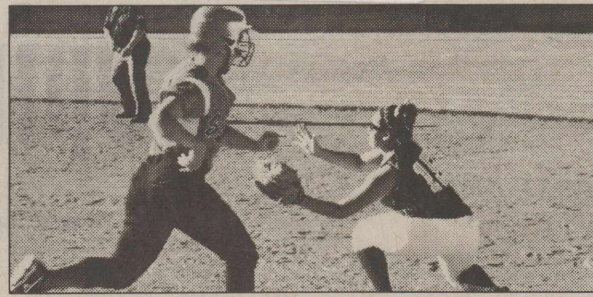




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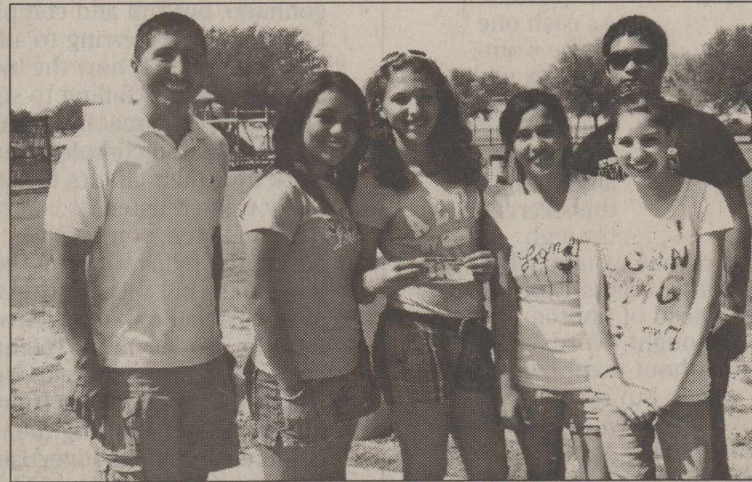
EGGCELLENT Easter Celebration



THE ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT was held Sunday in the Swimming Pool Park. There was also a scavenger hunt for older children and teens. The Knights of Columbus would like to say thank you to all the people that donated prizes or eggs. The park was full of different types of eggs and there were several types of prizes. Also, a special thanks to Easter Bunny Vivian Medina, DJ "TKO" for providing the music and the businesses that participated in the scavenger hunt, Duckwalls, Super S Grocery Store, Sonic, Dollar General, Holiday Inn, Dairy Queen and Town & Country Convenience Stores. "There were 25 older youth that participated in the scavenger hunt and they all did pretty good until the last riddle they had to solve," said coordinator Frank Tambunga. "Overall, it was a good day and a good turn out. We will be doing another scavenger hunt on the Fourth of July a little bit bigger and more prizes so I hope everyone gets ready for it."



FIRST PLACE SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS: Benny Badillo, Angel Aguilar and Richard Gomez.

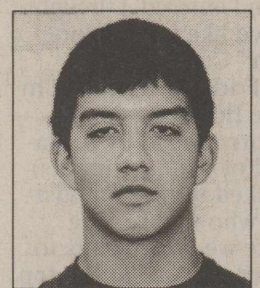


SECOND PLACE SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS: Lazarae Rodriguez, Barbara Villarreal, Nick Villarreal, Jacinda Villarreal and Stephanie Salinas.



THIRD PLACE SCAVENGER HUNT WINNERS: Tamara Fay, Cambry Fierro and Lauren Najar.

Hernandez named to All-West Texas Teams



**ZANE
HERNANDEZ**

Zane Hernandez has been named to the All-West Texas Boys Basketball Super Team and to the

Class 2A Team.

The Super Team is comprised of players from 1A-5A teams.

"That is quite an honor," said Coach Ted Rohan.

The 6-4, OHS Junior Forward was a dominant force inside for the Lions, according to the San Angelo Standard-Times, which selects the All-West Texas teams.

He averaged 21.1 points and 11 rebounds per game to earn co-offensive MVP honors in District 4-2A.

He helped Ozona go from last place in 2009 to a playoff contender finishing the season at 15-9.

Precinct 4 Commissioner runoff early voting ends Friday, Election Day Tuesday

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Early voting continues this week in the April 13 runoff election for Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Early voting will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse annex and will run through Friday, April 9.

The runoff election will be April 13 and voting will be held at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

On the ballot are incumbent Commissioner Alfredo Tobar and challenger Eligio Martinez.

In the March Primary Election, Tobar captured the most votes with 97, followed by Martinez at 80, Dee Montanez with 64 and Jesse De La Garza at 43.

For more information, call the tax office at 392-2674.

Congressman visits with local educators

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez visited with local educators and school board members during one of his West Texas stops Monday.

Rodriguez spoke to the small group about education and funding the district has received from the stimulus package.

Rodriguez said Crockett County CCSD has received around \$69,123 in Title I education funds and \$147,744 in special education funds.

He also said that the stimulus package "beefed up" grants and student loans for colleges.

"For our national defense, we need to beef up on education," Rodriguez said. "That to me is essential."

The San Antonio Representative also spoke on the recent healthcare reform bill that passed. Rodriguez, like many other Democrats, voted in favor of the bill.

"In my personal opinion,



CONGRESSMAN CIRO RODRIGUEZ visits with Ozona Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson as Ozona High School teacher Cathy English looks on during a meeting Monday with local educators at the Administration Building.

Texas will benefit the most. We have the largest uninsured population," Rodriguez said of the bill. "We pay twice as much for healthcare as any other nation. We are hoping that in the next 5-10 years 94 to 95 percent of the people will be insured."

Rodriguez said there will be no impact to small businesses under the new bill,

but that small businesses will be able to come together and purchase health insurance under better rates.

He also said that one out of three people in his district, which covers as far west to El Paso to down in the South Texas Valley, are without health insurance,

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UIL announces realignments for cross country, academics and spring sports

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The only sport where Ozona will face different teams next year will be in football.

The UIL announced District Realignment results last week for cross country, academics and spring sports events.

Ozona is in a district with some big contenders, including Ballinger, Brady, Grape Creek, Sonora and Wall. This is the same district as basketball, which was announced in February.

This district will be for all sports and academics next year, except for football.

The Lions will face a different set of teams in football next year. That district is San Saba, Coleman Harper, Junction and Sonora.

Class 2A split into two divisions next year, creating the two different districts.

Ozona went Class 2A Division II, which are schools with smaller enrollment numbers. Ozona's high school enrollment submitted was 211 students. The break number was 293.5.

Superintendents voted in favor in 2009 to split 2A into the two divisions. The vote was 121-75.

Current district rivals Alpine, Crane and Kermit stay together and gain western opponent Tornillo, while Presidio moves up to Class 3A.

Reagan County moved down to Class 1A.

The UIL releases reclassification and realignment every two years.

For more information, visit www.uil.utexas.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High-speed Internet looking to grow in rural areas

Dear Editor,

The 21st century is hitting Texas with a new challenge in preserving and improving our way of life. It is a challenge that Texas faces in maintaining our beloved rural lifestyle while ensuring all Texans have equal access to quality jobs, health care, and education.

With high-speed Internet connectivity we have the opportunity to access quality jobs, information, and vital services like telemedicine, e-government, and

education without having to be near an urban core.

As community leaders, you are a key part in informing the communities where you live about the importance of high-speed Internet. Your contribution to this process will not only ensure prosperity in your community, but also economic, educational, and quality of life opportunities for all Texans.

I want to provide you an update on the Texas Department of Agriculture's Connected Texas

initiative to increase rural high-speed Internet availability.

In January, Texas was awarded approximately \$3 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to immediately begin a broadband mapping and planning initiative. We have been working with the state's broadband providers to develop a comprehensive map of the high-speed Internet services in Texas. The

map is scheduled for release in Spring 2010.

However, this map is only one step in the process. In September 2009, Connected Texas launched its website, www.connectedtx.org. Connectedtx.org allows people to test their current Internet speed, provide feedback on service in their area, and share their personal stories of how broadband has impacted their lives.

These real-life experiences and personal stories show the

true impact of broadband in the Lone Star State. These stories will help verify our mapping process, showing us where high-speed Internet is and, maybe more importantly, where it is not. These stories will help show us how Texans view the impact of high-speed Internet on their daily lives.

I urge you to encourage your friends, family, and community members to visit Connectedtx.org to share their experiences about broadband.

I am excited about your help

in this important program, which will help Texas grow and prosper.

For more information please visit www.ConnectedTX.org or contact Erin Flournoy, Stakeholder Relations Associate for Connected Texas, at EFlournoy@ConnectedNation.org and (202) 288-3633.

Chandra Eggemeyer
Rural Economic Development
Texas Department of Agriculture
San Angelo, Texas

I Am

Two weeks ago I traveled to Austin to participate in a retreat. I wrote about my drive to and from Austin last week.

However, this week I must share one of the exercises we were asked to do during the event. This was one of those self-help retreats. I had won it in an online contest. When I entered, I thought that it sounded like fun thinking "I'll never win." Guess what?

So, on a Friday afternoon I'm sitting on the floor to a conference room surrounded by magazines. We (all of us participants) have been asked to make a poster reflecting who we are. The only guidance we are given is to write the words "I Am" at the top of the poster.

The leader states we can make these posters as concrete or as abstract as we want. "We can be deep thinkers or just have fun," she tells us.

We have to use the magazines to find pictures or words to illustrate all of this on the poster. I've done this exercise before. The "magazine exercise" is what I call it. No matter what the instructions are, the poster is always to come down to being a reflection of you. I always think this is fun. Cutting up magazines and pasting photos, sounds like scrapbooking to me.

I start looking furiously through all the different titles. I find a dog, cowboy boots, a cheeseburger (which makes me hungry because the only food we've had at this place has been healthy, not that healthy food is bad but I'm craving a juicy burger at this moment), ads for my favorite TV shows, and a photo of bluebonnets and so on.

I couldn't find a photo of a newspaper, so I glue one of my business cards to the top. The dog reminds me of my dogs, Jade and Sage. The cowboy boots remind me of my husband Paul and me on the ranch. You all know how much I like bluebonnets.

I also found a picture of an iPhone, which Paul calls my "brain," a guitar, I like music, Durango, Colo., one of my favorite vacation destinations, Anne Frank, my love of history, "The Phantom of the Opera," enjoy musicals and a UT Longhorn, Hook 'Em Horns.

I couldn't find a big picture of a cross to show my Christianity, so I pasted a small one and drew large ones around it. I also wrote Jeep, "Life is Good" and "Star Wars" on the poster.

Last, but not least, a photo of a Dr Pepper, my favorite drink. Did I mention that this place with the healthy food didn't serve Dr Pepper? When I did this exercise it was after lunch, I hadn't had one Dr Pepper all day and I was about to go into withdrawal.

An eclectic poster I thought. This is me. Every one of my photos and words said something



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

There was one woman who just cut out words to express herself instead of photos. How boring, I thought. Words are important, without them I wouldn't have a career, but out of all the colorful magazines all you could find was words?

Then there was the artist who cut out different photos, pasted them together and made them fit like an abstract portrait. How she did that in one hour I will never know? I scrambled to find all the photos I did. My favorite was the woman who cut out huge photos of other women and wrote words like "bold," "daring," "quiet" and "sexy" to describe her. She then stated how she plans on looking at this poster to help her focus.

Then, it was my turn. Anyone that knows me knows I am not a deep thinking person. I see life as it is. Not all black and white, I know there are gray areas, but I also know that digging too deep into things can often lead to boggling the mind instead of fixing the issue.

So, I held up my poster. Photo by photo I went through explaining each one and how they related to me and my life.

When I finished, every woman was starting at me with that "deer in the headlights look." I guess they expected something a bit deeper, more solemn or with more significant meaning.

Finally, one of the ladies goes "well, it seems you are a very playful person." Thank you, I said. That's me. I work hard, I play hard. I enjoy life every moment I can grab it. God made us all unique; thank goodness, including me and all my unique attributes.

Part of me wanted to tell these women that life is what you make of it, the rest is just gravy.

When I got home, I told Paul this story. We hung the poster on our refrigerator.

Leaving this retreat, I learned a lot including one thing, my life is pretty good. I have a loving family, a roof over my head, food on my table and God giving me directions.

I also learned, the next time I sign up for a retreat to make sure the place serves Dr Pepper.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She is a unique woman.

Filler Words



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Most people think that auctioneers are like politicians in that they both speak a bunch of meaningless gibberish, but unlike our elected leaders, auctioneers do occasionally say things of importance. I'm not talking about the numbers they call or the filler words they use like bidemupboys, doitagainnow, bidderbuyer or whaddaygonnado, but full and complete sentences. I am also not referring to all the speeches they make about how the bull or horse buying crowd is failing to see all the attributes of the animal in the ring. I am referring to full and complete sentences they work into their chants that they think only a few trained listeners can hear.

If you listen, you can hear auctioneers telling the fellas working the in and out gates to swing them a little faster, or they might say hello to a buyer who just walked into the sale pavilion. Talented auctioneers can work these sentences right into their chants so that only the trained ears of the buyers, clerks and ring men can hear them. It's like subliminal advertising where the message is hidden, or not readily apparent.

It's true that many people just don't understand what the auctioneer is saying. Period. As proof I offer up the fact that we once sold 17 bulls to a fella who thought he'd only bought three, or the rancher who bought the high grading Longhorn bull when he wanted the Champion Charolais that sold next. Clearly they missed something. Even the pros sometimes have a

hard time understanding what some auctioneers say.

Auctioneers invariably think that they can talk faster than 99 percent of the people can listen, as if they are speaking Spanish to a bunch of Laplanders. They think only a chosen few are wearing the decoder ring and that they are akin to the Navajo code talkers in the war who were utilized to send messages in their native tongue so the Germans and Japanese could not understand them.

At purebred sales the auctioneer's complete sentences are most often aimed at the ring men who have very trained ears. Sometimes the words sting. Stanley Stout was known for routinely harassing his ring men in his chant. He often called attention to the fact that I was wearing the same clothes I wore 20 years ago or that I wasn't wearing a tie. Another auctioneer friend of mine routinely criticizes the bull in the ring, suggesting it should have been made a steer. He once carried on about the tight-fisted owner of the cattle we were selling that day. And the guy was sitting stone-like right next to him on the auction block! He didn't hear a word the auctioneer said.

I think auctioneer's do this for a couple reasons; it breaks the monotony and it's like a game to them. It's also very hard to do and it sets the good ones apart.

It's always been my opinion that people hear more than the auctioneers think they hear when they shoot from the lip. The fact that the crowd sits as still as a lawn ornament, showing no emotion, after the auctioneer has just told a joke or said something witty in his chant is not necessarily because they didn't hear it, sometimes it's just because the joke wasn't as funny or witty as the auctioneer thought it was.

The problem is you never know exactly just who is listening. One of my most memorable auction experiences happened at huge sale in a packed stockshow auditorium. When a ravishingly beautiful buckle bunny stood up in the crowd to leave the young, cocky auctioneer said rapidly in his chant for the ring men to hear, "Looky there, looky there. Makes you wish you weren't married, don't it?"

After the auctioneer completed what was supposed to be the first of two hitches that day his wife was right there to greet him with not-so-welcoming arms when he got off the auction block. With a twist of his ear theirate wife dragged her husband out of the arena for all the world to see, never to be seen again that day.

Proving my point that some people are better listeners than you might think.

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Officials foresee funding increases to meet growth in health care

AUSTIN — The federal government's passage of health care reform legislation in late March will have a big impact on Texas, as an estimated 6 million Texans have been going without health care insurance.

Reforms are expected to return billions of dollars to Texas through health insurance tax credits for middle class and low-income Texans and Medicaid coverage for the poorest citizens.

"Medicaid expansion to cover working poor parents of children on Texas Medicaid today will be 100 percent federally funded for three years, with the state getting nine federal dollars for each state dollar from 2020 on forward," said Anne Dunkelberg of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-partisan, Austin-based research and advocacy group.

"Twice as many now-uninsured Texans will gain coverage by purchasing affordable private insurance through the new Health Insurance Exchange as will gain Medicaid, bringing even more federal dollars to Texas with no state matching dollars required."

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

The reform keeps in place Texas' private insurance and health care delivery sector, while filling the gaps that have left too many Texans lacking care or overwhelmed by debt, she added.

Meanwhile, the Senate State Affairs Committee had a March 31 interim meeting, taking testimony from officials on the impact of health care reform here in Texas.

Insurance Commissioner Mike Geeslin suggested the fiscal impact on his agency would be large but uncertain, as there has not been a such a large policy undertaking in decades. He said the Department of Insurance will prepare for a range of scenarios and develop a consumer education effort.

Health and Human Services Commissioner Tom Suehs said expansions required by health care reform increase Medicaid eligibility up to 130 percent of the federal poverty level, potentially adding more than 2 million Texans to the Medicaid rolls.

H1N1 SHOTS

STILL RECOMMENDED Overall, flu activity in Texas is classified as sporadic but the state health department is continuing to encourage people to get the H1N1 flu vaccination now to protect themselves.

More than 50 hospitalizations and at least three deaths related to H1N1 influenza were reported in the month of March in Texas.

Health Commissioner Dr. David Lakey on March 31 said, "There is plenty of vaccine to go around. People who have not been vaccinated should do so now."

HUTCHISON

TO FINISH SENATE TERM U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced March 31 that she will complete her term in the Senate, which expires in 2012.

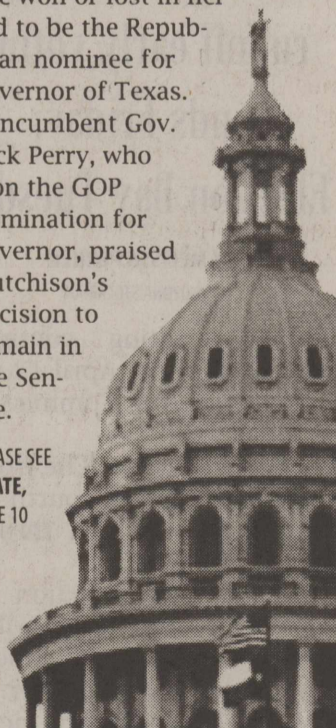
In her announcement delivered at San Antonio airport, Hutchison said, "For family reasons, I had planned to begin making a transition home to Texas this spring, but it is clear to me that the stakes in our nation's Capitol have never been higher. President Obama's

victory on health care legislation has emboldened those who want an even bigger and more intrusive federal government."

Hutchison, the ranking member of two powerful committees, had planned to resign from the Senate whether she won or lost in her bid to be the Republican nominee for governor of Texas.

Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry, who won the GOP nomination for governor, praised Hutchison's decision to remain in the Senate.

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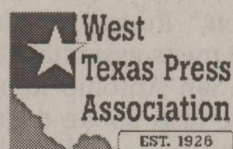
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CORRECTIONS

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DEBRA FORD was the winner of a new freezer from Super S Foods last week.

Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration April 14

Pre-registration for the 2010-2011 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at Ozona Elementary (Intermediate) School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 9 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1-4 p.m.

To be eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, 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 Sept. 1, 2010.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) Sept. 12, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school:

1. Hepatitis A
2. 4 yr. old booster (DTaP, Polio, and MMR)
3. Varicella (chicken pox)
4. Pneumococcal (PCV7)

Miercoles, 14 de Abril, 2010 sera la pre-matricula para pre-kinder y kinder en Ozona Elementary (Intermediate) School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 9:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. Para ser elegible en pre-kinder se requiere que el estudiante le falte el idioma ingles, poder participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o precio reducidos o ser sin hogar. El niño tiene que tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2010. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su niño/a (el del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Si su niño habla espanol se le tomara una prueba par a ver

Parents enrolling their children 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 Sept. 1, 2010. Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) 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 in Chap. 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 12, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school:

1. Hepatitis A
2. 4 yr. old booster (DTaP, Polio, and MMR)
3. Varicella (chicken pox)
4. Pneumococcal (PCV7)

si su niño califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer a su niño con Ud. También necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheque.

Estudiantes de kinder tendran que tener 5 años en o antes del 1 de septiembre 2010. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su niño/a (el del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social.

Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o después del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela:

1. Hepatitis A
2. La vacuna de 4 años (DTaP, Polio y MMR)
3. Varicela
4. Pnuemococcal (PCV7)



JAKE STEWART (middle) recently graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger Training on March 5. He is pictured with his parents Eddie and Kay Stewart of Ozona.

Stewart graduates from U.S. Army Ranger Training

Second Lt. Jake Stewart graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger Training on March 5. He is currently stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Ranger school consists of three phases. The first is physical training at Fort Benning. Second is the mountain phase in Dahlenoga, Ga., and the third is the swamp phase Camp Rudder, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Each phase lasts 21 days. Winter is the hardest time to go through Ranger School. It was the coldest winter in Georgia in 53 years. The class saw snow at every phase,

even in Florida.

The class began with 317 members and ended with 65 of the original group, a success rate of 21 percent. The soldiers are subjected to sleep deprivation, hunger and moving during night and day on different leadership maneuvers.

Kay and Eddie Stewart, of Ozona, and Lorelei Hankins, of Rocksprings, attended the graduation.

Jake is also a graduate from the Airborne School on April 1. This was also at Fort Benning, Ga. Later this year, he will be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

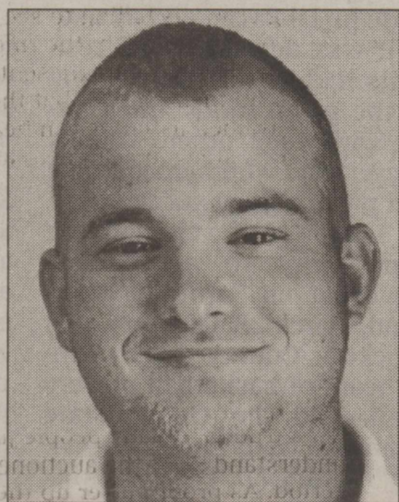
Hinrichs joins soil conservation office in Ozona

Hello Crockett County. My name is Tyler Hinrichs and I'm the new soil conservation technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Ozona.

I'm looking forward to working with all of Crockett County. I grew up in Port Isabel, Texas. While living there I was a member of the Boy Scouts of America where I learned about personal character, integrity, hard work, commitment and honesty. After living in Port Isabel for 13 years we moved to Lowake, Texas.

It took me about a year to adjust from the beach to the country. I graduated from Ballinger High School in 2005. I graduated in May of 2009 from Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree in animal science with a minor in range and wildlife management. While attending ASU, I was a member of the Angelo State Wool Judging Team. It was a rewarding experience to travel all over the nation competing in contests.

I enjoy fishing, hunting, trapping, kayaking, camping and working at the ranch. After graduating from college, I worked on a hunting and deer breeding ranch in Bandera as a Ranch Manager. I oversaw the daily activities which varied from filling protein feeders, analyzing deer consumption rates, conducting spotlight census, bottle feeding fawns, determining dates of the fawns, judging and aging of deer on the hoof in the pasture, monitoring and repairing fence, trapping of predators and constructing



a six-acre lake. I then took a job in Rocksprings to work on a larger deer breeding operation. The ranch had 250 deer in the breeding pens with genetics ranging from across the nation.

I look forward to starting my career with NRCS here in Crockett County and use my experiences to aid all that I will serve. I'm here to help, so please let me know if there is anything I can assist you with.

Happy 79th Birthday
to
Socorro Castro
on April 10

Family and friends
can come wish her a Happy
Birthday on Sat., April 10
from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
at the Crockett County
Care Center
Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 7

- TAKS Testing for Fifth and Eighth Grades at Ozona Schools.
- Lions and Lady Lions Golf Teams at the first round District Meet in Fort Stockton.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, April 8

- OHS Tennis Teams at the District Tournament in Big Lake.
- OHS Track Teams in the Wolve Relays at Colorado City.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Care Center and Health & Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, April 9

- End of 5th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- Texas Garden Club District VIII Spring Convention at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Lions Baseball and Lady Lions Softball vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.
- Levis and Lace 24th annual Square Dance Festival, 8 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Saturday, April 10

- Texas Garden Club District VIII Spring Convention at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- OMS Track Teams at the District Meet in Presidio.
- Levis and Lace 24th annual Square Dance Festival, 2:30 p.m. workshop, 5:30 p.m. dinner and 8 p.m. dance at the Civic Center.

Monday, April 12

- Lions and Lady Lions Golf Teams at the second round District Meet in Fort Stockton.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Cheerleading and Mascot Tryouts, 4 p.m. at the Davidson Gym. This event will be closed to the public.

Tuesday, April 13

- Lady Lions Softball vs. Van Horn, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

Wednesday, April 14

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-Registration, 9 a.m. - noon Pre-K and 1-4 p.m. Kindergarten at the Ozona Elementary School Intermediate Campus.
- OMS Mandatory Cheerleading Meeting for students wishing to participate in cheerleading for the 2010-2011 school year, 3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Phillips' classroom at the middle school.

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The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District of Ozona will be having their annual tree and plant sale. They will hold a sidewalk sale at the south side of the town square from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. April 17. The owners of Native Ornamentals Nursery in Mertzon will be available to answer questions about trees

or plants. Available trees include: Live Oak, Texas Red Oak, Pin-yon Pine, Common Hackberry, Desert Willow and more. The bigger trees are available by pre-order only. The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will have all pre-order trees at the square on April 17 to be

picked up. To insure an available tree, order in advance. For more information, details and prices on the trees available, call Sharon Martin at the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District at 392-2301 ext. 3 or visit the office located at 201-D 11th Street in Ozona. Pictures are also available of most plants and trees.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

Annual festival set for this weekend

BY TRACYE YOUNG
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will host their 24th annual Anniversary Dance Festival April 9-10 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Friday's dance will be from 8-10:30 p.m. with soup

and crackers afterwards. Saturday's events start at 2:30 p.m. with a workshop, followed by barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Spectators can come watch the dances for free.

Callers will be Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass and guests.

Line dancing between tips. Mainstream with announced plus. Sweet Memories jewelry will be on hand Saturday. Cost is \$30 per couple for both days or \$15 singles both days. For more information, call Carol Adcock at 392-2912.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODELIA SANCHEZ
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

The residents are anxiously waiting for spring to arrive. The first day of spring was supposed to have been Saturday, March 20, but the day seemed more like fall than spring.

The residents enjoyed a big celebration on March 17. They celebrated St. Patrick's Day and March birthdays. Thanks to Mrs. Felipa Munoz's family for providing food for the birthday celebration. We had green punch and green cheese dip. There were also several platters of delicious mixed fruit. We also appreciate the dietary department for preparing a beautiful tray of vegetables. Thanks to James

Pagan for providing the music for the party. He sang his rendition of "O Danny Boy" and he did a great job. The cake was made by Lil Payne and as usual, it was delicious. The residents had a great time eating all the green foods and visiting with each other. Thanks to everyone who helped make this party a great success.

I hope that you had the opportunity to attend the big event on Saturday afternoon, March 28. Our very own Crockett County Care Center team of basketball players challenged the Ozona State Champion Lady Lions of 1994-1995 and 1995-1996. As this was a fund-raiser for the new Wellness Center, a lot of people attended. It was a great ef-

fort, but our team was beaten, as was every team that challenged the Lady Lions. Good job everyone!

The Care Center had another celebration on April 1 with a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.

It was great to see Ann Shaw up and around again. She looks great and we are all so thankful to see her well again. She came to visit several residents and blessed us with a good supply of Bingo prizes. Thank you, Mrs. Shaw for all that you do in the community. We appreciate you very much.

I hope you and your family had a good Easter. Have a blessed day.

OBITUARIES

Patricia 'Pam' McDonald-Thompson

Patricia "Pam" Ann McDonald-Thompson, 77, formerly of Brownwood, passed away on March 28, 2010.

She was born to the late Bryan and Mary McDonald, July 3, 1932, in Ozona. Pam graduated from Canyon High School in 1948 and received a BA in Education from West Texas State University, now West Texas A & M, in 1952. She married the late James B. Thompson, Jr., in 1953, and raised four children. During their marriage she loved the many transfers of J.B., in his line of work, which led them all over the country and to Canada. In 1979, she wed the late Edward Lechlitner. They enjoyed many happy years together.

Pam was an elementary school teacher, until she retired in 1983, and was passionate about making a difference in the lives of her students. After retirement, she realized the dream of owning her own business, and enjoyed life on the Texas coast. She settled in Brownwood, where she cherished the close companionship of family, friends, and neighbors.

Pam was deeply spiritual, and a Methodist. She loved to travel, was a beautiful singer, and a master gardener. She enjoyed planning home improvement projects and making memories with her family.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James B. Thompson, and second husband, Edward Lechlitner, her parents Bryan and Mary McDonald, and brothers John Meinecke, Dick McDonald, and Bill McDonald.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: James Thompson, of Katy; Susan Jefferson, of Brownwood; Judy Hanson and husband David, of Princeton, Minn.; and Beth Harris and husband David, of San Saba. She also is survived by thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and brothers Charles McDonald, of Bangs and Don McDonald of San Antonio.

Graveside Services were held at Thursday, April 1, at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Marcus Shane Bachtel

Funeral services for Marcus Bachtel, 3, of Edgewood, were held Saturday, March 27, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Brandon Bachtel officiating. A private graveside service was held at White Rose Cemetery under the direction of Hiatt's LyBrand Funeral Home.

Marcus Shane Bachtel was born Jan. 26, 2007, in Dallas and went to heaven to be with his sister, Macy on March 23, in Grand Saline, Texas. "Daddy's little monster" loved Mickey Mouse and his best friend and big sister, Mady. Marcus was an amazing little boy who had learned tons of sign language and could capture your heart the first time you met him. He will be dearly missed, not only by his family, but by the community as well.

Marcus is preceded in death by his sister, Macy Lynae Bachtel in 2003.

He is survived by his loving parents, Sara and Kevin Bachtel of Edgewood; sister, Madlyn Rhea Bachtel of Edgewood; grandparents, Willie and Diana Schreffler and Mark and Betty Bachtel, all of Wills Point; great-grandmothers, Mildred Duncan of Brownwood and Margaret Coates of



Ozona; uncles, Dennis Schreffler of Allen, Jason Bachtel and wife, Tara of Humble and Brandon Bachtel and wife, Kelley of Lake Highlands; aunts, Shari Ganske and husband, Greg of Jacksonville, Shea Allen and husband, Chuck of Wills Point and Lindsey Bachtel of Wills Point; 10 cousins; friends and nurses, Mitzi Curnes, Molly Curtis Case and Marium Janicek.

If you wish to make a donation, please make your check payable to the "March of Dimes" memorial's may be sent or given to Kevin and Sara who will be walking in a 5k for the "March of Dimes" in memory of Marcus Shane Bachtel, your donation will be hand delivered on the day of the walk, April 17, 2010 in Dallas.

NO SURRENDER

Many Japanese soldiers and officers refused to accept the surrender of Japan to the allied forces. Some committed Hari-Kari or suicide while others tried to prevent the surrender of Japan. The night before the Emperor was to make his radio broadcast announcing the surrender of Japan some of his imperial guards tried to seize the message and prevent the broadcast. With over 3,000,000 Japanese soldiers overseas and many on isolated islands, many died refusing to accept the surrender and died still fighting or holding out even though they knew the war was over. Those events remind me of something in the Bible. The battle was won and victory was declared at the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave at sunrise a little over 2,000 years ago, (Romans 1:3&4). The victory is that Jesus Christ gave His life or shed His blood and provided a way for our sins to be forgiven, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). To be at peace with God there is one condition, we must be willing to acknowledge who Jesus Christ is and what He has done, (Romans 5:1). Then we must surrender to Him or call upon Him to save us, (Romans 3:22-26, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Many people in this world even though they know what He did refuse to acknowledge Him or surrender their lives to Him. They will die in their sins and be forever cut off or separated from God, (Romans 1:18-21).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. 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. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study
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.
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. & Thur.: 6 p.m. Wed. & Fri.: 8 p.m. Sat.: 6 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sun Worship: 5 p.m. Tues. & Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.		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.

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Courtney has been a pastor for more than 18 years and is now in a full-time ministry that focuses on revival, evangelism and missions.

Courtney and his wife Debbie have been married for more than 25 years and have two grown sons.



He has preached in local church revivals, Bible conferences, youth camps, retreats, schools, jails, juvenile justice centers and homeless shelters.

He has taught leadership training seminars, conferences and has preached evangelistic crusades in the Philippines, Ghana, West Africa, Mexico and Brazil.

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Frank Tambunga and family



Etheridge district champion in CX Debate

Denise Etheridge of Corpus Christi competed in the UIL Cross-Examination Debate in the 31-4A District Competition at Tuloso-Midway High School.

The 2009-2010 Resolution for CX Debate was "Resolved: Should the United States Federal Government substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States."

Under this topic Denise Etheridge placed first at the competition, and is now the CX 31-4A District Champion.

She will be heading to the state competition meet in Austin.

Denise is the daughter of Hector and Alma Etheridge of Corpus Christi, also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herberto Perez of Ozona.

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and that this bill will allow them to be insured.

"Please, look at the figures. This shouldn't be an issue here," he said.

Ozona High School Teacher Cathy English said that as Congress begins to take care of healthcare and other issues the country is facing, there are a generation of children, including ones in Ozona, that spend their lives being taken care of by the government, as well as watching their parents being taken care of by the government.

"I think you all need to see the wider spread problem and ask are you doing more in the long run?" she said. "I see people on government programs driving nicer cars than me and my kids. I think you need to break down hard on that before you start putting more on the taxpayers. Let's clean that up."

On the local economy, School Board Member Dwight Childress reminded Rodriguez that Crockett County's tax base runs primarily on oil and gas, and that when President Obama took office oil and gas refineries stopped because they didn't know what was going to happen.

"Why don't you give tax credits to these larger companies so they can hire people? We're sending everything out of the country because labor unions have such a chokehold on everything," Childress said.

Rodriguez said he wants to concentrate on the middle class, small businesses and manufacturing. He also said that Texas is the weakest in the House of Representatives than it has been in a long time.

"Your natural instinct is that if it is in your backyard, you feel like you have to defend it. It takes them (Congress) time to realize people are upset," he said.

Elementary teacher Jan Patterson said she was tired how the government was treating the American people.

"I'm so tired of the condescending attitude the government has that they think they know better than we do," she said.

Rodriguez's stop in Ozona was one of three the Congressman made Monday. He also stopped in Rocksprings and Sonora.



BRITTANY CLIFTON had the Grand Champion Lamb at the Live Oak County Fair this past month. Also pictured is Cole and Bailey Clifton. They are the grandkids of Jim McCrohan and the late Ethel McCrohan and the children of John and Sharon Clifton of George West.

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Green hired for Pecos River Watershed Protection Project area program

Carrol Green was recently hired by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District. He will provide assistance to land users applying conservation treatment in the Pecos River Watershed Protection Project area.

Green received a bachelor of science degree in range science and a master of science degree in wildlife biology from Abilene Christian University in 1976.

Green worked as Range Conservationist in San Saba and San Angelo before becoming District Conservationist in Eldorado, Texas in 1982.

He retired from USDA/



Natural Resources Conservation Service at Eldorado in 2006 with 30 years of service. He has since worked for East-erling Consultants and the Native Prairie Association of Texas.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
(FWS-R2-ES-2010-N017; 20124-1112-0000-F2)

Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation; Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair of Competitive Renewable Energy Zone Transmission Lines and Related Facilities

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and draft habitat conservation plan; announcement of meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), advise the public that we intend to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an Endangered Species Act permit to the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC; applicant) for incidental take of six federally listed or candidate species from activities associated with LCRA TSC's construction, maintenance, operation, and repair of four Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) "priority" transmission lines and related facilities (i.e., substations, substation upgrades, and access roads) required to be constructed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) (collectively, the LCRA TSC CREZ transmission lines). We also announce plans for a series of public scoping meetings and a public comment period.

DATES: If you wish to submit written comments on alternatives and issues for us to address in the draft EIS, we must receive them by close of business on June 17, 2010. We will hold five public scoping meetings at locations throughout LCRA's proposed 14-county permit area. The scoping meetings will be noticed in local newspapers at least two weeks before each scoping meeting and on the following website: <http://www.LCRA.org>. The dates and locations for the meetings are as follows:

Monday, April 19, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
San Angelo
La Quinta Inn and Suites - San Angelo Room
2307 Loop 306
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Comfort
Comfort Park Pavilion
427 Main Street
Comfort, Texas 78013

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Junction
Coke R. Stevenson Memorial Center
440 North US Hwy 83
Junction, Texas 76849

Monday, April 26, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Lampasas
Holiday House
908 East Fourth Street
Lampasas, Texas 76650

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Fredericksburg
Pioneer Pavilion
432 Lady Bird Drive
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

ADDRESSES: For further information or to send written comments by mail: Field Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; 512/490-0057 (phone); 512/490-0974 (fax); or Luela_Roberts@fws.gov (e-mail). Note that your information request or comments concern the LCRA TSC draft EIS/HCP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We publish this notice in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6), and section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We intend to gather the information necessary to determine impacts and alternatives to support a decision regarding the potential issuance of an incidental take permit to the applicant, and the implementation of the supporting draft HCP. We intend to prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit under the Act. The applicant proposes to apply for an incidental take permit through development and implementation of an HCP. The proposed HCP will cover take of certain species that is incidental to activities associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and related facilities and will include

measures necessary to minimize and mitigate impacts to covered species and their habitats to the maximum extent practicable.

Background

Section 9 of the Act prohibits "taking" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered under section 4 of the Act. The Act's implementing regulations extend, under certain circumstances, the prohibition of take to threatened species. Under section 3 of the Act, the term "take" means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." The term "harm" is defined by regulation as "an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). The term "harass" is defined in the regulations as "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act requires an applicant for an incidental take permit to prepare an HCP that describes: (1) The impact that will result from such taking; (2) the steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate that take to the maximum extent practicable, and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) the alternative actions to such taking that the applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) the other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan. The Act requires us to issue an incidental take permit to an applicant when we determine that: (1) The taking will be incidental to otherwise lawful activities; (2) the applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking; (3) the applicant has ensured that adequate funding for the plan will be provided; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (5) the measures, if any, we require as necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan will be met. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32. We expect that the Applicant will request permit coverage for a period of 30 years.

Scoping Meetings

A primary purpose of the scoping process is to receive suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to consider when drafting the EIS, and to identify, rather than debate, significant issues related to the proposed action. In order to ensure that we identify a range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed action, we invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties. We will conduct a review of this project according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its regulations, other relevant Federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidance, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact us at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section no later than 1 week before the relevant public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request. We will accept oral and written comments at the meetings. You may also submit comments to persons listed in the ADDRESSES section. Once the draft EIS and draft HCP are completed and available for review, there will be further opportunities for public comment on the content of these documents through additional public meetings and comment period.

Alternatives

The proposed action presented in the draft EIS will be compared to the No-Action alternative. The No-Action alternative represents estimated future conditions to which the proposed action's estimated future conditions can be compared.

No-Action Alternative

Under the no-action alternative, LCRA TSC would comply with the Act by avoiding impacts to listed species where practicable, by receiving coverage under a Section 7 consultation where other Federal next exist, and/or by applying for individual incidental take permits where federal nexus does not exist. This

Ozona Fast Pitch Softball Tourney April 23-25

The Ozona Spring Classic-Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament will be held April 23-25 at the Crockett County Softball Field located at Bueno Vista and State Highway 163 South.

The tournament is for girls 12 and under.

Sign-up deadline is April 17. ASA and VTD Sanctioned.

For more information, call Eddie Lozano at 226-9262 or 392-5620 or sign-up at www.fastpitchsoftball.net.

Proposed Alternative

The proposed action is issuance of an incidental take permit for the covered species during construction, operation, and/or maintenance of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines. The proposed HCP, which must meet the requirements in section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Act, would be developed and implemented by the applicant. This alternative could allow for a comprehensive mitigation approach for authorized impacts and reduce the permit processing effort for the Service. Actions covered under the requested incidental take permit may include possible take of covered species associated with activities including, but not limited to, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and all related infrastructure and facilities such as substations and access roads. The applicant expects to apply for an incidental take permit for six species listed as endangered or threatened or considered to be a candidate for listing within the proposed permit area. It is anticipated that the impacts to listed species associated with the Service's possible approval of the HCP also will be considered pursuant to the interagency consultation procedures of section 7 of the Act and that future consultation on such impacts occurring in accordance with the approved HCP will not be necessary and will not require additional measures of the Applicant. Species proposed to be covered under the requested incidental take permit include: The golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, least tern, whooping crane, and black-tailed prairie dog. Counties included in the proposed permit area include portions of Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton, Mason, Menard, Kimble, Kerr, Kendall, Irion, Gillespie, Llano, Burnet, San Saba, and Lampasas Counties. Species not covered by the proposed incidental take permit will also be addressed in the draft HCP as evaluation or additional species. These species include the ocelot, Concho water snake, Clear Creek gambusia, sharpnose shiner, smallmouth bass, Texas hornshell, Tobusch fishhook cactus, and Texas snowbelles. The applicant does not anticipate that covered activities will result in take of the evaluation species. The purpose of addressing these species is to analyze and explain why the applicant believes these species will not be taken by the covered activities. Other alternatives considered will also be addressed in the draft EIS, including impacts associated with each alternative evaluated.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Environmental Review

The Service will conduct an environmental review to analyze the proposed action, as well as other alternatives evaluated and the associated impacts of each. The draft EIS will be the basis for the impact evaluation for each species covered and the range of alternatives to be addressed. The draft EIS is expected to provide biological descriptions of the affected species and habitats, as well as the effects of the alternatives on other resources such as vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, geology and soils, air quality, water resources, water quality, cultural resources, land use, recreation, water use, local economy, climate change, and environmental justice. Following completion of the environmental review, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comments on the draft EIS and the Applicant's permit application, which will include the draft HCP. The draft EIS and draft HCP are expected to be completed and available to the public in early to mid-2010.

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Lions fall short to Broncos, Owls

The Ozona Lions lost in two, tough district battles last week.

Ozona came up short, 7-5, against Sonora Friday.

Pitching - Abey Lara, 5 IP, 4 ER and 2K; Nathan De Hoyos, 2 IP, 1 ER and 2K.

Leading players - Lara, 3-4 and 1R; De Hoyos, 1-4, 1HR, 2RBI and 1R and Kyle Dean, 2HR, 2RBI and 2R.

"This game was another tough loss. We knew that the Sonora came was going to be a tough game and our kids were up for the challenge," said Coach Ray Ramos. "Tonight was the best baseball I had seen our kids play in about a month. We beat Sonora in every category so I really believe that the kids learned a lot about our team and how good we can be. Although the first half of district didn't go like we wanted, we still have to play ball and make a run

through the second half. All teams who make a run get hot at the end, and I believe that were heading in that direction."

The Lions lost to Reagan County, 7-6 on March 30.

Pitching - Jaron Vasquez - 2IP, 3ER, 1K; Russel Komechak - 4IP, 2ER, 5K and De Hoyos - 2IP, 1ER, 5K.

Leading players - Johnathan Martin, 2-3, 2R; De Hoyos, 2-3, 1R, 2RBI and Dean, 2-4, 1R.

"This game was a tough loss. We went into extra innings for the first time this year and ended up on what I would call a bad judgment call. I'm not one to make excuses but you could clearly see that the ball had gone foul and in result it cost us the game. The kids played really hard and showed a lot about their character. I'm proud of the effort and especially proud of the kids," Ramos said.



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ALEX BORREGO RUNS THE FIRST LEG OF THE JV 400M RELAY TEAM that placed third in the Reagan County Relays last week.

OHS Track Teams compete at Reagan Co. Relays

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Track Teams competed in the Reagan County Relays last week in Big Lake.

LADY LIONS RESULTS:

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 194; 2. Monahans, 139; 3. Ozona, 138; 4. Iraan, 98; 5. Reagan County, 27; 6. Alpine, 8.

High jump - 3. Miller, Ozona, 4-4; 4. Quiroz, Ozona, 4-4.

Long jump - 2. Rodriguez, Ozona, 15-5 and 5. Quiroz, Ozona, 13-5.25.

Triple jump - 2. Rodriguez, Ozona, 34-1.5.

Shot put - 1. Elston, Ozona, 33-11 and 4. Hamilton, Ozona, 27-10.

Discus - 1. Hamilton, Ozona, 90-5.

3,200-meter run - 6. Villarreal, Ozona.

400-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 54.11.

800-meter run - 1. Rodriguez, Ozona, 2:32.43 and 2. Ramos, Ozona, 2:33.75.

100-meter dash - 1. Miller, Ozona, 13.14.

800-meter relay - 5. Ozona B, 2:12.09.

400-meter dash - 1. Rodriguez, Ozona, 1:03.21.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Rodriguez, Ozona, 51.86 and 6. Garcia, Ozona, 54.68.

200-meter dash - 2. Quiroz, Ozona, 29.37 and 5. Cerventez, Ozona, 30.62.

1,600-meter run - 5. Villarreal, Ozona, 6:24.30.

1,600-meter relay: 1. Ozona, 4:21.34.

LIONS RESULTS:

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 348; 2. Monahans, 106; 3. Iraan, 100; 4. Ozona, 66; 5. Reagan County, 46; 6. Alpine, 38.

High jump - 3. Kyle Sewell, Ozona, 5-8.

Long jump - 5. Bailey Badillo, Ozona, 18-7.75.

Triple jump - 2. Kyle Dean, Ozona, 40-8.

3,200-meter run - 6. Austin Whitten, Ozona, 13:30.90.

400-meter relay - 5. Kyle Dean, Kyle Sewell, Eric Talamantez and Abey Lara, 46.90.

800-meter run - 3. Jesse Badillo, Ozona, 2:07.75 and 6. Luis Soto, Ozona, 2:19.34.

110-meter hurdles - 4. Russell Komechak, Ozona, 15.84.

100-meter dash - 3. Bailey Badillo, Ozona, 11.36.

800-meter relay - 4. Dean, B. Badillo, Talamantez and Lara, 1:40.21.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Komechak, Ozona, 43.13.

200-meter dash - 5. Dean, Ozona, 24.77.

1,600-meter run - 5. Soto, Ozona, 5:24.70.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Lara, Komechak, Soto and J. Badillo, 3:46.08.

JV LIONS RESULTS:

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 184; 2. Monahans, 168; 3. Ozona, 129; 4. Reagan County, 32; 5. Alpine, 30 and 6. Iraan, 20.

Shot put - 5. T. Perez, 33-1.75.

Discus - 5. M. Sifuentes, 92-11.

Triple jump - 5. B. Perez, 29-1.5 and 6. J.D. De Hoyos, 28-8.5.

Long jump - 4. A. Borrego, 16-7.25 and 6. A. Mendez, 15-10.75.

High jump - 2. T. Vitela, 4-10 and 3. A. Borrego, 4-10.

3,200-meter run - 3. C. Perez, 12:56.74.

400-meter relay - 3. Alex Borrego, Richard Borrego, Blake Morrow and Zeth Hernandez, 47.96.

110-meter hurdles - 2. R. Venegas, 19.49 and 3. M. Galindo, 21.93.

100-meter dash - 3. T. Vitela, 12.21 and 5. A. Mendez, 12.43.

800-meter relay - 3. A. Borrego, R. Borrego, Morrow and Hernandez, 1:42.84.

1,600-meter relay - 2. A. Borrego, R. Borrego, M. Galindo and Z. Hernandez, 3:56.78.

Lady Lions defeat Sonora

The Lady Lions defeated Sonora by one run in a close, district match last Friday.

Ozona led the game until the seventh inning, when the Lady Broncos scored three. However, the Lady Lions managed to hold on to win 5-4.

Winning pitcher - Alex Cruz. Catcher - Kodi Glosson.

Coach Butch Gonzalez said the whole team contributed to the big win.

"I am excited about the way the girls handled themselves and the pressure at the end of the game, especially when Sonora started rallying. The girls have come a long way in un-

derstanding how well they can play when they work together," Gonzalez said.

Ozona lost a tough match, 12-11, against Big Lake on March 30.

Pitching - Cruz. Catcher - Glosson.

"As a coach it was tough to identify any leading players in this game. All the girls contributed and did their part when asked to do so. It was a great team effort, unfortunately we came up a bit short," Gonzalez said.

The Lady Lions are 12-10 overall and 2-5 in district play.

OHS Golf takes second, third at Christoval

The OHS Lady Lions and Lions Golf Teams traveled to San Angelo last week to compete in the Christoval Invitational Golf Tournament.

The girls shot a team total of 450 to finish second to Colorado City who finished with 449.

Competing for the Lady Lions were: Kelbie Renfro, 96, who earned third place medalist; Jenice Elguea, 113; Kelsey Childress, 115; Rae Lynn Arredondo, 126 and Jes-

sica Borrego, 139.

The boys came in with a 396 to come in third place.

The Lions were represented by Trey Fierro, 89; Lane Hale, 98; Cris Taylor, 102; Zeth Hernandez, 107 and Jeffrey Sanchez, 128.

The Lady Lions and Lions will be competing in the first round of district play today, April 7, at Fort Stockton and the second round Monday, April 12, also at Fort Stockton.

OMS Ladies compete at Reagan County Relays

The OMS Lady Lions Competed in the Reagan County Relays last week in Big Lake.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions placed second and the Eighth Grade Team got third.

SEVENTH GRADE RESULTS:

Shot Put - 1. Elva Galardo, 30-5 ½ and 3. Krislynn Harris, 26-8.

Discus - 1. Elva Galardo, 67-2 and 6. Krislynn Harris, 56-1.

Triple Jump - 1. Keyanna Perez, 26-6 ½ and 3. Becky Mata, 25-7.

Long Jump - 1. Kaylenn Elston, 13-5.

High Jump - 1. Jana Munsell, 4-2.

2,400-meter run - 1. Becky Mata, 10:33.52; 3. Aliyah Guerra, 12:18.50 and 4. Meagan Espinosa, 12:39.40.

400-meter relay - 4. Kaylenn Elston, Melissa Lozano, Bethany Martinez and Alexis Aguilar.

800-meter run - 2. Becky Mata, 2:52.43.

100-meter dash - 5. Keyanna Perez, 14:82.

800-meter relay - 4. Janna Munsell, Nydia Valdes, Bethany Martinez and Alexis Aguilar.

400-meter dash - 4. Nydia Valdes, 1:17.96 and 5. Janna Munsell, 1:20.49.

200-meter dash - 6. Keyanna Perez, 34:08.

1,600-meter run - 1. Melissa Lozano, 6:33.45; 5. Aliyah Guerra, 7:42.52 and 6. Meagan Espinosa, 7:47.03.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Becky Mata, Alexis Aguilar, Bethany Martinez and Melissa Lozano.

EIGHTH GRADE RESULTS:

Shot Put - 2. Vivian Medina, 28-1 ½; 3. Amy Quiroz, 27-4 ¾ and 6. Jennifer Marquez, 25-5 ½.

Discus - 3. Vivian Medina, 71-11 and 4. Amy Quiroz, 61-11.

Triple Jump - 6. Daisy Guerra, 24-1 ½.

Long Jump - 6. Kesie Dean, 14-10.

High Jump - 5. Sarah DelaGarza, 4-0 and 6. Lazarae Rodriguez, 3-8.

2,400-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 10:14.68 and 4. Rebecca Hernandez, 13:24.83.

400-meter relay - 3. Sarah DelaGarza, Jennifer Marquez, Lexi Poindexter and Kelsie Dean.

100-meter hurdles - 4. Lazarae Rodriguez, 21:49.

100-meter dash - 2. Kelsie Dean, 14:11 and 3. Sarah DelaGarza, 14:40.

800-meter relay - 4. Sarah DelaGarza, Nancy Rodriguez, Sierra Stokes and Kelsie Dean.

400-meter dash - 3. Lexi Poindexter, 1:10.04.

200-meter dash - 5. Angelina Ramos, 32:71 and 6. Sierra Stokes, 32:87.

1,600-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 6:23.46.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Lexi Poindexter, Sierra Stokes, Nancy Rodriguez and Daisy Guerra.



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MELISSA MILLER COMPETED IN THE POLE VAULT at the Reagan County Relays held last week in Big Lake.

Applications for local scholarships now available at OHS

Local scholarship applications including deadlines, available in the OHS Go Center at this time are:

- Friends of the Library - April 30.
- Ozona Woman's League - April 23.
- International Right of Way Association Chapter 35 - May 31.
- Ozona Woman's Forum Scholarship - April 30.
- Kurt Knapp Memorial Scholarship - April 16.

For more information, call Susie duBois, OHS College Readiness Coordinator, at 392-5501 ext. 5701.

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THE MALE CAST MEMBERS of the OHS One Act Play, "The Crucible by Arthur Miller are: (l. to r.) Andrew Galindo, Johnathan Martin, Lalo Longoria, Cris Taylor, Michael Medina and Cuatro Jones.



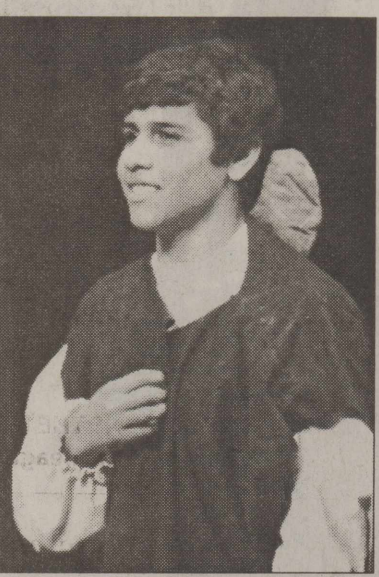
THE FEMALE CAST MEMBERS of the OHS One Act Play, "The Crucible by Arthur Miller are: (l. to r.) Kelsie Childress, Julie Gutierrez, Gabby Gutierrez, Alex Cruz, Jadyñ Poindexter, Sabrina De La Garza, Clarissa Burciaga and Adrienne Tijerina.

OHS One Act Play performs at district

The Ozona High School participated in the UIL One Act Play contest last Thursday in Sonora.

The high school presented the play "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller.

Students winning District Honors were Isabel Ybarra - District Crew Award, Adrianna Tijerina - Honorable Mention

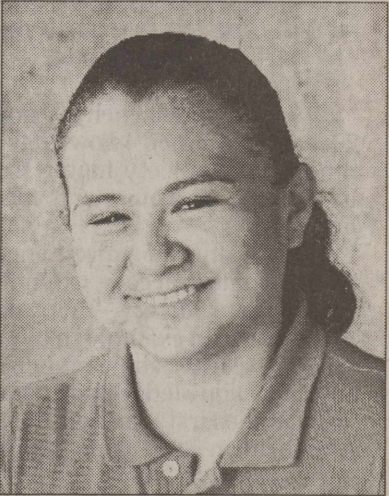


LALO LONGORIA, JR (top) was named to the All-District Cast and Adrianna Tijerina to the Honorable Mention All Star Cast at the UIL One Act Play contest held last Thursday in Sonora.

All Star Cast and Lalo Longoria, Jr. - All Star Cast.

Other students participating were Julie Gutierrez, Sabrina De La Garza, Jadyñ Poindexter, Clarissa Burciaga, Gabby Gutierrez, Andrew Galindo, Alex Cruz, Jonathan Martin, Michael Medina, Cris Taylor, Kelsey Childress, Cuatro Jones, Jerrod duBois and Roxanné Talamantez.

"The students worked hard and enjoyed the opportunity to perform after many months of rehearsals. Thank you to Assistant Director Gina Hochreiter and Tammy MacWilliams as well as Mr. Kain who drove us to Sonora," said Coach Dottie De Leon.



ISABEL YBARRA was named on the All-District Crew at the UIL One Act Play contest held last Thursday in Sonora.

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4-Hers win big at District Food Show

BY SUSIE BISHOP
CROCKETT COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

The 2009 District 6 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge Contest was held March 27 in Fort Stockton. The 2009 District 6 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Contest was originally set to take place Dec. 5 in El Paso, but was rescheduled for March 27 due to bad weather conditions in West Texas.

Crockett County 4-H had eight 4-H members participate in the Food Show and 10 members participate in the Food Challenge Contest. This year in the Food Show in the junior division, Austin Elguea placed fourth with his Yum Yum Chili, Kimberlee DeLaGarza placed first with her Cool Frozen Salad, Trace Justiss placed first with his Holiday Bread and Emily Marlatt placed second with her Smiley Face Apple Bites.

In the Intermediate division Jadie Marshall placed first with her Spinach and Mixed Greens Salad with Dried Cranberries, Toasted Walnuts and Raspberry Key Lime Vinaigrette Dressing, Alex Hopper placed second with his Tuna Cakes, Lauren Miles placed third with her Tomato Basil Bread and Madison Childress placed third with her Veggie Pinwheels.

This was the first year for the Food Challenge Contest. The 4-H Food Challenge is a grass-roots effort developed by county extension agents to address the need for a new, "highly charged" foods experience.

Modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's Iron Chef, the 4-H Food Challenge allows teams of 4-H members to create a dish using only a predetermined amount of ingredients. From these ingredients, 4-H members must identify, prepare and then present information related to the serving size, nutritional value and cost of

the dish. Throughout this energized process, the 4-H members are demonstrating their culinary and food safety skills to judges and on-lookers.

Crockett County entered two teams at this years contest. Out of the six teams competing Crockett County took first and second place. The first place team was made up of Madison Childress, Lauren Miles, Zay Gonzalez, Autumn Gonzalez and Emily Marlatt. The second place team was made up of Jadie Marshall, Julie Marshall, Kimberly Borego, Thomas Cruz and Brenna Hale.

Crockett County 4-H is very proud of these kids for all of their dedication and hard work. Way to make us proud!

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Learning from a professional: workshop offers different approach to education

BY JAIME TANKERSLEY AND SANTANA VILLA
USDA - NRCS SAN ANGELO OFFICE

A true grit rancher is known for having a broad knowledge of almost any subject ranging from accounting to veterinary medicine.

Possessing an entrepreneurial spirit and a legacy extending decades into history—the rancher is at once an example to be emulated, a teacher and a student.

That knowledge was showcased at the First Rancher's Workshop held in Big Lake, Texas on March 13.

The Middle Concho, North Concho River, Tom Green and Crockett Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), along with the local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff and Angelo State University (ASU), put together an all around line-up of ranching professionals and invited local residents to learn and consider views from the opposite side of the fence.

Mike Elkins, co-owner/operator of the Elkins Ranch Company in Reagan County, was the event's opening speaker and elected to showcase his chemical application practices. On site, he demonstrated the chemical spraying and fire fighting machine he built and has used to treat 1,000 acres of mesquite and over 2,000 acres of prickly pear.

"It was a learning process from the beginning," Elkins said. "We started out trying to apply chemicals by hand and this is where we have ended up. This is faster than hand spraying but it does not beat a good aerial application. It works for us."

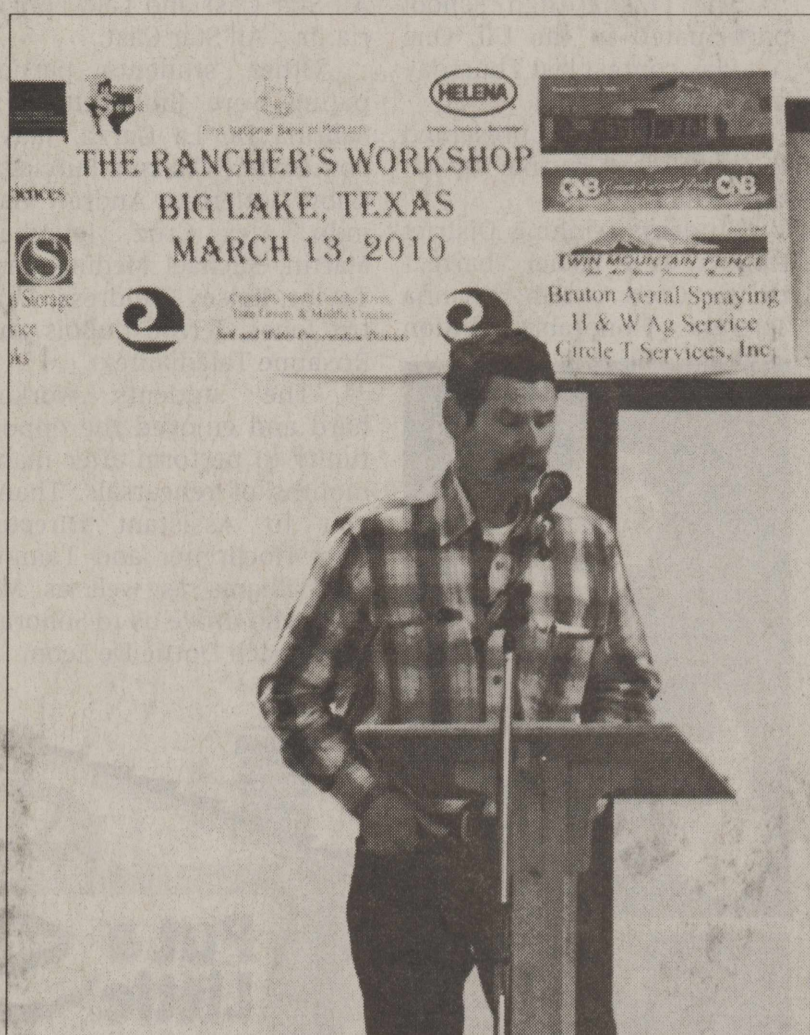
The ranch has three years of chemical application completed and the results have been positive.

Next up was Double T Ranch manager, Art Roane. For over 20 years he has managed the Crockett County ranch and made conservation a top priority.

"Our main goal was to improve the land for both livestock and wildlife," Roane said. "And we want people to understand that this land supports us. We realize the importance of being good stewards."

Brush management has been the most utilized practice and through trial and error, they have learned what works best in the area.

"We started working with the NRCS several years back, and they have been a huge factor in our success," Roane said. "We have



ART ROANE speaks during the Rancher's Workshop held last month in Big Lake. Roane is the manager of the Double T Ranch in Crockett County.

learned that leaving ground cover when clearing, aids in wildlife habitat and with less soil disturbance our grass returns sooner."

Roane also explained how incorporating a type of hair sheep has been beneficial to the ranch. He noted that they are a low labor input animal, easy to handle and easy on fences.

Charley Christiansen, with the Cargile and Tobosa Ranching Companies and Producers Livestock Auction, discussed inputs on lease operations and touched on all the practices they have implemented over the years. Christiansen explained a comprehensive list of ranch improvements from root plowing, bull dozing, excavating, aerial/hand chemical application, range planting, construction and even using convicts to provide labor for hand grubbing. He expanded on the benefits that arise from all types of practices.

Christiansen said that with the help of the NRCS programs they have made better ranches, and that there is always the opportunity to make money on a

lease operation if you take care of the land.

Wade Polk, AgriLife Extension economist, presented the results of a predator survey they have been working on over the past several months and also touched on the revenue generated in the Concho Valley by hunting.

The survey, indicated what dollar amounts have been lost due to predators, and went on to break it down by livestock, property loss and the impact within a community. The survey is cosponsored by the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Producers Association, the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board, AgriLife Extension and U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

Benny Cox, Producers Livestock Auction sales manager, closed out the workshop with a market update that touched on all types of livestock.

"We are here to bring buyers and sellers together. Each year we sell sheep and goats from all over the country to buyers from all over the U.S. and Mexi-

co," Cox said.

He indicated that overall numbers have declined in sheep and cattle but that an increase in meat goats has surfaced. He explained the benefits of vaccinating and weaning calves when it comes time to take them to the sale ring.

With rising concern about Trichomoniasis, a disease of cattle that causes infertility, open cows, and occasional abortions in cows and heifers, Cox explained what the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and Producers Livestock Auction are doing to aid in the eradication process.

"It is commonly referred to as 'Trich,' and is a disease that can be economically devastating for infected herds," Cox said. "Producers test all incoming bulls that are not certified virgin bulls and follow all TDA rules and regulations."

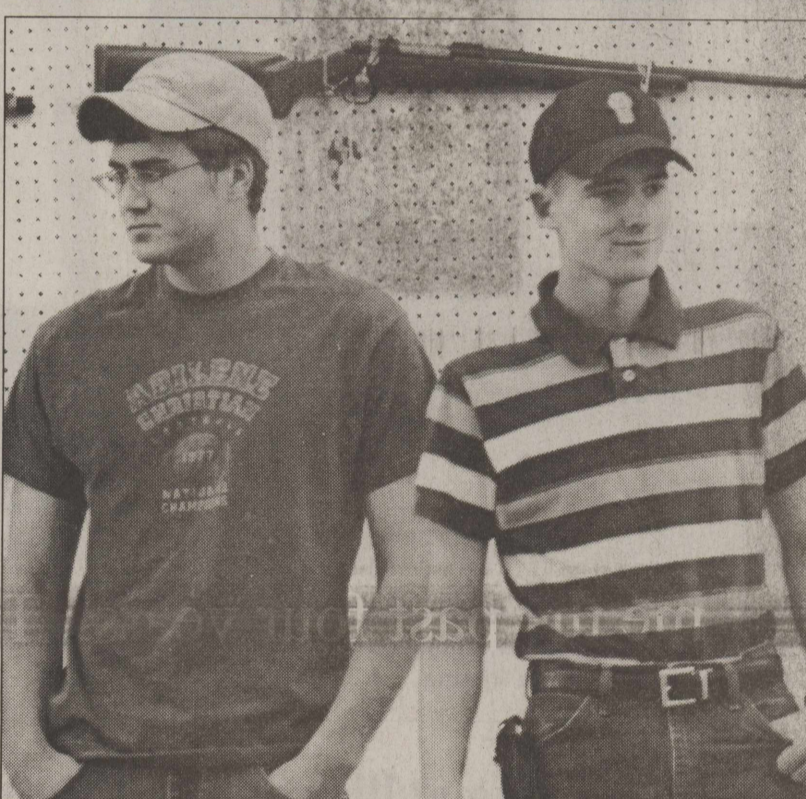
Angelo State University (ASU) graduate students Jess Anderson, Kellen Cave and Landon Pyle presented and answered questions pertaining to the poster presentations of their current studies. The posters displayed results pertaining to juniper consumption in sheep, nutritional quality of different onions, parasite viability in goats and mesquite seedling disappearance under goat browsing. All studies are currently underway at ASU with the help of Corey Owens and Dr. Cody Scott.

The forum offered a program full of speakers, but also on-site were agency and association representatives to answer questions and explain updates. Helena Chemical Company, M&M Air Service, Bruton Aerial Spraying and the NRCS were among the booths present.

The idea for such an event came from the ranchers themselves. At the conclusion of workshops in the area, the organization hosting the event often asks what efforts could be made to improve the event. Time and time again the ranchers would ask if they could hear from others in the business just like them.

The Rancher's Workshop, the first of its kind in the area, is the answer to all of these requests. The day ended and the question on everyone's lips was, "What time next year?" The answer now is this—by design and mission The Rancher's Workshop will continue to bring together innovative and successful individuals to share their experiences with an audience of their peers in the agricultural business.

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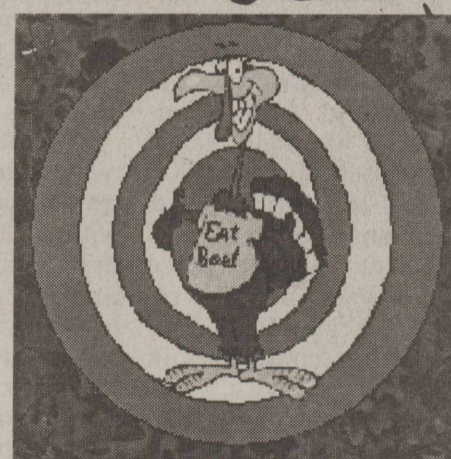
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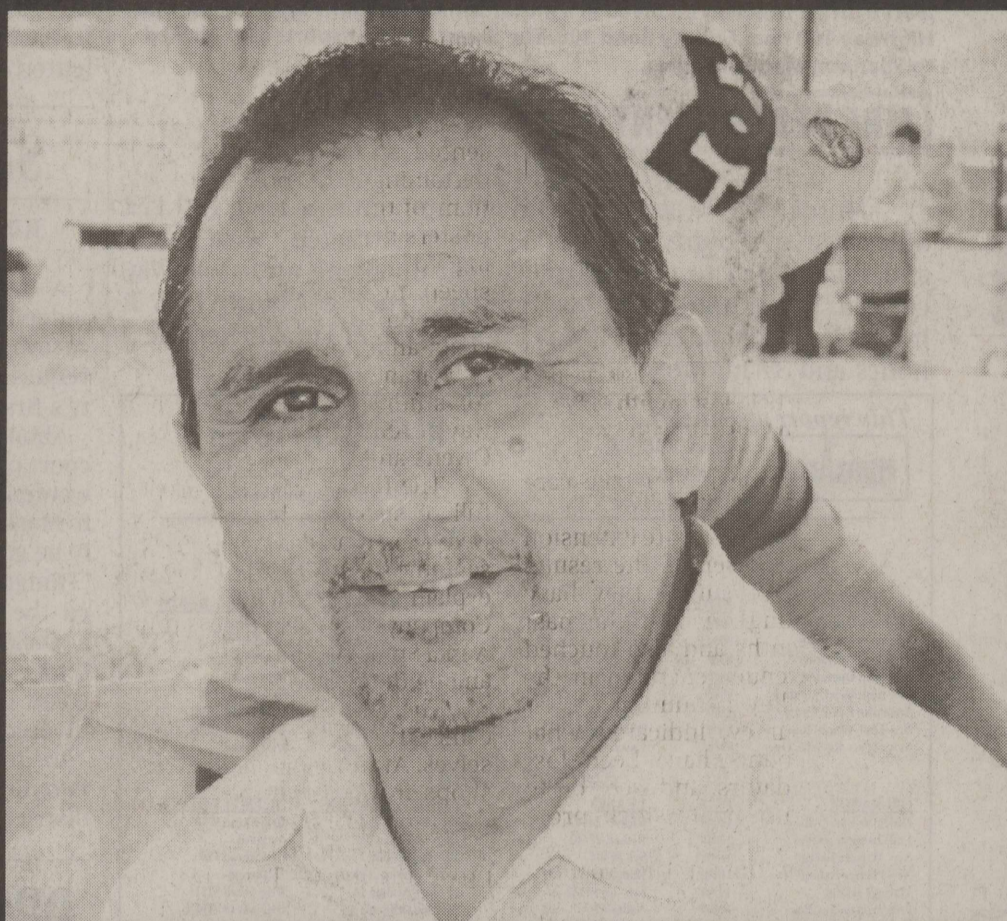
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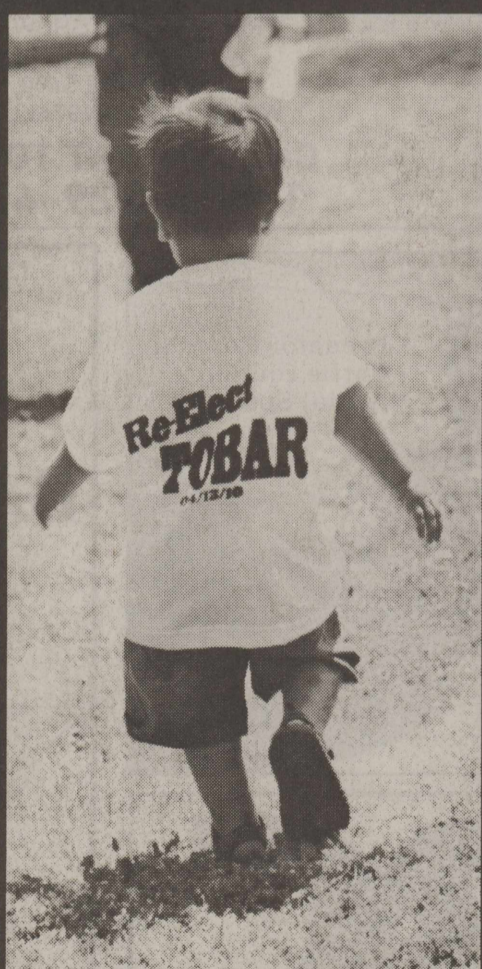
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My family and I want to thank the Precinct 4 voters for the confidence you placed on me the past four years. Thank you to all of our friends and supporters who helped with the re-election campaign. Thank you for talking to your friends and neighbors, posting signs on your lawns, and helping our voters get to the polling place.



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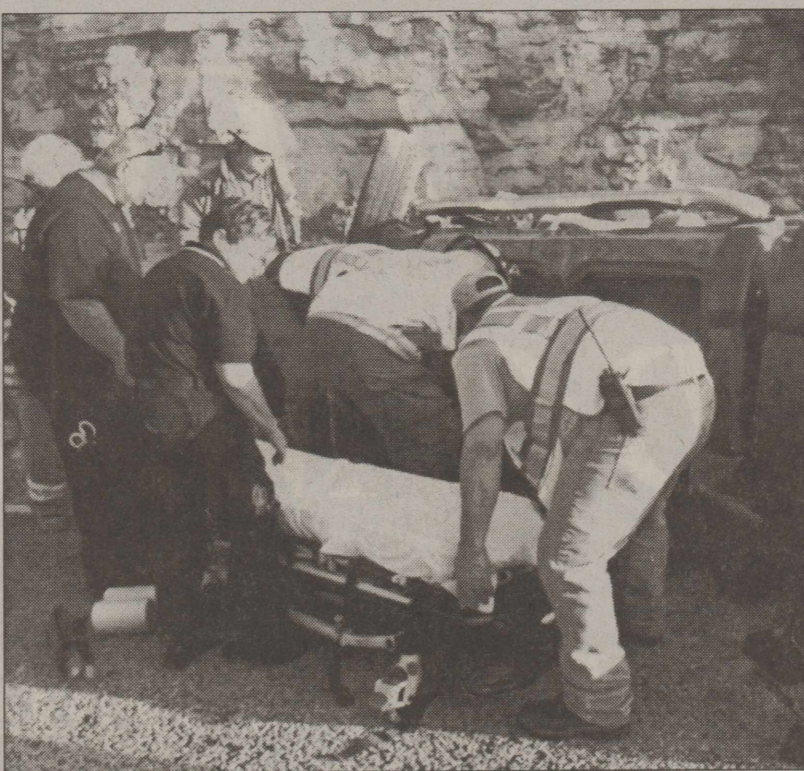
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APRIL 3

• Motor vehicle accident with entrapment U.S. Hwy 190 1/2 mile west of County Road 208. Driver extracted with JAW's and transferred to meet AirMed. Unit on scene until roadway cleared. Three units, nine fire fighters, Crockett County EMS 3; Iraan Fire Department 2; Pecos County EMS 2. Time in service 3 hours and 37 minutes.

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As of April 2, 2010

Crockett County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Approach Operating	9000'	University 42-12 #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 349	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000'	J R Bailey Estate-B- #425	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000'	P.L. Childers #618	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000'	Baker-B- #203	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000'	University 42-22 #8	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 18	Drig Ahead 920'
Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500'	Wilkins-A- #11	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 17	Drig Ahead 7935'
New Fint Natural Res.	5500'	J M Buggett Jr #336	Patterson Uti/Midland 721	Drig Ahead 10099'
New Legacy Reserves Oper	3000'	University A- #9	Sand Dollar Drilling 21	Drig Ahead

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Endicott Energy Res	12000'	Ricker-24- #3	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 9710'
Endicott Energy Res	12000'	Ricker-27- #3	Big Dog Drilling 5	Assigned
New Pioneer Energy	11000'	Srb #1304	Big Dog Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 780'
New Pioneer Natural Trv	11000'	Ruby #20	Lariat Services/Ode 44	As Directed
Varner Energy	10100'	Srb-13- #1312	Big Dog Drilling 24	Drig Ahead 5222'
Endicott Energy Res	10000'	Valley #2	Big Dog Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 7908'
New Pioneer Natural Trv	9200'	Sherrod Unit #2319	Helmerich & Payne/O 352	Drig Ahead
Pioneer Natural Trv	9100'	Sherrod Unit #1207	Patterson Uti/Midland 196	Drig Ahead 8694'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg-C- #1651	Patterson Uti/Midland 39	Drig Ahead 7162'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg-D- #1074	Patterson Uti/Midland 118	Drig Ahead 1645'
New Pioneer Natural Trv	9000'	Sherrod Unit #2115	Patterson Uti/Midland 430	Drig Ahead 3588'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg #209a	Patterson Uti/Midland 710	Drig Ahead 4201'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg-B- #1623	Union Drilling Texas 206	Drig Ahead 2060'
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Srb-A- #9a	Union Drilling Texas 226	Drig Ahead 7973'

Schleicher County

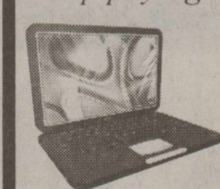
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Highmount E&P Tx	9000'	Edwin S. Mayer Jr-27- #2	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 16	Drig Ahead 8660'
New Highmount E&P Tx	8700'	Powell-23- #12	Patterson Uti/Midland 742	Drig Ahead 7420'
Tsp. Inc.	7000'	Meadors-A- #8	Sand Dollar Drilling 24	Drig Ahead
Capital Well Svc Co	5000'	Holt #4	Blue Line Drilling 1	Drig Ahead 1533'

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Sandridge E&P Llc	14000'	Owens-A- #1031a	Lariat Services/Ode 471	As Directed
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BAIL BONDS

• Jim Etheridge, Ozona, burglary of a building, state jail felony, \$20,000 PR Bond.
• Paul Moriarty, Euless, Texas, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
• Alfredo Ornelas Rivas, Ozona, criminal mischief, misdemeanor, \$2,000; interfering with an emergency call, misdemeanor, \$5,000 and assault family violence, felony, \$20,000.
• Jocelyn Pearl Smith, Roswell, N.M., possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, \$10,000 PR Bond.
• Brian Lee Fath Jr., Austin, possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, \$10,000 PR Bond.
• Fredric Abraham Rohr II, Austin, driving while intoxicated/open container, class

B misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond; possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, \$10,000 PR Bond and possession of marijuana less than two ounces, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond.

• Iran Salcido, Midland, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

• Kristopher Munoz, Midland, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000 and driving while license invalid enhanced, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

• John Arenivas, Midland, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

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JUDGE DENIES REQUEST TO INTERVENE

A Travis County state district judge on March 31 denied Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's request to intervene in the county's first same-sex divorce case. Abbott's deputies had filed court papers arguing that the two women, who had legally married in Massachusetts, could not legally be granted a divorce in Texas. Judge Scott Jenkins, who granted the divorce in February, said a Dallas divorce case currently under appeal could provide precedent on the legality of same-sex divorce. In that case, which involves two men, the Dallas County state district judge rejected Abbott's

attempt to intervene. The Texas 5th District Court of Appeals in Dallas is scheduled to hear arguments in that case on April 21.

In 2005, Texas voters passed a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

REBATE PROGRAM

TO LAUNCH APRIL 7

Texans may call (877) 780-3039 or visit www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org, beginning at 7 a.m. April 7, to reserve rebates under a program promoted by the state comptroller's office. The rebates may be used to buy "Energy Star" energy-efficient appliances and replace the same type of old, functional appliance. The purchase period start date for all appliances is April 16 and the program will end "when all funds are exhausted."

DPS unveils new Web site design

SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Texas Department of Public Safety has a new look and feel. The redesigned front page (www.txdps.state.tx.us) features easy-access links to the most-visited portions of the DPS web site, as well as a beefed-up search function to help users find other

information quickly.

"We're pleased with the new look and feel of the DPS web site and hope that our fellow Texans will enjoy using it," said Brad Rable, deputy director of the DPS. "Our staff did an excellent job of designing a functional, pleasing web site."

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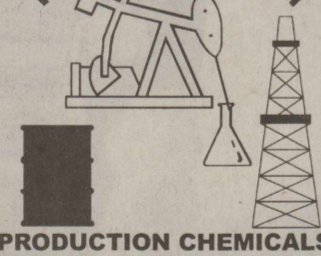
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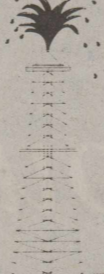
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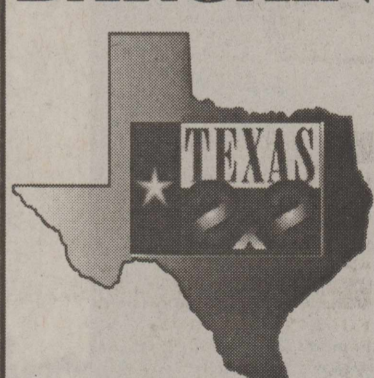
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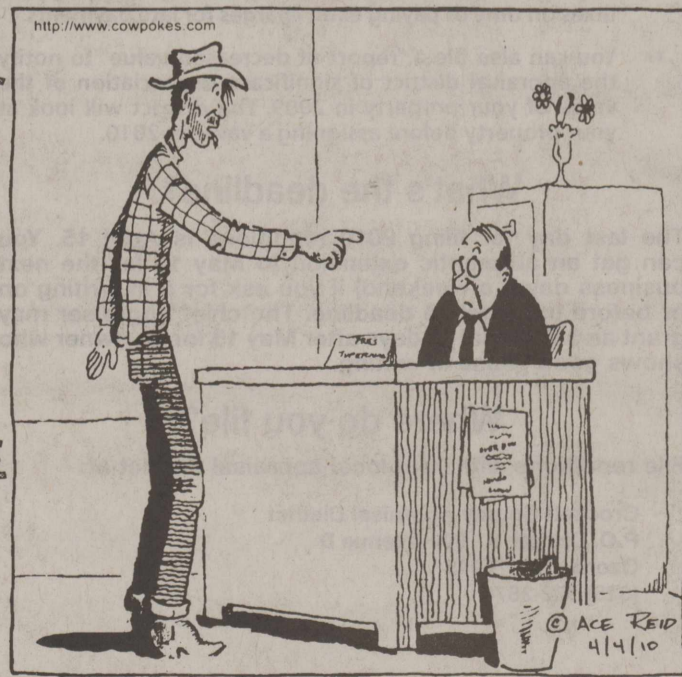
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What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2010 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Crockett County Appraisal District
P.O. Drawer H 909 Avenue D
Ozona, TX 76943
(325) 392-2674

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
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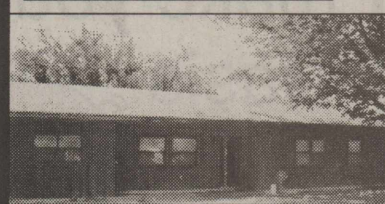
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