingo's daughter, granddaughter and grandson visited, Carol Adcock's son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter and daughter joined us, Jim Couch's daughter, granddaughter and sonin-law joined us.

Jim's son-in-law will be returning to Iraq in a few weeks.

Birthdays celebrated towill not have a club dance at the end of the month so we celebrated his birthday tonight and Rita Rios.

Rita moved her birthday party to our dance and so we had a lot of young people and her family as guests.

RITA RIOS



As I said we had a great night were for Dale Bebee. We night full of fun, celebration, dancing and good times for everyone.

Square dancing is very much a family event. Square dancing is truly friendship set to music.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program May 22

The Nutrition/Food Pan- pes will be given. try program will be held at Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nuyour food money wisely. Reci- 3060.

The class is open to all in-

9:30 a.m. Friday, May 22, at terested persons. However, in the Ozona United Methodist order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call tritious foods and spending E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-

Card of Thanks

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals that submitted a bid for our Sports Banquet. We feel the banquet was a success and appreciate all of the athletes and parents in attendance. We hope to have continued support from local businesses and community members in the future.

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COURT: Animal Control moved under road department from page 1

Moore, who is retiring February 2010, said that the departarea over the last few years, which requires more work.

"It is less stressful on one individual," Moore said. "When I first started, I was just doing the roads and that was a lot easier job. However, this job works pretty good like it is. Only one man has to decide where to shift power."

All of the commissioners agreed that a detailed job description is needed before deciding any further on the position.

Moore also said that due to the economy, there are a lot of people without jobs and that new elevator for the Crockett someone out there may be able to fit this position. Moore also said no one in the road department has approached him about his position.

person's qualifications. This then they originally looked at gives us something to think installing. about. I think it's good if we can hire inside, but still there may be someone outside that can smaller elevator was feasible do this job," said Commissioner and that cost was not a consid-**Pleas** Childress.

'We have several issues chitect. here," added County Judge Fred Deaton. "We're going to be ment's rules on accessibility slowing down on a lot of what standards are changing at the we do. We all need to have our lend of the year, but he wasn't heads geared down toward re- sure if any of the changes will placing (Moore) sometime next help the museum. year. I think we should wait a little while before we make a ing on the elevator project since decision. We need a good job description and to be planning and working on this."

ANIMAL CONTROL **MOVED TO** ROAD DEPARTMENT

proved a motion to manage animal control out of the road department.

With the motion, the commissioners gave Moore the authority to hire an animal control said they like the current loofficer out of his department.

Moore said Petra Hernandez, who is currently working at the road department and part-time as a bailiff, expressed interest in used the building to get to all the position and will start work three floors by going outside

the county for 16 years. She previously worked as a deputy in board member. the sheriff's department. Her-

the act states.

Deaton said the sheriff's ofment has increased in the parks fice has stated that they will assist in issuing citations and helping with dangerous or biting animals.

> The commissioners also approved adopting Chapter 829 of the Texas Health and Safety Code declaring Crockett County population under 75,000 and making it exempt form the requirement of having a licensed animal control officer.

However, Moore said Hernandez was interested in becoming licensed.

MUSEUM ELEVATOR

Discussion took place on a County Museum.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation denied the museum's request for installing a 1,400-pound eleva-"All of this depends on the tor, which is a smaller elevator

> The request was denied due to not being able to prove the eration, said Henry Schmidt, ar-

Schmidt said the depart-

The museum has been work-July 2004.

Cost for the smaller elevator is around \$200,000, which is \$100,000 over what the museum planned.

"You can almost build a new The commissioners ap- building for what you can put an elevator in," Deaton said. "I'd rather see someone build a new building for that much money than a new elevator.'

> Museum Board Members cation of the museum and the multiple-story structure for displays

People in wheelchairs have as the new officer immediately, to get to the bottom floor and Hernandez has worked for using the elevator to get to the using the elevator to get to the third floor, said Cathy Carson,

"It's awkward but it can be nandez will also continue her done. We are handicap accessible to the bottom floor. If we put in the larger elevator, it might damage the structure," Carson said.

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bailiff duties as well.

During the April meeting, the commissioners approved adopting Chapter 826 on rabies from the Texas Health and Safety Code as a county ordinance.

Under the Rabies Control Act, a person can be charged if they fail or refuse to register or present registration for a dog or required to be registered under the ordinances or rules adopted by the county.

Punishment for violating the act is a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine not exceed \$500.

and cat owners must restrain work needed on the flood contheir animals, that each stray trol dams. Williams presented dog or cat can be declared a a list of recommended maintepublic nuisance and can be de- nance for each dam. Every year tained or impounded by the lo- the seven dams and channel cal rabies control authority.

Owners must also have their dogs or cats vaccinated against rabies by the time the animal is four months old and Texas Commission on Environat regular intervals thereafter, mental Quality.

Deaton said the museum should put out for bids on the elevator due to the economy. Deaton said the museum may be able to get some "decent bids."

"I would think that maybe cat they own and the animal is some contractors are out there that are hungry," Deaton said.

Schmidt said there would not be any additional cost, other than advertising, to put the elevator out for bids.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Ty Williams presented The act also states that dog a report on maintenance and have to be inspected, and the emergency action plan has to be kept up to date and on file with county officials and with the



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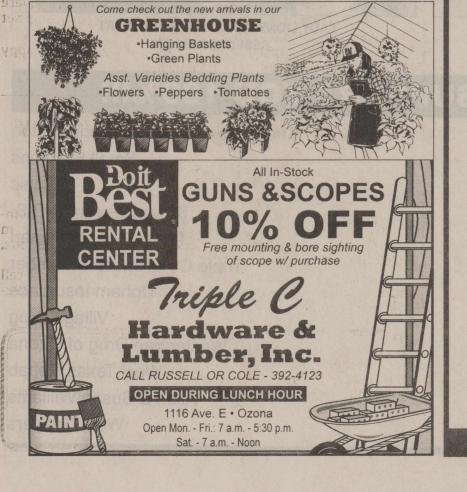
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TENNIS MVP - DEVON DIEHL



TENNIS FIGHTING HEART -STEFAN WILSON AND BRITNI MITCHEL (not pictured)



GOLF MVP -JOSH SMITH



GOLF FIGHTING HEART -KELSEY CHILDRESS AND STEFAN WILSON





LADY LIONS CROSS COUNTRY MVP -REBECCA RAMOS



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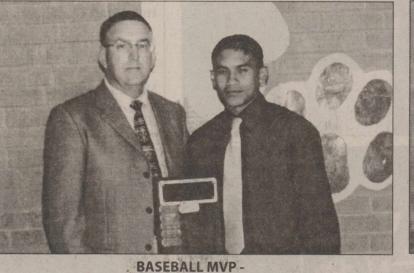
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SOFTBALL MVP -ALYSHA LARA



SOFTBALL FIGHTING HEART -CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ



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BASEBALL FIGHTING HEART -ANTHONY VILLARREAL



LADY LIONS BASKETBALL OFFENSIVE MVP -VANESSA RODRIGUEZ

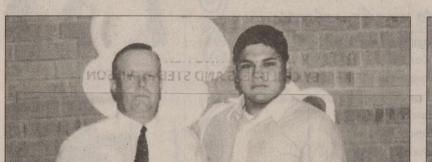


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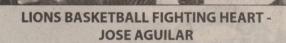






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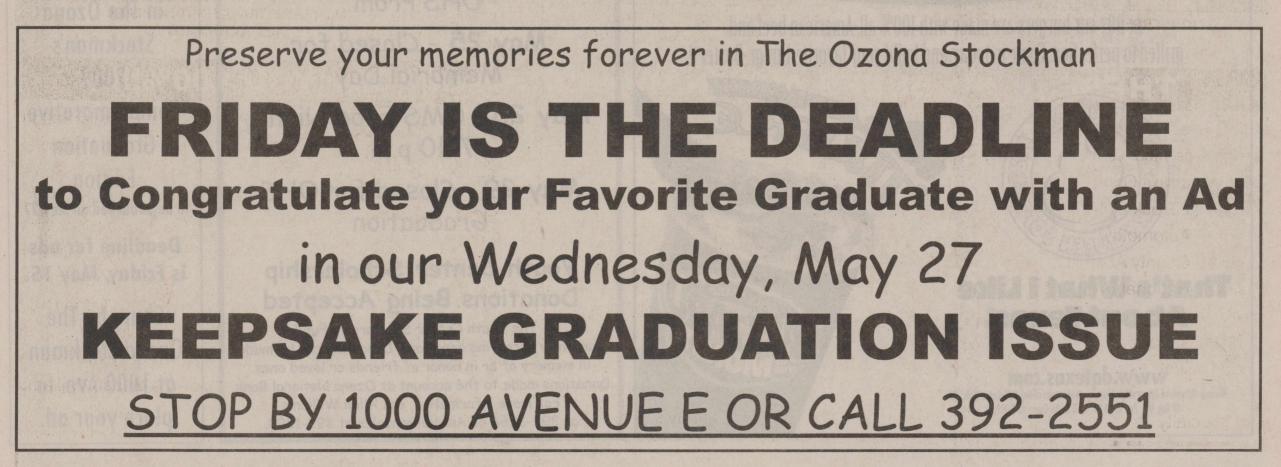
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OHS hosts annual FISH CAN LINDA THOMPSON | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

TOP: 2009 – 2010 OHS Cheerleaders - Johnny Kolster, Vanessa Rodriguez, Jadyn Poindexter, Brandon Tebbetts, **Rebecca Ramos and Clarissa Burciaga** showed off their spirit as tour guides at the May 4 OHS Fish Camp. RIGHT: 2009-2010 Freshmen and their parents assembled for Fish Camp. Amanda Jackson and Cindy Webb, OHS counselors, presented high school credit and graduation information to the group around the theme, "Hot Dog! We're in High School! Hot on the Trail, Dedicating Ourselves to Greatness!" To complete the evening, hotdogs and refreshments were served in the commons area. Any incoming freshman who did not attend Fish Camp should visit the counselors to discuss their schedules for next year.



End of School Events Calendar

May 15 - Del's Little Schoolhouse Graduation, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

May 19-20 - Regional Track Meet in Odessa.

May 21 - OHS Academic Awards, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

May 22 - OHS Senior Class Trip.

May 23 - OHS Prom at the Civic Center

May 24 - OHS Baccalaureate, 8 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

May 27 - PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Awards, 9-10:30 a.m. at the intermediate school gym; Eighth Grade Promotion, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium; Ozona Head Start Graduation at the Civic Center.

May 28 - Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Awards, 9-10:30 p.m. at the intermediate school gym.

May 29 - OHS Graduation, 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

June 5-6 - State Track Meet in Austin.



OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER held their annual graduates sing "Goodbye" during their graduation ceremony on May 6 at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This year's graduates are: (left to right) Kerstin Perez, Westyn Hubbard, Adam Hopper, Madison Bullard, Jadon Waggy and Chance Criswell.



Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

2009 0745 Seniors are invited to make selections Have Made Gift Selections Kara Bird **Barbara** Caperton

Lathom Ducote Matthew Komechak Miranda Munoz **Chelsea** Spence

Have Gifts To Be Picked Up Daniel Anderson Ethan English Nathan Knox Melissa Miller

Heather Thompson

Wilson White

Reception Tuesday for Abe Gott

Say "goodbye" to Superintendent Abe Gott as he and his family move from Crockett County CCSD and Ozona to relocate in Blackwell.

Everyone is invited to drop by the Administration Building to enjoy refreshments and express well wishes from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at 797 Avenue D.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN VANESSA GUTIERREZ throws the "shot put" in the Youth vs. Adult track meet last weekend at Lion Stadium.



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Petals & Pearls 392-3978 701 1st St. NO. **Youth Center** Calendar of Events May 18 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m. May 23 - Closed for OHS Prom May 25 - Closed for Memorial Day May 26 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

May 29 - Closed for OHS Graduation

Youth Center Scholarship **Donations Being Accepted**

The Youth Center Scholarship Fund is currently accepting donations. Donations can be made in memory of or in honor of friends or loved ones. Donations made to the account at Ozona National Bank. For more information, call Allen Williams at 392-3266 or Annalu Gonzales at 392-1300



IOF HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMA JOHN ESPARZA competes in the triple jump at the the Youth vs. Adult track meet.



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Sixth grade participates in Marty Acton Memorial Field Day

BY JAIME TANKERSLEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, USDA-NRCS

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has sponsored the loni cal sixth grade field day for bruseveral years, but this year's so event had a new twist. The and Marty Acton Memorial Field Day, in its first annual appear-

of ance, was hosted by Jack and no Jodie Baggett of the Baggett de Ranch south of Ozona.

de Organizations present invis cluded the Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas Farm Bureau, AgriLife Extension, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District and local producers.

Field day volunteers gave presentations at stations located around the ranch headquarters. Sutton Page, Texas Farm Bureau representative, had the mobile Learning Barn on site. The trailer can display up to seven commodities with two sections being portable. The various commodities displayed in the Mobile Learning Barn include, corn, cotton, grain sorghum, pork, beef and dairy, to name a few.

Chase McPhaul, Crockett County Extension Agent, spoke about the opportunities available for those interested in the 4-H program. Mary Humphrey, Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, educated participants about wildlife, habitat conservation and then students engaged in a game called "Oh Deer!" Here students saw the direct effect of overhunting, under hunting and habitat degradation.



TY WILLIAMS talks to Ozona sixth-graders about the work efforts in the Johnson Draw behind Ozona Middle School during the Sixth Grade Field Day.

ager, had a special treat for the day's partakers. He gave dividuals in the community a working sheepdog demonstration at the ranch. Using voice commands, he and his dog were able to work and pen a herd of sheep in front of his audience.

were conducted by NRCS employees and covered soil, conservation and software and technology. A fourth location was in Johnson Draw behind the Ozona Middle School. Here, Ty Williams, District Conservationist in the Ozona Field Office, spoke to participants about the work that had been completed in the draw along with work and efforts needed to keep seven flood control structures in working order for the county. The Ozona Garden Club, local students and the NRCS planted bluebonnets in the draw behind could visually see the results in the draw, as Williams pointed out the hundreds of bluethis spring.

Randy Herring, ranch man- "The Johnson Draw Project was something that a lot of inhad a part in," Williams said, "we can all take pride in our work here, and use this as a tool to educate area students and producers."

The noon meal was pre-Three stations at the ranch pared by Crockett SWCD directors Jack Baggett, Pleas Childress and Ira Childress. Sharon Martin, Crockett SWCD technician, prepared all of the educational outreach material for the students and teachers. She provided each participant with a bag filled with fact sheets, snacks, pencils and other items that could be used back in the classroom.

> "Marty Acton was an exceptional individual," Williams notes, "this event truly reflects part of his passion for educating all of our area youth."

The first Marty Acton Methe school last year. Students morial Field Day will go down in the history books as a success, and will bring many more years of education and bonnets that have bloomed outreach for those that will be part of it in the future.

JACQUE MEDINA

ANGEL LOPEZ

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN





NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS were inducted during the Ozona Middle School awards ceremony on May 5 at the Civic Center. Back row (left to right): Katrece Hale, sponsor, Justiss Adkins, Alan Salazar, Nathaniel Valdez, Jonathan Arredondo, Harrison Gott, Jaramie Martin, Wade Allen, Lorenzo Hernandez, vice president, Bryce Gutierrez, Dalan Wilson and Michael Hill. Middle and front row (left to right): Tesla Caperton, Allie Black, Cynthia Garcia, Desiree Marshall, Savanna Rivera, Marley Tambunga, Jordyn Poindexter, Lazarae Rodriguez, Kayleen Elston, Vivian Medina, president, Deiya Hernandez, secretary, Sierra Trevino, Sierra Stokes, Abby Newton, Jadie Marshall, Sydney Mendoza and Lisa Dorrough.

Middle school hosts annual award ceremony

The Ozona Middle School rego, number sense; Alheld their annual Academic lie Black, 2nd oral reading, 2nd Awards on May 5 at the Civic modern oratory and listen-Center.

Sixth Grade - Alan Salazar, number sense and 1st maps; Alexis Aguilera, math; Alexis Perez, music memory; Aliyah Guerra, 1st oral reading and music memory; Bryce Gutierrez, 5th number sense, 1st spelling, 1st math and 6th ready writing; Chellil Gonzales, number sense and math; Cole Parker, 5th art; Dalan Wilson, 5th maps; Harrison Gott, 2nd maps; Jadie Marshall, oral reading, 4th dictionary and 1st listening; Janna Munsell, art; Jaramie Martin, 4th spelling and 5th listening; Keyanna Perez, oral reading and dictionary; Krislynn Harris, calculator, dictionary and listening; Marissa Held, 6th number sense, spelling and calculator; Meagan Espinosa, oral reading, music memory and art; Megan Bullard, spelling and calculator; Morgan Espinosa, music memory and dictionary; Nathaniel Valdes, maps; Ricky Porras, art and calculator; Ryan Porras, listening and math.

Seventh Grade - Abby Newton, 1st art, 5th maps, 6th calculator and 3rd editorial; Daisy Guerra, oral reading, impromptu and art: Desiree Marshall, spelling, 2nd science I and 3rd ready writing; Deya Hernandez, modern oratory; EZ Rivas, spelling, 6th impromptu and math; Jonatan Arredondo, 3rd maps and 2nd science I; Josiah Jurado, modern oratory, maps and science I; Kyann Hernandez, 4th oral reading; Lazarae Rodriguez, 4th spelling; Jordyn Poindexter, 2nd oral reading and calculator; Lisa Dorrough, 2nd maps, calculator, 5th listening and 6th math; Logan Glaspie, 2nd spelling; Lorenzo Hernandez, 3rd oral reading; 1st impromptu; 4th listening and science I; Michael Molina, listening; Nancy Rodriquez, math; Rebecca Hernandez, art; Ruben Solis, dictionary; Samantha De La Garza, art; Saul Benson, number sense and math; Sierra Stokes, number sense, dictionary and listening; Sydney Mendoza, number sense and calculator; Tyler Galindo, impromptu and Vivian Medina, 5th number sense, 1st modern oratory

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art; Brianna Cervantez, spell-

ing; Cuatro Jones, 1st oral reading, third number sense and dictionary; Cynthia Garcia, 1st art, 5th dictionary and calculator; Elisa Tambunga, dictionary and math; Ingred Silva, spelling and calculator; Jason Badillo, science II; Jessica Borrego, oral reading and calculator; Joaquin Meza, spelling and 2nd listening; Jon David DeHoyos, impromptu, number sense and math; Marley Tambunga, number sense, maps and 4th editorial writing; Sabrina De La Garza, 3rd oral reading and impromptu; Sam Maskill, 6th science II; Sierra Trevino, 4th spelling, modern oratory, maps and listening; Tesla Caperton, 1st modern oratory, 1st maps, calculator, 5th math and 2nd ready writing and Tres Perez, number sense, modern oratory, science II and ready writing. TEACHER

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Sixth Grade: English and Morgan Espinsosa

Math - Nydia Valdez, Dan-

Reading - Nancy Rodriguez and Angelina Ramos Science - Jonatan Arre-

ing; Arleen Castillo, calculator; Brandon De Hoyos, impromptu dondo, Desiree Marshall and and art; Brandon Dominguez, Lorenzo Hernandez

PE - Sydney Mendoza and Michael Molina Computers - Saul Benson

and Kyann Hernandez GT - Vivian Medina

Fine Arts - Sierra Stokes

Eighth Grade: English - Allie Black and Alex Borrego

History - Cynthia Garcia and Cuatro Jones

Math - Blake Morrow, Christian Perez and Sabrina De La Garza

Reading - Kodi Glosson, Joaquin Meza and Sierra Trevino

Science - Tesla Caperton and Marley Tambunga

Band - Joaquin Meza and Tesla Caperton

Computers - Chelsea Gonzales and Stephanie Cervantes Art - Alex Borrego and Ar-

leen Castillo GT - Tesla Caperton PE - Allie Black

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade - Wade Allen, Bryce Gutierrez, Tanya Reed Harrison Gott, Bryce Gutierrez and Jadie Marshall

Seventh Grade - Jonatan Lombrama and Bethany Arredondo, Lisa Dorrough, Vivian Medina, Abby Newton, Jordyn Poindexter, Savannah Rive-





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PPCD students celebrated Cinco de Mayo last week by decorating their bicycles and riding them around their building.

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History - Alan Salazar, Jadie Marshall and Harrison ra and Sierra Stokes Gott

GT - Bryce Gutierrez Reading - Nathaniel Valdes,

Jayton Rodriguez and Melissa Lozano

Science - Dalan Wilson, Justice Adkins and Wade Allen PE – Michael Hill, Nathaniel Valdes, Melissa Lozano and Rebecca Mata

KB-Hale – Behany Martinez KB-Deaton - Kaylenn Elston

KB-Crawford - Jadie Marshall

Band - Jaramie Martin and Aliyah Guerra

Seventh Grade: English -Deya Hernandez, Charli West, Logan Glaspie

Band - Lorenzo Hernandez and Sydney Mendoza

Math - Lisa Dorrough, Savannah Rivera and Vivian Medina

History - Sierra Stokes, Eighth Grade - Alex Bor- Abby Newton and Jordyn Poin- and Michael Ybarra

Eighth Grade - Allie Black and Tesla Caperton

A-B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade - Kaylenn Elston, Chellil Gonzales, Jaramie Martin, Tanya Reed, Alan Salazar, Nathaniel Valdes, Nydia Valdes and Dalan Wilson

Seventh Grade - Lorenzo Hernandez, Desiree Marshall, Sydney Mendoza,

Eliseo Montanez and Nancy Rodriguez

Eighth Grade - Jessica Borrego, Cynthia Garcia, Ingred Silva, Marley Tambunga and Sierra Trevino

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Avni Bahkta, Mariana Camrillo, Brianna Cervantez, Sabrina De La Garza, Matthew Galindo, Logan Glaspie, Raynaldo Martinez, Rigoberto Rodriguez, Noah Tambunga, Nydia Valdes, Jalynn Vargas, Michael Vargas



FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL FIRST EVER YOUTH VS. ADULT TRACK MEET held this past weekend at Lion Stadium. UIL officials rescheduled all sporting events due to the N1H1 (swine flue) alert, so Ozona Girl's Track Coach Kristie Williams got creative and organized the event to help keep the regional qualifiers in top form until the rescheduled regional meet on May 19-20 in Odessa.

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rockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for M	ay 2009:
Persons Placed in Jail	34
Persons Released from Jail	26
Persons Currently Incarcerated	11
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	7
Prisoner Housing Cost - on March	\$5,883
Calls for Service	349
911 Calls Received	92
911 Actual Emergencies	66
Civil Papers Received Total	12
Civil Papers Served	8
Civil Paper Unserved	15
Justice Peace Fines Received	\$1,953,49
Civil Fines Received	\$0
County Clerk Fines Received	\$0
Bond Fees Received	\$330
Misc. Receipts	0
Accidents in County Vehicles	0
Number of Deputies Injured	0
Traffic Citations Issued	22
Constable Served Civil Papers	0
Constable Transported Inmates	2
Constable Traffic Citations Issued	7

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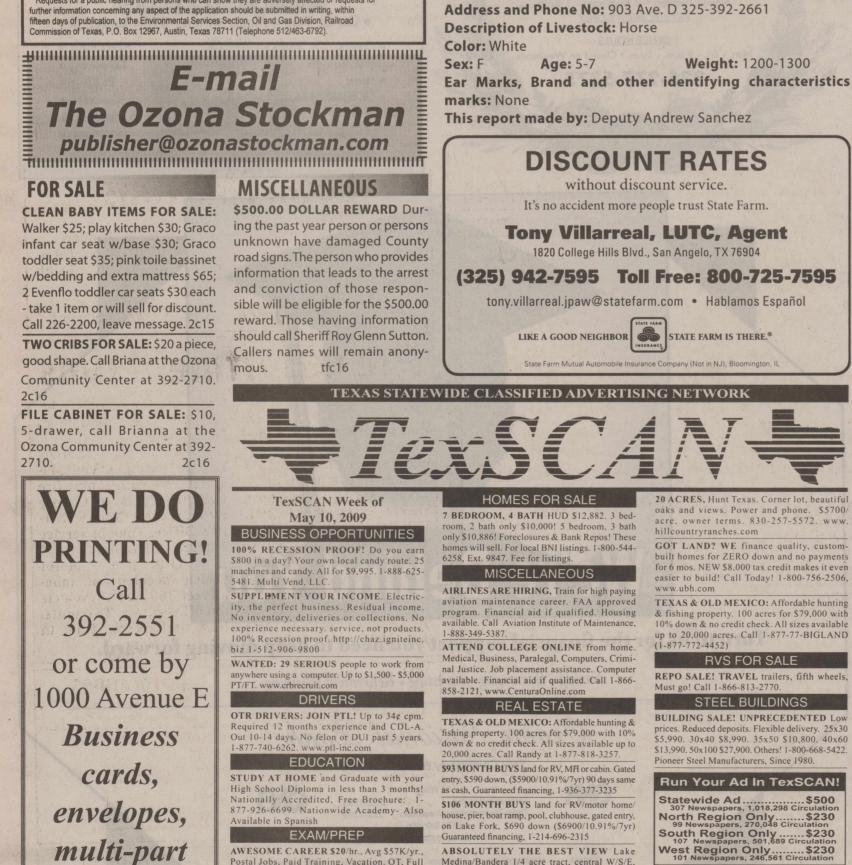
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Person in Charge: Sheriff RG Sutton

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