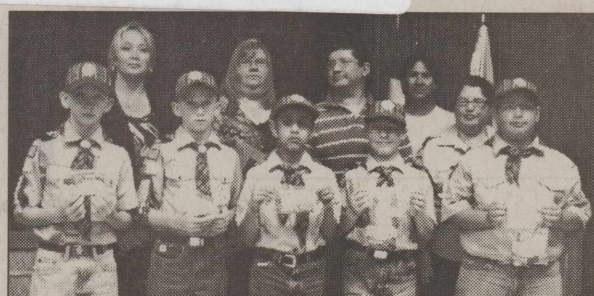


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STATE BOUND

FFA, UIL Academic students win at regional meets

Ozona High School students are heading to state competition.

Students competed this past weekend in the Region 44 TSA contest in Big Lake and in the Region I-2A UIL Academic Meet in Odessa.

Nine students traveled to compete in Current Issues and Events, Computer Science and Journalism Contests at the UIL Academic Meet.

The Computer Science team of Lane White, Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan and Clarissa Burciaga started the competition on Friday night with a programming competition.

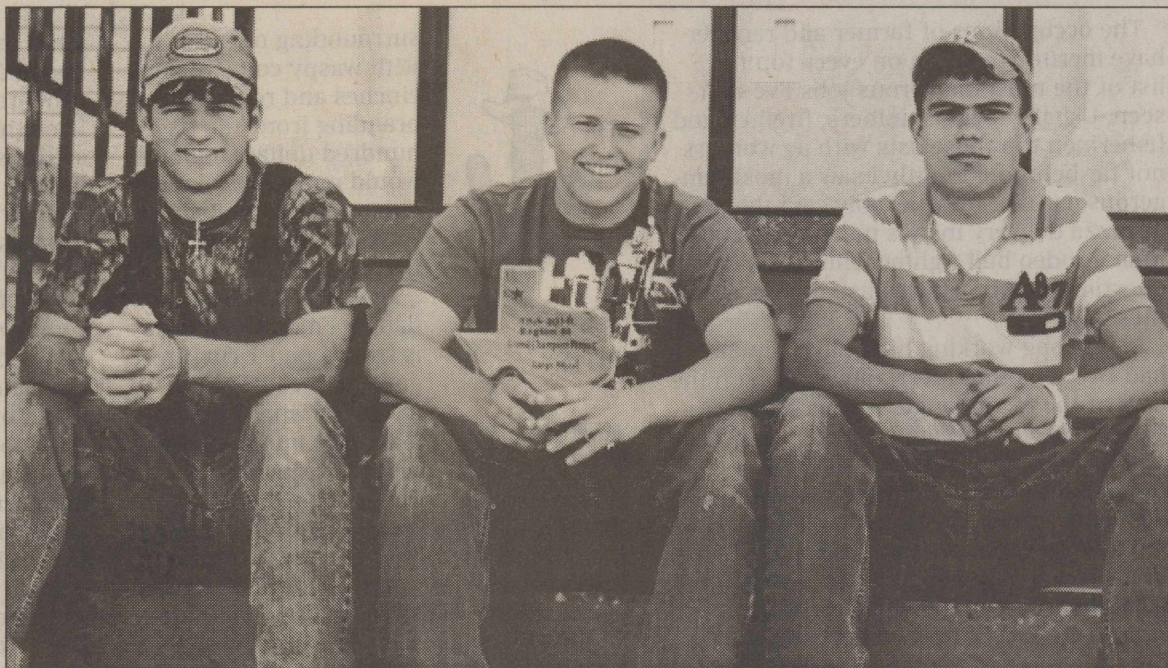
They worked for two hours and were able to complete six programs by the end of the period. They left this portion of the competition tied for first place, said UIL Director Cathy English.

The next day began with a great effort by the Current Issues and Events team of Lalo Longoria, Sean Davis, Duncan Knox and Erik Carrizales. These boys answered questions about events and happenings around the world during the past year. Although they didn't place high enough to win a medal, we are still very proud of all the effort they put into getting ready for the contest, English said.

The next person to compete was Lane Hale in the News Writing contest. We were extremely excited when he was announced as the first place winner in this event, English said.

Not to be outdone, Duncan Knox finished his second phase of the Computer Science contest, and hurried across to win first place in the Headline Writing Contest. Lane Hale also competed in this event. Kelsie Ramirez was on standby to compete as a district alternate; just in case, but in the end all the slots were full.

Finally, the Computer Science results were tallied. Lane White placed sixth as an individual, and the team of Lane White, Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan and Clarissa Burciaga placed second overall. In the end their score was just a little short to qualify for the Wild Card position to



ROB PHILLIPS | OZONA FFA

OZONA FFA STUDENTS (left to right) Russel Komechak, Wes McGuire and Oscar Lopez was the Region Large Metal Grand Champion with their trailer project at this weekend's Region 44 TSA contest in Big Lake. These three, along with others that exhibited projects, advanced to the state competition in Waco, which is on May 6-8.

UIL ACADEMIC STATE QUALIFIERS: (left to right) Lane Hale won first place in news writing and Duncan Knox was first place in headline writing at the UIL Academic Region I-2A meet this weekend in Odessa. The duo will compete at the UIL Academic State Meet May 6-8 in Austin. Duncan also placed second with the computer science team.

state, English said.

"Ozona High School would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic support through this season. We look forward to the results from the state meet on May 6-8. Good luck, Duncan Knox and Lane Hale. Ozona is proud of you," English said.

At the Region 44 Technology Students Association contest in Big Lake, Ozona had 14 students exhibit projects made in woodshop and metal shop classes.

"We had seven class winners. All of the projects exhibited advanced to the state competition in Waco, which is on May 6, 7 and 8," said Ozona FFA Teacher Rob Phillips,

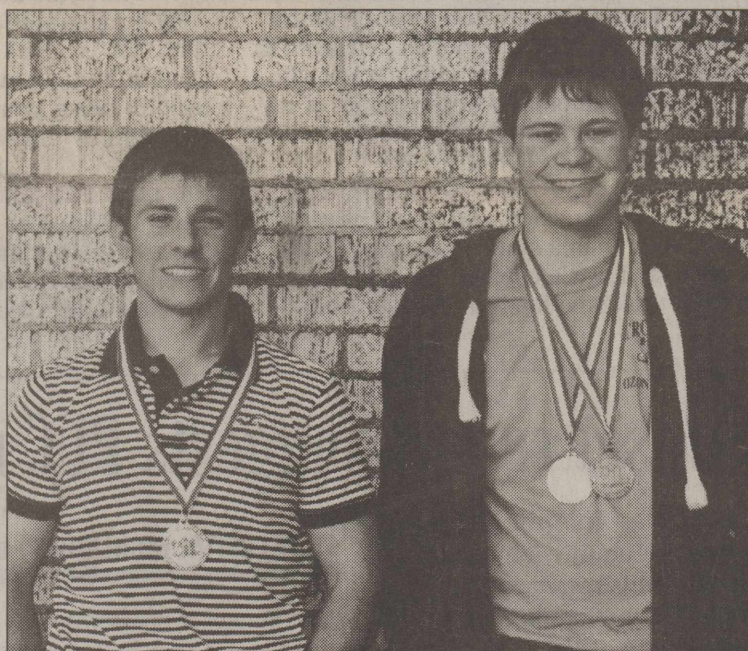
who oversees the metal shop projects. "All of the students did a great job."

Woodshop projects were taught by Terry Crawford.

Divisions are broken down into large and small projects in wood and metal. There are four overall grand and reserve awards given out of hundreds of projects. The classifications are also broken down into first year competitors and second year and beyond.

Texas TSA has over 10,000 middle and high school students and 185 advisors and over 95 percent are college bound.

The trio of Russel Komechak, Wes McGuire and



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Oscar Lopez won Grand Champion in the Large Metal Team Project division for their trailer project.

Also placing with their projects: Abey Lara, second, cutting board; Stefan Wilson, second, cutting board; Komechak, first and second, cutting boards; Lopez, second, table and fourth clock; Lilliana Camarillo, first, mirror and fifth table; Vanessa Rodriguez, second, toy chest; Murphey Black, first, stool; Lane Hale, fourth, stool; John Longoria, first, headache rack; Lauren Najjar, third and fourth, cross-axes and third, pot holder; Melanie Miller, fifth, signs; Brenda Venegas, first, sign and Gabriel Rodriguez, first, sign.

Vargas advances to national meet



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IRENE VARGAS (left), with her teacher Linda Coates, placed third in the State HOSA Convention at Houston for Rescue Breathing and First Aid. She will advance to the National Meet in Orlando, Fla.

New documents filed show contradicting statements in sheriff's federal lawsuit

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Contradicting statements about what really happened on that July day when Ozona resident Jess Marley was pepper sprayed and arrested have been filed in federal court.

These documents are part of the ongoing civil lawsuit filed by Jess Marley's widow Charla Wooten Marley and their ranch foreman Mike Hill against the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

The pile of new documents includes depositions from Charla and Hill about what happened on the July 2009 day when sheriff's deputies responded to a call that Jess had fired a gun at a stray cat in an alley near his house in Ozona.

Witness statements, reports from the sheriff's office, including an affidavit from Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton, a report from the Crockett County EMS and an affidavit from one of Jess Marley's daughters is also included in the new set of documents filed.

Attorney for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Jon Mark Hogg, with Jackson Walker L.L.P. in San Angelo, filed all the documents including a motion for summary judgment based on qualified immunity. Qualified immunity means

The motion states that the sheriff's office be granted the summary judgment, that Charla and Hill's claims be dismissed with prejudice and that the sheriff's office and deputies recover their costs.

In her deposition, Charla Marley stated that Hill, of Iraan, was hired the day of the incident, July 21, 2009. She also stated that Jess had no alcohol to drink that day, even when they arrived at their house in town around 7 p.m. when Jess "mixed a drink and it was sitting on the table," but he didn't take a drink. She also stated neither her nor Hill

had any alcohol to drink that day as well.

Hill also stated that Jess was not drinking alcohol that day.

Charla stated she was in the house when Jess fired his gun at a stray cat. The next thing she said she knew, two sheriff's deputies, one with an assault rifle and one with a pistol, "told us to get on the ground-screamed at us to get on the ground."

Hill stated that he saw Jess pick up a .22 rifle and fired the rifle at the cat in the alley. Jess missed the cat and one of Jess's neighbors comes from their backyard, Hill stated.

Hill stated that he was not close enough to hear what Jess and the neighbor said but that he heard Jess say that the cat shouldn't be in Jess's yard.

One of the neighbors called 9-1-1 and deputies Daniel H. Arrieta and Joseph G. Bertolino responded to the incident between the alley of Avenue B and C.

According to the sheriff's office report, Arrieta spoke to several of the neighbors who saw Marley fire the rifle.

One of the neighbors, Monte Garrett told the deputies the shot was "especially close" to where his wife was standing near the northeast corner of their carport, the documents state.

Another neighbor also stated that he could tell Jess was intoxicated by the way he slurred his speech.

The witness's statements state that Jess shouted expletives to the neighbors, as well as that Jess stated he was going to shoot all the cats.

"I was very concerned that Mr. Marley had so recklessly endangered my wife by discharging a firearm in the vicinity and possibly in the direction of my wife and in doing such a dangerous act while being intoxicated," Garrett said in a witness statement.

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School board approves three-year technology plan

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Tiffany Esparza can hardly contain her excitement about the technology tool in her hands.

Passing the computer clipboard around the room, Esparza, the technology integration specialist for Crockett County CCSD, asks school board members to roll dice, find animals that don't belong in a desert scene or

name the planets of the solar system.

"This is just really cool," Esparza said.

During the April 21 regular meeting, the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees unanimously approved a three-year Technology Plan for the district.

This plan includes purchasing more Mimio devices, the interactive whiteboard device that is currently being used by the district's math

and science teachers.

Esparza unfolds computer looking strip that can attach to any flat surface, like the dry erase board in the room. Using regular dry erase markers, with Mimio wireless attachments, Esparza writes some math problems on the board and then taps a button on the Mimio strip.

The Mimio has just captured the problems on the board, like a photo, which can be downloaded to her laptop

computer to be used again. The device can also convert handwriting into text.

Using a projector, Esparza demonstrates the numerous games and lessons that come with the device that teachers on all levels can download for their classes. Using the computer clipboard that works with the Mimio, Esparza shows how students can each take

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parents voice opinion against school district on coaching situation

Dear Editor,

I thought that with the personnel and policy changes for the school year 2009-2010, our school district would be set for a better school year for our students. As a taxpayer and as a parent of a son hired to be an assistant coach and science teacher at our middle school, I have seen positive changes, but I have also seen inexplicable and shameful behavior from our new superintendent and our athletic director

that truly deserves the attention of all citizens of Crockett County.

Why is it that a teacher with coaching responsibilities, who is recommended by his immediate supervisor (i.e. the middle school principal) for a one-year renewal of his teaching contract is forced to resign at a school board meeting by the superintendent? To this date, I have not heard a work-related reason why his contract was not renewed by the school board even though he was recommended for a contract

extension. I do know that he may be the only teacher who voluntarily tutors the students who need the extra help in passing their classes. Also, my son, by all accounts, connects with the student athletes that he coaches as exemplified by the baseball team which had a complete turnaround from last year's losing record. You do not have to take my word, just ask teachers, students, players and their parents.

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Dear Editor,

I cannot and will not remain silent while our school administration allows our athletic program to sink to the bottom of the barrel because of the nearsightedness of our superintendent, athletic director and our school board.

Most of the community is aware of the big mess that has been taking place in our athletic program because of the ugly personality clash between the ath-

letic director, supported by our superintendent, and Coach Ramos. At every step of the way, however, Coach Ramos has tried to do what is expected of him in the best interest of our students and especially, the athletes, but at every step our athletic director has managed to throw another trump card to make Coach Ramos look bad. This has finally resulted in Coach Ramos leaving our school on this his first year of teaching and coaching. In the eyes of his players Coach Ramos

is one of the best motivators that they have had the pleasure of playing for.

But this is not the first, and probably not the last time that great coaches have left our school system and everyone of those coaches is now leading other districts to greater accomplishments. Have you all followed Coach Taylor and Coach Fought and Coach Johnson and several others?

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We want your news and photos

Each week, the small staff at The Ozona Stockman strives to cover all we can about Crockett County and West Texas.

Unfortunately, we can't be in multiple places at once.

That's where you, the reader, come into being a part of our newspaper.

The idea is simple: We want your news and photos.

We, The Ozona Stockman, want to hear from you, the reader.

Now, what do we mean by news. This can be anything from birth announcements, engagements, weddings and deaths to my child shot his or her first buck, or caught the biggest fish.

We love news, we love hearing from our readers.

However, we also get many calls and e-mails on how do I submit this news. We have a simple answer, think of five w's and a h. You know, who, what, where, when, why and how.

It's that simple. Now, you can walk in at 1000 Avenue E and tell us this information; you can e-mail it to publisher@ozonastockman.com or you can post a comment or send us a message from our Facebook or Twitter sites. It's that simple.

If you need a wedding, birth, engagement, anniversary, death notice or obituary form, you can pick one up at our office, visit our Web site at www.ozonastockman.com and download one from there or e-mail publisher@ozonastockman.com and we can send you one. You can even call us at (325) 392-2551 and we will fax you one.

So, submitting news is not too hard. Now, photos are a little different.

First of all, cell phones are cool and a lot of cell phones take good photos. Unfortunately, a lot of cell phones take bad photos. They can be so small that reprinting them in the paper just doesn't work.

Neither does a photo clipped out of another paper. We can't scan that in from that clip and get a good photo. However, we can contact that newspaper and most of the time have them e-mail us the photo.

In this age of digital cameras, anyone can be a photographer. Photos in our paper have been



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

taken with a handheld, pocket digital camera. In order to get that "newspaper worthy" photo, take time to get to know your digital camera.

The first thing is what we in the newspaper

world call resolution, or the size of the picture. If your camera can take 1,000 pictures on a 2 mg card, then that is a good indication that picture size is like those cell phone photos we can't use.

Set your camera to the second-highest picture size setting. This may reduce the number of photos by half or less, but this challenges you, the photographer, to get the best photo as possible.

Now, you have this photo of your child or the family that needs to go into the paper with that article you are also working on.

Submitting that photo to us is just as simple. You can walk in with your camera and our computers can read just about any card digital cameras use, or you can bring us that cord that connects the camera to the computer.

When e-mailing the photo, make sure it is a .jpg. Most photos are.

Now, you have this great photo, but we need some information.

Send us, who took the picture, when and where was it taken and describe the photo and identify people left to right starting with the back row when appropriate. We like to name as people as we can in that photo.

Isn't that simple? Okay, I know some of you all are mind-boggled by all of this, but trust me if you have questions we will walk you through it.

So, send us your news, send us your photos and then you can clip it out and put it on your fridge for your biggest fans to see every day.

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Risky Romances



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

The occupations of farmer and rancher have merited mention on every top ten list of the most dangerous jobs I've ever seen. Usually loggers, miners, firemen and fishermen top these lists with ag workers not far behind. Recently I saw a most-dangerous list that unbelievably said the job of pizza delivery man is more dangerous than a rodeo bull fighter. This leads me to question the procedures used to develop these lists.

In my long working life I have actually had two jobs that invariably end up on the lists of the most dangerous occupations. To put myself through college I worked several summers in the oil fields as a roustabout where I encountered dangers on a daily basis. These risks included eating two-week old potato salad that I found in my lunch pail, dodging heavy metal objects that fell from the sky, evading rattlesnakes and drinking e coli coladas at the monthly safety meetings. By far, the most danger I was ever in while working in the oil fields were the card games I engaged in with the seasoned oil patch veterans who showed no remorse in winning part of my paycheck as we hid out of radio range from the big boss man.

The other dangerous job I held briefly was that of a cowboy, which can be more dangerous than a state legislature in session. I say I was a cowboy "briefly" because it didn't take me long to discover that

surrounding oneself with waspy colts, busted cinches and red hot branding irons for six hundred dollars a month would more likely land me in the hospital and the poor house, not the Forbes 400.

As a writer, the most danger I'm in these days is from a paper cut. I feel guilty for leading such a soft life when I consider that my forefathers placed themselves in danger on a daily basis.

You see, both my great grandfather and my father-figure grandfather were volunteer firemen with more than 60 years of service between them. Firemen are ALWAYS listed on the most dangerous jobs lists, and rightly so. I have the utmost respect for them.

My great-grandfather was Chief of the force for 16 years and my grandfather was Chief for 12, so my grandmother was quite used to being awakened in the middle of the night by the siren and radio that wailed when they were called out. She experienced this both as a child and as a wife. She always seemed so calm about my firefighting grandfather and didn't seem to worry when he was called to a fire. My grandma explained her cavalier attitude to me once

and I think it applies to any spouse who is married to someone with a dangerous job. (And don't forget, with women policemen, firefighters, highway patrolman and female soldiers, it's not always the husband who has the dangerous job in the family.)

My grandma explained the conditioning process of a fire wife like this: when the siren goes off in the middle of the night a rookie fire wife has to be peeled from the ceiling she's so afraid for her husband's safety. She gets out of bed, helps her husband get into his boots (which usually stand by the bed), and as he rushes out the door she implores her darling to call the minute the fire is out. She watches her hero drive away in the dark and prays the entire time he's gone until he comes back home all in one piece.

After her husband has been on the force a few years when the siren goes off the fire wife doesn't even bother to get all the way out of bed and her parting words are, "Please be careful. Don't get hurt because we have a mortgage to pay."

When the radio blares in the home of a seasoned fire wife, like my grandma, she opens one eye, asks her husband to bring back a quart of milk for breakfast, rolls over and is back to sleep before he's out the door.

I think it's exactly the same way with ranch wives.

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Sunset report suggests PUC needs more oversight authority

AUSTIN — An April 23 Sunset Advisory Commission report recommends increasing the Public Utility Commission's authority to oversee the electric industry in Texas.

The report says ERCOT, the powerful Electric Reliability Council of Texas, needs a board of directors with fewer members tied to the electric industry.

"Clearly there are a number of issues that ERCOT must address," said PUC Commissioner Donna Nelson. "I believe the Sunset recommendations draw attention to many of those issues and I encourage the ERCOT board to make the necessary changes to increase the level of confidence Texans have in their electric grid operator."

ERCOT, founded in 1970, manages the flow of electric power to 22 million Texas customers, representing 85 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the Texas land area. ERCOT manages financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market and administers customer switching for 6.5 million Texans in competitive choice areas.

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The Sunset process will continue this year with a public hearing and Legislative review in preparation for the 82nd regular session of the Texas Legislature, which begins in January 2011.

MANSION ADDITION PLANS APPROVED

The State Preservation Board announced plans for an addition to be built on the west side of the Governor's Mansion.

The 1,000 square foot addition would include a stairway, more space in the first-floor kitchen and a new second-floor bedroom.

The 153-year-old building has been undergoing restoration since June 2008, when an arson fire destroyed much of it.

The bill for the restoration will be paid with millions in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds in addition to funds raised privately.

UT TO RESTRUCTURE TELECAMPUS

UT System Chancellor Fran-

cisco Cigarroa announced changes in the operation of the system's online and distance learning functions.

UT TeleCampus will move into a new System Administration office, allowing broader access to online courses, which Cigarroa said should bolster graduation rates.

And, the office will serve as a clearinghouse for innovations where start-up programs will be implemented and employees will assist with distance education marketing and recruitment efforts.

PROGRAM TO HELP WITH ADMISSIONS

A free Online College Preparation Assistance Pilot Program soon will help high school students tackle the college selection and application process.

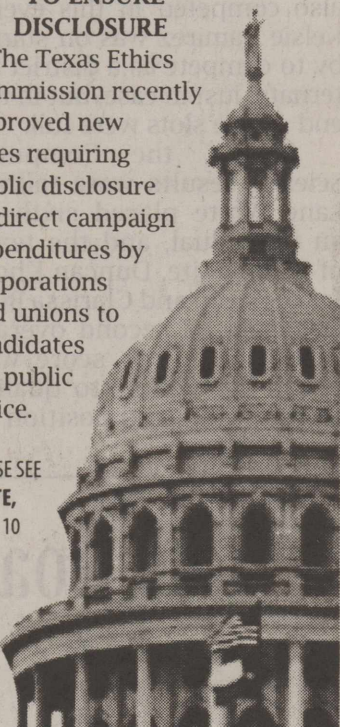
The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are launching the \$1.5 million pilot program and expect 20,000 to 30,000 high school students from across Texas to participate. School districts and their

selected high schools will be notified as to when they may participate. The program tailors each student's information to help them stay on track to graduate and proceed toward career goals.

AGENCY ACTS TO ENSURE DISCLOSURE

The Texas Ethics Commission recently approved new rules requiring public disclosure of direct campaign expenditures by corporations and unions to candidates for public office.

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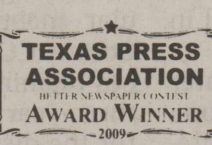
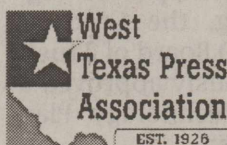
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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.



Homer-Verner to wed in May

John and Cathy Homer of Mt. Pleasant announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Shea to Tyler Wayne Verner, son of Randy and Nanette Verner of Ozona, formally of Mt. Pleasant.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of HA and Faye Homer of Mt. Pleasant and Dorothy Applegate of Leesburg, Texas. She is a 2006 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently attending University of North Texas in Denton.

The prospective groom is the grandson of John and Shirley Verner of Cumby, Texas and Charles and Gloria Tapley of Greenville, Texas. He is also a 2006 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and is currently attending University of North Texas in Denton.

The couple will exchange vows on May 29, 2010 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Operation 'Freedom' Troop Support

Operation "Freedom" materials. Troop Support has been created to support our troops, while they defend Americans, Freedom and way of living.

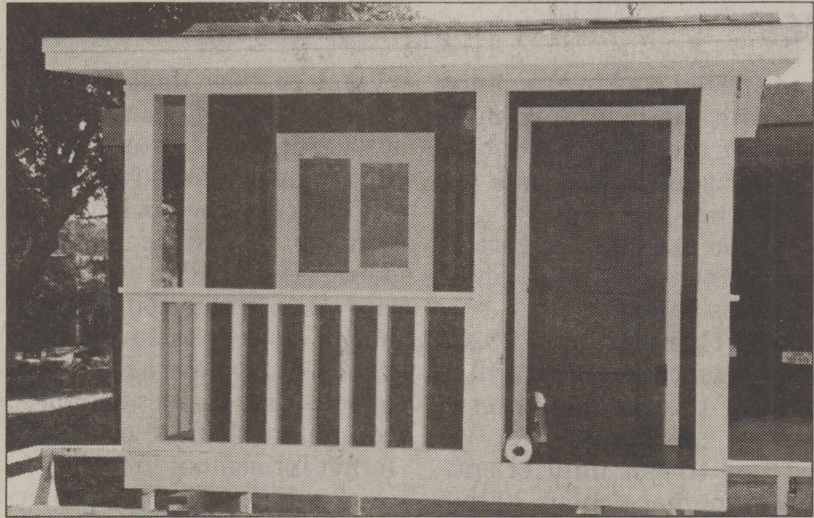
Donate to the Quality of Life Item Drive to give our deployed troops a touch of home.

Items you can donate:

- Toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- Wet wipes and Chap Sticks (lip moisturizer).
- Shower soap/gel, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, magazines, word puzzles, support letters, beef jerky, flower seeds and snacks.

The following items we are not able to accept:

- Obscene articles (prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc) and horror comics.
- Any matter depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or non-authorized political



THIS COLORFUL PLAYHOUSE could be yours for the purchase of a \$5 ticket at Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Small Fashions or The Ozona Stockman. Proceeds benefit the Crockett County Health & Wellness Center Fund. Drawing to be held during the Ozona Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 2. Sponsored by Ozona Remodeling & New Construction Ira Childress, Triple C Hardware & Lumber and Sherwin Williams.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

Adrianna Tijerina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Tijerina and Irene Vargas, daughter of Irma Vargas are the queen candidates and have been working together to raise money for their church.

Raffle Prizes are 1st prize is \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Ameratravel (Midland, Texas) winner plans their own vacation, 2nd prize is an Acer Aspire One Laptop Computer & Ipod Touch 8g and 3rd prize is a 32" Sylvania LCD HDTV.

Raffle tickets are \$1 per chance and can be purchased from the queen candidates or at the Public Library and Village Drug.

These prizes were made possible with the generous donations of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tambunga, Mr. Sam Fritz, Outlaw Rentals, Scott and Donna Carson owners, Las Guadalupanas Society, Frank Tambunga and the Knights of Columbus.

The girls will be crowned on Sunday, at the 11 a.m. mass.

A parade will start at 2 p.m. in the front of the church going north on Martinez Street.

There will be prizes for best float and best bike or off road vehicle. People are encouraged to decorate their vehicles and come participate in our parade.

There will be a bingo at 3 p.m. at the Parish Hall and a tardeada will follow the parade at O.L.P.H. Pavilion behind the parish hall until 7 p.m. with food booths, games and music.

The drawing for the raffle prizes will be at 5 p.m., need not be present to win; so, hurry and buy your raffle tickets this week.

All money raised will go to O.L.P.H. Catholic Church.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 28

- TAKS Testing Reading (4,6,7 grades), (retest 3,5,8); Exit Math (retest 12) at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- SHAC / CATCH Meeting, 5 p.m. at the intermediate campus library.

Thursday, April 29

- TAKS Testing Science (5,8,10, Exit grades and retest 12th grade); Math (9th grade) at Ozona Schools.
- Second Grade Zoo Field Trip, 7 a.m. bus leaves for the San Antonio Zoo.
- Area Agency on Aging, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, April 30

- TAKS Social Studies (8,10,Exit grades and retest 12th grade) at Ozona Schools.
- New Life Baptist Church Barbecue Brisket Plate sale, 11 a.m. at the corner of Secretariat and Man-O-War.

Sunday, May 2

- OLPH Cinco-de Mayo Celebration, 11 a.m. Mass, 2 p.m. parade, 3 p.m. bingo and tardeada at the church and Parish Hall.

Monday, May 3

- OHS Track Teams at the Regional Meet in Odessa.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, May 4

- OHS Track Teams at the Regional Meet in Odessa.

Wednesday, May 5

- Third Grade trip to the West Ranch.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

April 28 - Dena Porter, O.J. Ortiz and Carlon Stapper

April 29 - Karen Webb, Yvonne Rodriguez, Hector Hernandez, Briana Lara and Isaac Gonzalez

April 30 - Fernando M. Galvan, Freida Zuberbueller, Glenda Winkley, Gabriela Baltazar, Brian Anderson, Justin Pullig, Joe Ortiz Jr. and Ben Pena

May 1 - Corey Mitchel
May 2 - Jodi Adcock, Angelina Ramos and Becca Enriquez

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Today there is a lot going on here at the Senior Center.

Sharon Bullard brought her father Bill Cota over to the Senior Center from the Care Center at lunch to celebrate Bill's 85th birthday. Bill had been coming here for lunch for many years. It was such a joyous occasion. Bill was happy and all of us were too. The cake and ice cream was very good.

Our Senior Bingo was outstanding last week. There were 50 people attending.

We didn't have anyone show up to cook the patties for the hamburgers. Bob Falkner came to our rescue

and started cooking the burgers with the help of Juan Fierro. We are in debt to both of you for your help. Thank you so much.

Lupe Martinez celebrated her birthday last week. She is 65 years young.

On Thursday, April 29, the Area Agency on Aging will be here at the Senior Center to answer questions. They will be here 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

If you have about 30 minutes to help Helping Hands deliver meals, call Bertha at 392-5026. They have several routes they need to fill. This would be an excellent way for one to serve their community.

Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior

Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our regular activities: square dance lesson and dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and three computers that are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We have added a projector with stand and a screen.

Also, for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and five different stimulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

Our activities are for those 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODELIA SANCHEZ
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

April showers have come to visit us. It has been great getting all the rain. Soon we will see the May flowers landscaping our yards. My backyard looks beautiful with bluebonnets and yellow flowers. I think I will wait a few more weeks before having the lawn mowed.

The Care Center's backyard is looking very pretty as we start making preparations for the Cinco De Mayo festivities coming up. Thanks to Marta De La Garza for planting the flowers and decorating the tree trunks with colorful Butterflies, Lady Bugs and Lizards. We also appreciate

Mr. and Mrs. Federico Fierro for donating the beautiful stepping stones. It all looks great. Soon we will be able to take the residents outdoors to enjoy the flowers, the birds, the sunshine, and all their surroundings.

The activities with the residents continue daily. Some of the ladies love to play dominoes; of course, each one has her own set of rules for playing. It turns out to be quite an interesting game. We also have a few that enjoy playing Skip-Bo and I do join them at times. I don't join the ladies that play dominoes because it involves too much thinking and adding. Our activity on Thursday is, of course, Beauty Shop Day. We are so

blessed to have a new volunteer, Shelly, who helps us out on that day. She is a big help to us. Thank you, Shelly.

We honored our volunteers on Volunteer Week. We appreciate everyone that volunteers, each one in a different way. There are so many people that come and help out all the time.

I don't want to start naming names because I don't want to leave anybody out. We want you to know that each one of you is appreciated.

There are several new faces around the facility. The new residents are getting to know their way around and are also making new friends. We welcome them and hope they will be happy here.

New Life Baptist Church to sell barbecue brisket plates Friday

The New Life Baptist Church at the corner of Secretariat and Man-O-War is selling Barbecue Brisket Plates

with all the trimmings at 11 a.m. Friday, April 30. The plates will sell for \$6 each.

To place orders, call 392-

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BUILDING A HOME

They bought a little piece of property at 6000 ft elevation and started clearing. They both work so they can not give full time to the project and when they can save a little money they purchase building materials. His wife found a beautiful white wood for the ceiling and purchased it with her extra money. He has worked with iron and sheet metal so that is what the main structure is made of. They have large windows that allow you to see the mountains. They also have a small covered patio and it was so neat to eat Sunday dinner out there with them in the cool mountain air. No, they are not finished with it yet and it will be awhile but it is being built slowly but securely. That couple working together and building their home reminded me of something in the Bible. A wedding takes place in a relatively short time but to have or build a good marriage takes a lifetime. First, to build a home or marriage that lasts it must be on a good foundation, (Luke 6:46-48). The best foundation is for both husband and wife to be committed Christians, (Ephesians 2:20, Titus 3:1-7). Use good materials not worldly things, (2 Timothy 2:19, Titus 2:12). I love to look at old homes but many are dilapidated and in shambles while others are in excellent shape, beautiful and still standing. 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
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DEATH NOTICES

Benjamin H. Bohmfalk

The Rev. Benjamin H. Bohmfalk, 103, of Lampasas, long-time First United Methodist Church minister, died April 17, 2010 in Lampasas.

Graveside services were April 22 at Montheria United Methodist Church Cemetery, with a Memorial Service held April 23 at the First United Methodist Church in Lampasas.

Bohmfalk served in several Texas churches including Ozona. Survivors include daughters, Barbara Kendall and Elizabeth Sterling, and husband, William; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lampasas, Texas, or your favorite charity. Arrangements by Sneed Funeral Home of Lampasas.

OBITUARIES

Francisca 'Panchita' Borrego

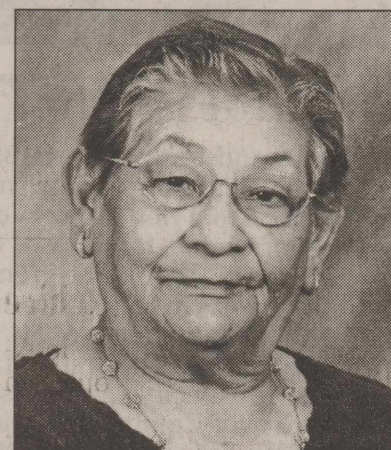
Francisca "Panchita" Borrego, 88, died Friday, April 23, 2010 at her residence.

Funeral service was Monday, April 26, 2010 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Borrego was born March 7, 1922 in San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andres Borrego; her parents, Jacinto and Francisca Sifuentes; one daughter, Juanita Lovell; three sons, Andres Borrego Jr., Jesus Borrego and Alejandro Borrego; grandson, Anthony Borrego and son-in-law, Margarito Villarreal.

Survivors include two daughters, Ester Villarreal of Canton, Texas and Odelia Flores and husband Noe of



San Angelo; three sons, Alberto Borrego and wife Andrieta, Antonio Borrego and Marissa and Raynaldo Borrego and Helen all of Ozona; one brother, Elias Sifuentes of Albuquerque, N.M. and 35 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 53 great-great-grandchildren.

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

The Woman's Forum met Tuesday, April 20, at the Crockett County Public Library and the Crockett County Museum with 18 members present. Hostesses were Virginia Hubbard, Linda Moore and Diane Phillips.

Rosalind Williams welcomed members to the library, gave an invocation and conducted the business meeting. Members were reminded to pay their dues no later than the May meeting.

The 2010-2011 Program Committee will consist of Sandy Bebee, Brenda Newton, Beth Hoover, and Betty Huffman.

Assistant Librarian Sylvia Longoria presented a program about the library, enumerating the many services available for the public and encouraging our members to participate in collecting genealogical information to enlarge the library's holdings.

She demonstrated the new online collection catalog.

Next Forum members went to the Crockett County Museum to view the latest exhibits. The board of the Crockett County Historical Society and the museum staff were lauded for the excellent new exhibits and all the hard work they are doing to make the Crockett County Museum a place of historical excellence. After touring the library, the hostesses served a delicious light lunch.

Marolyn Bean will host the May 18 meeting in her backyard at which time the new 2010-2012 officers will be installed.

Members present were Marolyn Bean, Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson, Arlene Clayton, Marilyn Cox, Charlotte Harrell, Beth Hoover, Virginia Hubbard, Betty Huffman, Shirley Kirby, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Diane Phillips, Janet Pullen, Kathleen Shott, Nell Wester, Helen White, and Rosalind Williams.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Over 60? Come on out to the Senior Citizens Building, sign up with Helping Hands and enjoy Free Lunches and Fellowship. Free transportation will be provided via the Thunderbird Bus #2021. Invitation by the Helping Hands Board Of Directors.

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

APRIL 28
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

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Cheeseburger, tator tots, lettuce, tomato and dessert.

APRIL 29

Card of Thanks

The family of George Levett would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and all the prayers to help us through our time of loss. God bless you all. He will be dearly missed.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported the benefit burger sale for Mariano Maskill. It warms our hearts to have so many people supporting us through prayers and donations. A HUGE THANK YOU to Bear and Mr. Franco. Without you two, our benefit would not have been possible. Thank you to all our friends and family that helped with donations of items and donations of sharing their time to help us. Our words cannot express how grateful we are to all of you. Thank you all so much.

The Maskill Family

Card of Thanks

With a heavy heart and after great consideration, I have decided to move back with my family. From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank all my friends and all those who came to be more like family to me while living here in Ozona. You did so much to help my family and I in my time of need. Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to those who expressed their love so beautifully, through prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, and donations. May God bless all of you.

Irma Perez

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

CCPL has just received a gift of books from the Tocker Foundation. The Foundation was founded in the 1960s by the Tocker family and in 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries in Texas serving a population of 12,000 or less.

Every year the Tocker Foundation selects 100 libraries from around the State, 10 from each of the 10 Library Systems, and donates a collection of new reference and non-fiction books from the University of Texas Press. CCPL is one of the lucky 10 from the Big Country Library System.

We are so pleased to receive this wonderful box of books. As a recipient of the Collection Enhancement Program sponsored by the Tock-

er Foundation and the University of Texas Press, we will be able to add to our reference and non-fiction collections even though our book budget just wouldn't stretch that far this year.

These excellent books will be enjoyed again and again by our patrons.

We are excited to be announcing our acquisition of this wonderful collection, including such titles as "Nine Plays" by Jose Cruz Gonzalez, "William Wayne Justice: A Judicial Biography" by Frank R. Kemerer, "Remarkable Plants of Texas" by Matt Warnock Turner, "Texas BBQ" by Wyatt McSpadden, and "Historic Texas from the Air" by David Buisseret, just to name a few.

This gift of books is a welcome addition to the CCPL collection. Come check it out!

Census is looking to hire people in Crockett County

The 2010 Census is looking to hire 69 people in Crockett County.

The starting pay is \$10.75 an hour. Your mileage will also be reimbursed.

This offer is a temporary employment it is offered to anyone 18 years and up.

Elaine Rodriguez with the 2010 Census will be in Ozona on May 4, 2010 from 3-5 p.m. at the Crockett Room.

Anyone this interested or have questions please come by and speak to Elaine. The people hired will only be working in Crockett County.

SWCDS in State District II to elect TSSWCB Board Member

BY CLYDE GOTTSCHALK

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

TEMPLE, Texas — Soil and water conservation districts in State District Two will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) on Tuesday, May 4. The election will be held at 6 p.m. in the Saint Ambrose Parish Hall in Wall.

State District Two consists of 51 counties within which there are 43 soil and water conservation districts in the Hill Country and Big Bend-Trans Pecos region of Texas.

The current TSSWCB member for State District Two is Marty H. Graham of Rocksprings. Graham, who has been a member of the TSSWCB since May, 2008, is a rancher in Edwards County.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members. Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two Governor appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board," said Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director.

"Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas. The elections are held in state district conventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms. Since this is an even numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts Two and Four," added Isom.

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland

or ranchland, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The Governor appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly owns or leases land used in connection with that business. They, however, may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

The TSSWCB is responsible for numerous natural resource conservation efforts, the most prominent of which is serving as the lead state agency for the prevention, management, and abatement of nonpoint source pollution resulting from agricultural and forestry-related activities in Texas.

"In short, the services and programs provided by the TSSWCB target rural Texas farmers and ranchers through soil and water conservation districts, but the results of these services benefit all Texans. For example, soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance in cooperation with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist agricultural producers implement voluntary conservation plans that best address the capabilities of the land they operate," said Isom. "In addition to on site soil and water conservation benefits to a farmer or rancher, the public enjoys residual benefits which includes wildlife enhancement as well as the prevention of sediment, pesticides, nutrients, bacteria and other contaminants from impairing Texas waters."

The TSSWCB, which was organized in May 1939, has its state headquarters in Temple, Texas. Within the state there are 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Texas State Youth Water Camp registration available

The Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District awards two individual \$1,000 scholarships each year to two high school seniors who reside in Crockett County. One of the eligibility requirements for the scholarship is that the students must have attended Texas State Water Camp.

The Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District will sponsor students from Crockett County to attend this year's Water Camp.

The camp will be held at the George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center in Monahans.

The 5-day camp focuses on water quality and conservation education and features field trips, tours and hands-on group project work.

The camp invites 15 boys and 15 girls from all across the state of Texas. Participants must be of high school age and have an interest in water quality and conservation and be willing to participate as a team member during the 5-day camp.

This camp is not restricted to 4-H members. Cost of the camp is \$150, however, the Crockett County G.C.D. will pay for the cost of the camp plus \$150 to the travel provider.

Anyone interested in attending this camp, please call the Crockett County G.C.D. at 392-5156 or stop by the office at 1102 Ave I to obtain an application form.

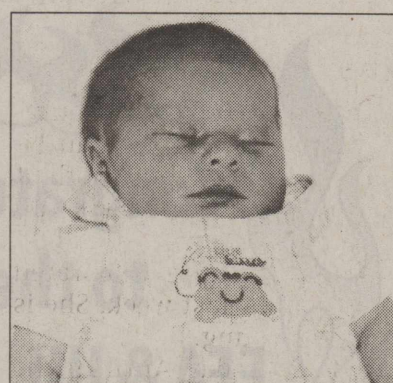
All applications must be turned in by May 21, 2010.

Caregiver mini series Tuesday in Sonora

The Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging presents the Caregiver Mini Series from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Sonora Senior Center at 102 Wilson St. in Sonora.

The program is "Foot and Wound Care" with speaker Ed Harris, program director of Shannon Wound Care & Hyperbaric Medicine. Harris will cover the latest innovations in wound care treatment. These classes are free of charge.

For more information, call Mary Palos at (325) 223-5704.



It's a girl

Ryan and Penny Dalton, of Ozona, are proud announced the birth of their daughter McKenzie Cheyenne Dalton on April 17, 2010 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

McKenzie was 19 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Mike and Jackie Pauley of Ozona, Tommy and Kay Weddle of Corpus Christi and Evelyn Dalton of Meadow. Great-grandmother is Myra Nester of Corpus Christi.



Y.Z. YBARRA (center) celebrates his 87th birthday last week at the Ozona United Methodist Church. Pastor Ron Shott and Kathleen Shott are also pictured. He has worked at the church for 35 years.

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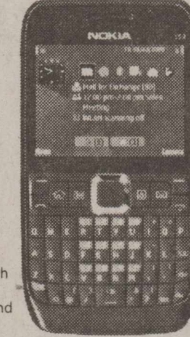
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OHS SENIOR SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS were honored this past Friday on Senior Parent Night. They are: (front, l. to r.) Alex Cruz, Lauren Najar and Brandi Glosson. Their parents are: (back) Irma Cruz, Ruben Cruz (not pictured) Marisa Najar, Melissa Glosson and Larry Glosson.

Lady Lions end season with loss to Reagan County

The Lady Lions finished the season with a 3-1 loss against Reagan County last week.

Pitching - Alex Cruz. Catching - Kodi Glosson. Leading players - Alex Cruz, Lauren Najar and Brandi Glosson.

"This was about the seniors tonight and all they have contributed to the softball program."

Although we were disappointed in the outcome of the game, we were not disappointed in the effort the team gave. I believe we learned a lot about ourselves this year, and we learned that the game is not just about physical skills, there is more to it. Congratulations Seniors and thank you for all your efforts this year," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

Dean, Kolster and Mitchel place fourth at regional meet

OHS Tennis Regional Qualifiers placed at the Region I-2A meet last week in Odessa.

In boys singles, Kyle Dean, Ozona, def. Westin Wilhelm, Comanche, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 in the first round, and then defeated Coletton Englishbee, Holiday, 6-1, 6-0.

Dean advanced to the semifinals and lost to Cade Blackwell, Shallowater, 6-2, 6-4. Dean then lost to Mackenzie Hirt, Brady, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 finishing in fourth place.

In mixed doubles, Johnny Kolster and Britni Mitchel defeated Stetson Wheat/ Kinsey Wheat, Eastland, 6-4, 6-3 in the first round, and then Mar-

cus Medellin/ Mica McGuire, Shallowater, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals.

The duo advanced to the semifinals and then lost to Emily Talley-Brice Pfingsten, Wall, 6-1, 6-1, and then lost to Sears-Key, San Saba, 6-3, 6-0 finishing in fourth place.

In girls singles, Alma Elizondo, Ozona, def. Katie Coleman, Henrietta, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round, but then lost in the quarterfinals to Claire Blackwell, Shallowater, 6-3, 6-3.

"What a great year! It was a great week. A great time with an awesome bunch of kids," said Coach Wendy Justiss.

Lady Lions finish 11th at Regional Meet

The Lady Lions Golfers earned the right to compete at the Regional Golf Tournament held in Midland on April 19 and 20.

There were 16 teams that advanced to the regional meet. The Lady Lions finished 11th overall.

"The Ozona girls did a great job of representing Ozona High School," said Coach Ubaldo Elguea.

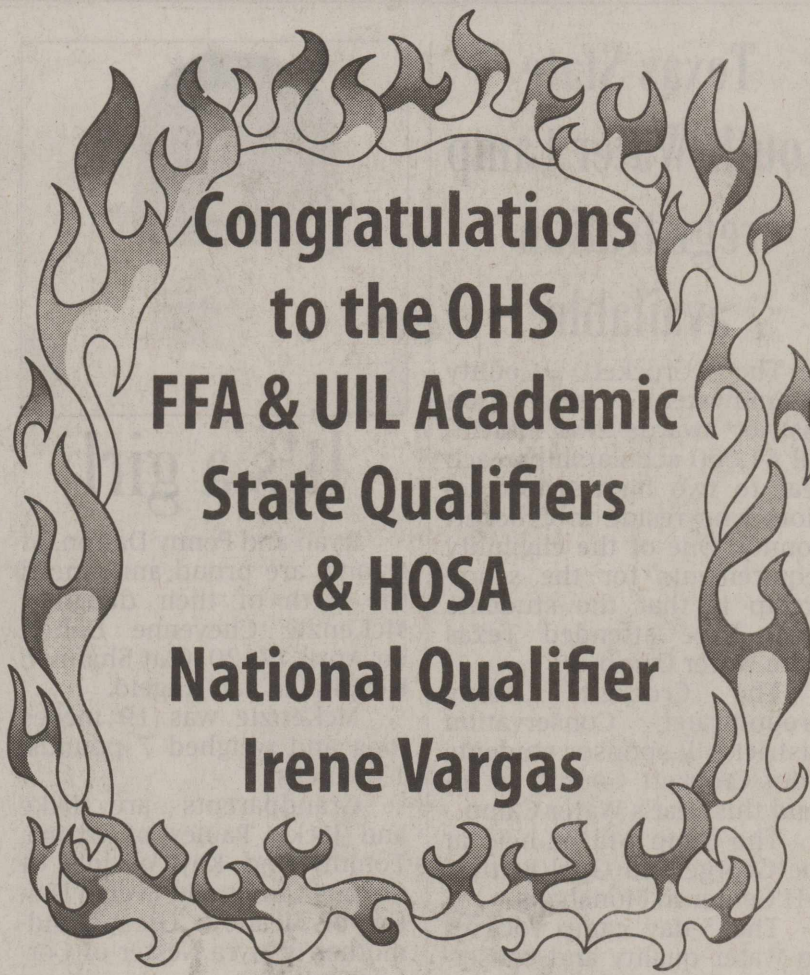
The Lady Lions were led by Sophomore Kelbie Renfro, who shot her two lowest rounds this year with a 92 the first day and a 94 the second day.

Senior Jenice Elguea, tied her lowest round with a 97 on

the first day and a 101 on the second day. Kelsey Childress, a senior, shot a 108 and 106, while Raelynn Arredondo, Junior, shot 118 and 112. Jessica Borrego, a Freshman, came in with a 137 and 128.

The Lady Lions shot a 415 the first day and came back the second day to shoot a 413.

"These were our two lowest rounds of the golf season and I am extremely proud of these five ladies for their efforts at the Regional Golf Tournament," Elguea said. "I would like to thank these golfers for a great season and also thank the parents for their great support in Midland."



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

"THE RAGE" FAST-PITCH TEAM PLACED SECOND in the Ozona Spring Classic Softball Tournament held this past weekend.

Ozona gets second in Spring Classic Softball Tournament

Ozona's fast-pitch team "Rage" won second place in the Ozona Spring Classic Softball Tournament this weekend.

The tournament, for girls 12 and under, was sponsored by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

"The girls played with a lot of heart and fought hard in a total of six games," said Coach Eddie Lozano.

In the championship game, "Rage" came up short against the "Texas Swing" from Wall.

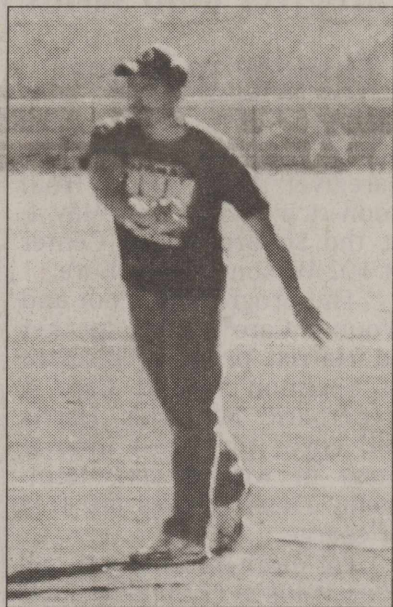
There were four teams entered, Ozona, Sonora, Eldorado and Wall. Each team play two "pool" games and then began the "bracket" games.

"Rage" began their bracket against "Texas Swing" but was defeated.

"Rage" then took down Eldorado in order to advance, and then dominated Sonora to secure their place in the championship game.

The tournament was a fund-raiser for the Ozona Girl's Fast-Pitch Association and was very successful, Lozano said.

"The association would truly like to thank everyone for their time and effort that made this happen. To all spectators form here and all who

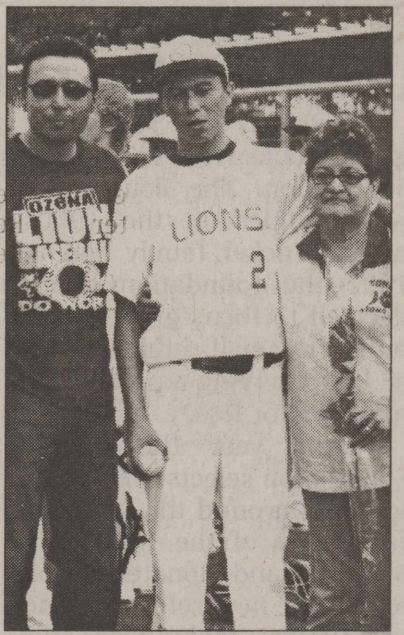
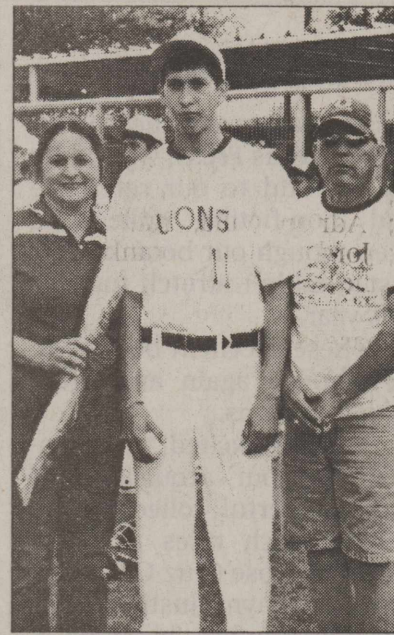


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CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONER FRANK TAMBUNGA throws out the first pitch at the Ozona Spring Classic Softball Tournament.

traveled here, thank you," Lozano said.

The "Rage" coaches, Lozano and Sammy Perez, sincerely thank the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for their sponsorship and its continuous support of Ozona's community, and wholeheartedly wish to thank each and every one of these girls for giving their coaches their all.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHS SENIOR BASEBALL TEAM MEMBERS were honored this past Friday on Senior Parent Night. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Annette Badillo, Bailey Badillo, Ben Badillo, Daniel Vasquez, Jaron Vasquez and Linda Vasquez.

Lions wrap up season with wins over 'Jackets, Owls

The Lions finished their baseball season with victories over Kermit and Reagan County, but fell to Sonora.

"It has been a great year. The Seniors did a great job of leading us. This season was filled with adversity along with plenty of obstacles, but the kids showed they were better than that and finished with a great record," said Coach Ray Ramos.

"From winning only one game to reeling off 16 wins shows a lot about the kids and their staff. I want to personally thank everyone who believed in our baseball team. It was an honor to coach these kids. Thank you to the parents for the privilege to be a part of their kids life. In closing, it's good to know that Ozona baseball is back on the map."

The Lions defeated Kermit 20-5. Pitching - Russel Komechak, 3R, 3H, 2K and 1BB; Nathan De Hoyos, 2K and 1BB and Abey Lara, 2R, 3H, 1K and 2BB.

Leading players - Komechak, 3RBI, 3AB, 2H, 2R; De Hoyos, 5RBI, 4AB, 3H, 4R and 1HR; Johnathan Martin, 1RBI, 3AB, 3H, 2R; Alex Borrego, 3RBI, 3AB, 1H, 1R; Andrew Sanchez, 3AB, 2H, 2R and Zeth Hernandez, 3RBI, 2AB, 1H, 1R.

Ozona defeated Reagan County 16-8.

Pitching - Jaron Vasquez, 3R, 3H, 2K and 6BB; Koming only one game to reeling off 16 wins shows a lot about the kids and their staff. I want to personally thank everyone who believed in our baseball team. It was an honor to coach these kids. Thank you to the parents for the privilege to be a part of their kids life. In closing, it's good to know that Ozona baseball is back on the map."

The Lions lost to Sonora, 16-8. Pitching - Lara, 11R, 8H, 2K and 2BB; De Hoyos, 5R, 2H, 6K and 1BB.

Leading players - Komechak, 1RBI, 3AB, 1H, 2R; De Hoyos, 2RBI, 4AB, 3H, 1R; Martin, 2RBI, 4AB, 2H, 1R and Alejandro Mendez, 2RBI, 3AB, 1H.

OHS Track Regional Qualifiers compete in Sonora

The OHS Track Regional Qualifiers competed in a qualifiers meet last week in Sonora.

BOYS RESULTS:

High jump - 2. Kyle Sewell, 6-0.

400-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 46.68.

110-meter hurdles - 5. Russel Komechak, 15.32.

800-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 1:35.78.

400-meter dash - 3. Jesse Badillo, 54.8.

300-meter hurdles - 3. R. Komechak, 41.59.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 3:32.01.

GIRLS RESULTS:

Triple jump - 2. Vanessa Rodriguez, 35-2.5.

High jump - 6. Melanie Miller, 4-10.

Long jump - 3. V. Rodriguez, 15-8.5.

Shot put - 4. Jessica Elston, 31-11.5.

110-meter hurdles - 6. Miller, 17.71.

100-meter dash - 6. Rodriguez, 13.30.

400-meter dash - 2. Rodriguez, 1:03.04.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Alex Rodriguez, 49.24.

200-meter dash - 5. Rodriguez, 27.90.

1,600-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 4:26.55.

The OHS Track Regional Qualifiers will compete at the Region I-2A meet Monday and Tuesday in Odessa.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

May 3 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

May 4 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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Cub Scouts honored at Blue and Gold Banquet

The Ozona Cub Scouts Pack 153 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on April 19 at the Civic Center.

Winners in the Cake Contest: Best Cub Scout Theme - 1. Jared Everett; 2. Nate Jackson; 3. Jose Munoz. Yummiest Looking - 1. Jessie Ramos; 2. Murray Logan; 3. Austin Moran. Biggest - 1. Trystian Galindo; 2. Leland Wellman; 3. Gavin Grannis. Flattest - 1. David Landin; 2. Cobran Hernandez; 3. Bladen Hernandez. Most Original - 1. Caleb Martinez; 2. Josh Knaack; 3. Jordan Martin. Most Patriotic - 1. Jake Everett; 2. Anthony Hester-Smith; 3. Hunter Smith. Berry-est - 1. Sebastian De La Cruz; 2. Marc Flores; 3. Chris Yruega.

Top 10 Popcorn Sellers - 1. Marc Flores, \$3,200; 2. Nate Jackson, \$1,853; 3. Justin Yeager, \$1,500; 4. Leland Wellman, \$1,380; 5. Gavin Grannis, \$1,173; 6. Jacob Childress, \$1,069; 7. Mark Akeman, \$1,008; 8. Jessie Ramos, \$995; 9. Peyton Rohan, \$696 and 10. Christian Yruegas, \$633. Total sales for 2009 was \$25,165.

Leadership Awards - Jim White, assistant Cub Master; Millie Grannis, secretary; Juan Hernandez, Mingo Perez, Michael Morales and Ty Williams, Tigers; Gary Yeager and Eli De La Cruz, Wolves; Travis and Ana Knaack, Bears; Willard Akeman and Juan Hernandez, Webelos Den 2; Benny and Peggy Logan, Webelos Den 1 and Lydia Munoz and Cheryl Galindo, Webelos II; Duncan Knox and Jayce Lozano, volunteer recognition.

Religious Emblem Award - Hunter Smith and Murray Logan. Hunter is the son of Nancy and Johnny Smith, Murray is the son of Benny and Peggy Logan.

Tigers - Tate Williams, rank of Tiger, baseball, basketball and soccer belt loops; Cobran Hernandez, rank of Tiger, football, baseball and basketball belt loops and perfect attendance; Michael Morales, rank of Tiger, baseball belt loop and perfect attendance; Ethan Criswell, rank of Tiger, baseball belt loop and perfect attendance; Anthony Hester-Smith, rank of Tiger, baseball belt loop and perfect attendance; Jose Munoz, rank of Tiger, baseball, basketball and soccer belt loops and perfect attendance and Leland Wellman, rank of Tiger, Immediate Recognition Emblem, soccer belt loop and perfect attendance.

Wolves - Joseph Vitela, rank of Wolf, music, baseball and basketball belt loops; Peyton Rohan, rank of Wolf; Jacob Childress, rank of Wolf; Sebastian De La Cruz, rank of Wolf and one gold and four silver arrow points; Austin Moran, rank of Wolf; astronomy, bb gun shooting, archery, wildlife, map and compass and art and one gold and one silver arrow point; Justin Yeager, rank of Wolf, astronomy, bb gun shooting, archery, wildlife, map and compass, bowling and art belt loops and Nate Jackson, rank of Wolf, astronomy, bb gun shooting, archery, wildlife, map and compass and bowling and art belt loops and one gold and one silver arrow point.

Bears - Josh Knaack, rank of Bear, astronomy, archery, bb gun shooting, map and

compass, art and fishing belt loops; David Landin, rank of Bear; Ivan Villarreal, rank of Bear; Adrian Villa, rank of Bear; Jordan Martin, rank of Bear and basketball belt loop; Marcus Perez, rank of Bear and baseball belt loop and Kyle Lewis, rank of Bear and basketball belt loop.

Webelos I, Den 2 - Mark Akeman, citizen and fitness activity badges; Bladen Hernandez, citizen and fitness activity badges; Christian Yruegas, citizen and fitness activity badges; Jessie Ramos, citizen and fitness activity badges and Greg De Hoyos, citizen and fitness activity badges and basketball belt loop.

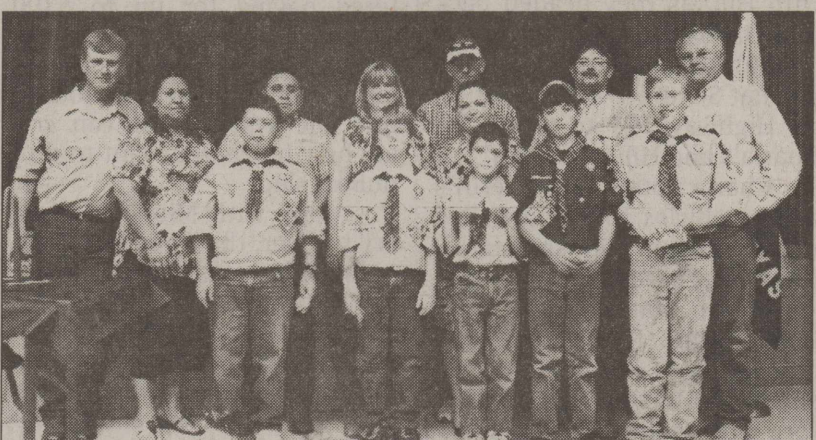
Webelos I, Den 1 - Jacob Schroeder, rank of Webelos, fitness, engineer and citizenship badges, football, baseball and fishing belt loops; Hunter Smith, rank of Webelos, fitness, engineer and citizenship badges, football and fishing badges; Gavin Grannis, rank of Webelos, fitness, engineer and citizenship badges, fishing belt loop and three-year perfect attendance; Murray Logan, rank of Webelos, fitness, engineer and citizenship badges, map and compass, wildlife, bb gun shooting, archery, art, bowling and astronomy belt loops and fourth-year perfect attendance and Marc Flores, rank of Webelos, fitness, engineer and citizenship badges, football, baseball and fishing belt loops and volunteered with the Toys for Tots campaign.

Webelos II - Trystian Galindo, readyman, artist, outdoorsman, sportsman and handyman activity badges, "leave no trace" and "emergency preparedness" awards, hiking, basketball, good manners and bicycling belt loops and good manners, basketball and computer academics pins; Caleb Martinez, artist, outdoorsman, sportsman and handyman activity badges, "leave no trace" and "emergency preparedness" awards, hiking, basketball, good manners and bicycling belt loops and good manners, basketball and computer academics pins; Kabir Shah, readyman, artist, outdoorsman, sportsman and handyman activity badges, "leave no trace" and "emergency preparedness" awards, hiking, basketball, good manners and bicycling belt loops and good manners, basketball and computer academics pins; Jake Everett, readyman, artist, outdoorsman, sportsman and handyman activity badges, "leave no trace" and "emergency preparedness" awards, hiking, basketball, good manners and bicycling belt loops and good manners, basketball and computer academics pins; Jared Everett, readyman, artist, outdoorsman, sportsman and handyman activity badges, "leave no trace" and "emergency preparedness" awards, hiking, basketball, good manners and bicycling belt loops and good manners, basketball and computer academics pins.

Arrow of Light - Trystian Galindo, Kabir Shah, Jake and Jared Everett and Caleb Martinez each earned their Arrow of Light, which is the highest honor in Cub Scouting. It is equivalent to the Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. These young men can now move on to the rank of Boy Scout.



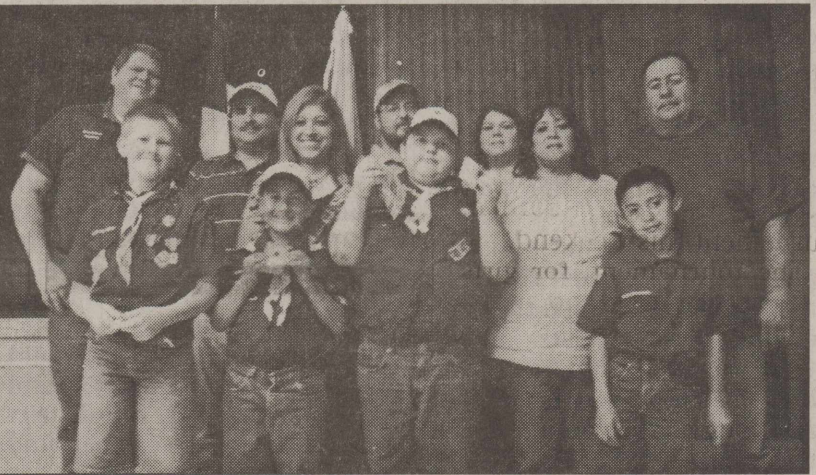
WEBELOS II - along with their many awards at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet, this group earned their Arrow of Light, the highest honor in Cub Scouting.



WEBELOS I DEN 1



WEBELOS I DEN 2



BEARS



WOLVES



TIGERS



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H JUDGING TEAMS have been busy the past three weeks competing in local and area competitions.

4-H Judging Teams participate in local, area contests

BY CARLON STAPPER
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H

For the last three Saturdays, Crockett County 4-H judges have been participating in contests.

On April 10 Crockett County hosted the District 6 Plant ID, Range Evaluation, Wool and Mohair contests as well as open invitational contest in all four categories.

District highlights include for the Junior Judges, Thomas Cruz, Julie Marshall and Preston McCutcheon, first in Range Evaluation and second in Plant ID, Wool and Mohair.

Julie was high individual in Range, Wool and Mohair.

The Intermediate judges, Kinsey Chandler, Madie Childress, Alex Hopper, Jadie Marshall, Lanna Stapper and Kevin Villareal, took first in all four contests.

Individually, Kinsey was high point in Plant ID, Wool and Mohair and Lanna was high point in Range Evaluation.

Our Senior Judges, Erik Carrizales, Lane Hale, Linda Stapper and Lane White, competed in Plant ID, Wool and Mohair and took first in all three.

Erik, Lane Hale and Linda will advance to State in Wool.

Lane White competed as an individual in Range Evaluation where he took first and will advance to State.

Other first places, were Linda in Plant ID and Wool and Lane Hale in Mohair.

The competition is always

tougher in the open contest with teams coming from as far east as Boerne and west to Presidio. Placing first in these contests were the Intermediate team in Range and Range and Plant ID overall, with Lanna being high point in Range.

The Seniors took first in Mohair where Lane Hale was high point. Linda took home the coveted Spur Clip which is donated by the Larry Williams family each year and goes to the Overall High Point in Range Evaluation and Plant ID who has not received it in the past.

Busy schedules allowed only Kinsey to travel to Boerne on April 17 where she competed as an individual in Plants, Wool and Mohair and represented Crockett County well by taking a first, second and third.

Nine team members traveled to Eldorado on April 24 and competed in Range Evaluation, Wool and Mohair.

The Juniors took first in Range and second in both Wool and Mohair with Julie being high point in Range and Mohair.

The Intermediates took first in Range and Mohair and second in Wool with Kinsey being high point in Wool and Mohair.

Linda was the only Senior from Crockett County so she competed as an individual and was high point in Range and Mohair.

The 4-Hers have off now until May 15 when the travel to Del Rio.

TG company has grant money available for graduating seniors

A company called TG has \$6 million in grant money to give away to Texas college bound students.

This includes students going to technical schools, two-year colleges, as well as four-year universities.

It is called the Wootan Grant and will be disbursed on a first come, first serve basis.

Last year the typical Wootan recipient received \$3,500.

Go to www.aie.org/wootan to read more about this grant and requirements for applying.

Local scholarship applications including deadlines, available in the OHS Go Center

at this time are:

• Friends of the Library - April 30.

• International Right of Way Association Chapter 35 - May 31.

• Ozona Woman's Forum Scholarship - April 30.

• Tom Green County Farm Bureau Scholarship - April 30

(applicant's parent/guardian must be a member of the Tom Green County Farm Bureau).

• The Guadalupe Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church - May 4.

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

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2010 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Saturday, May 1, 2010
Sutton County Fairgrounds @ Sonora, TX
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- Parade 9:00 AM
- Miss Cinco de Mayo Contest
- Little Mr. and Miss Cinco de Mayo
- Food & Arts/Crafts Booths
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The report states the two deputies then proceeded with caution and asked Charla and Hill where the rifle was.

"Mr. Hill matched the description given to me by Deputy Arrieta and this led to us believing he was Marley," Bertolino stated in the report.

The two deputies ordered Charla and Hill to show their hands and to get down the ground. The report states that Bertolino could smell the odor of alcohol on both Charla and Hill.

Charla said Jess stepped out on the back porch wanting to know what was happening. Hill stated that Jess walked out with a cigar in his mouth and tried to talk to the officers.

"He seemed confused and disoriented, and slurred his words as he spoke," Bertolino stated in his report.

Bertolino's reports states that Arrieta and him repeatedly told Jess to get back in the house, and that they believed Hill to be Jess. Charla told the officers that Jess was the man on the porch.

The officers began to question Jess about where the gun was.

The report states that Jess started to get belligerent and verbal and said "Just wait till I get a hold of Roy Glenn," referring to the sheriff.

Bertolino stated that Jess was stumbling and when he did stand he continually repeated that he was Jess Marley as he swayed back and forth, slurred his words and appeared to be intoxicated. The report also states that Marley kept reaching about his right front pants pocket and his back pants pocket to his lower back area as if he had a weapon.

"This sharply raised my level of caution and officer safety," Bertolino stated. "It was later learned that he (Jess Marley) frequently carried a small semi-automatic pistol."

Bertolino also stated that Charla started saying "he doesn't know what he is doing" referring to Jess.

Bertolino stated he ordered Jess to get on the ground several times, but that Jess refused to comply. Bertolino also stated he warned Jess if he did not comply, he would be tased. Bertolino tased Marley but the darts did not make contact.

"While maintaining weapon safety, I switched to my pepper spray and did apply it to Jess Marley," Bertolino said.

Charla said a taser was then deployed and then an officer pepper sprayed Jess.

"He just kind of-slowly kind of sat down and slumped over," she stated. "I guess I got a dose of it too, because I couldn't breathe and I was coughing and choking and my eyes were watering."

Charla also stated that the officers asked Jess to get on the ground but that Jess never got on the ground, but continued to ask the officers what the problem was. Due to Jess's health problems it was difficult for him to get on the ground, Charla stated.

She also stated that she "begged" the officers not to use the taser due to Jess's health.

"You taser him, you will kill him," she said.

In the original lawsuit, Charla and Hill both state that the sheriff's officers placed Jess in a "headlock." In their depositions, both Charla and Hill stated they couldn't remember if Jess was placed in a headlock or not.

"The whole thing seemed to be out of control, and that's just my opinion. It was very scary," Charla stated.

Bertolino's report states as they were identifying all three people, Charla yelled to her husband "Shut up, don't you worry about them I gonna hurt you myself." Both Charla and Hill admitted to have been drinking alcohol to Arrieta.

As Jess was being handcuffed, he told sheriff's deputies "I don't have any rifles," when they asked about the .22 again, Charla then interrupted and said "He shot a cat, he shot a cat, you're not suppose to do that I know that."

The officers found the rifle inside Jess's house, the report stated.

In her deposition, Charla said she does not remember what all she said to the officers that day.

Hill stated that actions of the sheriff's deputies were "excessive" and that Jess was not a threat.

"He is 70 years old and not in great health and could have easily been talked to calmly instead of hollered at. The issue, in my opinion, could have been resolved without near the violence," Hill stated.

According to a Crockett County EMS report that was filed, Jess "appeared to be under the influence of alcohol," had slurred speech, leaning posture and was uncooperative. After the EMS officials finished treating Jess's irritated eyes with saline, Jess refused treatment and was then transported to the Crockett County Jail.

Charla stated that within a week, after the "excessive use of pepper spray" Jess's health became worse and he "started going down."

Jess was eventually transferred to Austin, where a medical doctor told Charla and Jess's daughter Jennifer that his current health problem was due to the pepper spray, Charla said.

The night before Jess died, Charla stated that she called Sutton at the sheriff's office. Sutton wasn't there so she left a message that his "good friend" was about to die.

In her deposition, Charla stated that Jess retained San Angelo attorney Melvin Gray the Tuesday after the incident with the sheriff's office, and that she met with San Angelo law firm Webb, Stokes and Sparks after Jess's funeral. She also stated that she has never had a conversation with Sutton.

Hill stated two weeks after Jess's death he talked to Charla about filing a lawsuit against Crockett County.

HILL DWI ARREST

Along with information about the day Jess Marley was arrested, the documents also contain information about Hill's driving while intoxicated arrest on Aug. 6, 2009, which is also included in the lawsuit.

A week before Jess's death, Hill stated that he was picking up the Marley's mail at the Ozona Post Office when he was confronted by Chief Deputy Bo Semmler. Hill states that one of post office employees asked him about Jess.

Hill states that he tells the postal worker Jess had problems with the pepper spray.

Semmler was not in uniform and states to Hill "you are the one that's spreading rumors down around Sheffield, and Jess Marley's problems had nothing to do with pepper spray," Hill stated.

Hill said he responded by saying "I'm not trying to spread any rumors. I'm just repeating what I was told."

On the day Hill was arrested, he stated that he had one beer at lunch, which was when he ate between 3-5 p.m. with his meal. He stated that he did not recall telling the sheriff officers that he had two beers that day.

Hill states that there was one beer in the ice chest of the ranch pickup he was driving, and that it was the flavor he drank but that it wasn't his beer, he didn't buy it.

Hill also states that Charla had not been drinking alcohol that day.

In an affidavit, Jennifer Marley, one of Jess's daughters, states that she was at the ranch that morning and stayed until midday before returning to town. The affidavit states that she observed Charla and Hill drinking beer.

At 5 p.m., Jennifer called the ranch to see if Charla or Hill needed anything before she left Ozona to return home to San Angelo. Hill told Jennifer that Charla and he were coming into town, the affidavit stated.

Jennifer said during the conversation with Hill, he slurred his words and sounded as if he was intoxicated, the affidavit states.

Jennifer said that due to safety concerns and liability to the ranch with Hill driving a ranch vehicle, she called Sutton to report the situation.

"I told Sheriff Sutton that I was concerned that Mike Hill

and Charla Wooten Marley had been drinking, would be coming to town and driving ranch vehicles, and I was concerned that someone maybe hurt or killed and did not know the impact on the ranch," the affidavit stated.

Jennifer also stated that she wanted her report to remain anonymous.

In his own affidavit, Sutton states that he did receive a call from Jennifer about Charla and Hill drinking and then driving into town.

"I told her that all we could do was to go sit on the side of the highway and follow them and see if they appeared to be driving under the influence of alcohol," Sutton said.

Around 5 to 5:30 p.m., Hill and Charla left the ranch. Charla was driving a vehicle, along with Hill, as they headed back into Ozona from the ranch.

Sutton stated in his affidavit that Semmler and he set up on Highway 163 to watch for Charla's and Hill's vehicles.

Charla noticed the sheriff's office vehicles first and pulled over to inform Hill, she stated. The two proceeded into town.

Sutton stated that the officers began following Charla and Hill until Bertolino arrived and began to stop Hill right before the cemetery. Sutton returned to town and did not stay at the scene.

Semmler traveled directly behind Hill's vehicle and observed the vehicle driving off the roadway onto the shoulder and then back across the center markings into oncoming traffic, according to his report.

Hill stated that the officer commented Hill smelled like alcohol.

Semmler states in his report that they found a beer can on the side of the road, where it appeared that Hill or Charla had poured out a beer and discarded a can. The beer that remained in the can was still cool, Semmler's report states.

Hill claims his fingerprints were not on the beer can the officers found on the county road.

Semmler also states that he observed an ice chest sitting in the rear floor between the driver and passenger seats.

Bertolino's report states that Hill's eyes were blood shot and glassy. Bertolino asked Hill to perform a field sobriety test. In Semmler's opinion, Hill failed the field sobriety test.

Hill refused a portable breath test and an intoxilyzer test, before being arrested for DWI.

Charla stated that she called attorney Gray during the traffic stop.

She also stated that Jennifer was not at the ranch that day. Hill stated that he did not remember seeing Jennifer at the ranch that day.

OTHER INFORMATION:

In his affidavit, Sutton states that on March 24, 2010 he did pass his Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education license test. In the original lawsuit, it states that Sutton has not obtained this license.

In an affidavit by Margo L. Frasier, a criminal justice consultant with 35 years of law enforcement experience from Austin, she states that after reviewing documentation and materials related to these incidents, that the actions taken by the sheriff and his deputies "were those that a reasonable law enforcement officer could have taken under the same or similar circumstances."

Fraiser states in her report that the deputies "used no greater force" on Charla, Hill and Jess than necessary then to temporarily to detain them while the scene was secured and the rifle that has been fired was located, and that on Jess to prevent him from injuring the deputies and others.

As far as the arrest of Hill for DWI, Semmler and Sutton "would have had, based on their training, a rational basis for having followed up on the information they had received."

Fraiser also states that the arrests of Jess and Hill were justified and that the deputies acted in conformance with the training commonly provided by law enforcement officers in the State of Texas.

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playing the educational games or moving items around in the lesson that appear on the screen.

"You can add photos, sound effects and it interacts with the Internet," Esparza said.

Math and science teachers were the first to receive the devices due to last year's low test scores, said Superintendent Chris duBois.

Cost for the devices is around \$1,200, which is cheaper than many interactive whiteboard systems, plus allows more flexibility and creativity than other systems, duBois said.

"Nobody has reported any negativity toward it. That doesn't mean there we are all experts in this, but we have offered paying for up to \$300 worth of training. That's the key, support, support, excess and training. You're not locked into the system; you can create how much you want to do," duBois said.

Along with Mimios for every teacher, the three-tier Technology Plan also includes a laptop with docking stations for every teacher, expanding video conferencing to every campus and computer drafting software, broadcast and graphic arts software and computers for the high school. Current teacher's computer would be refurbished as student computers in the school labs.

Technology also means new equipment for industrial arts and ag mechanics. Cost for this tier is \$646,875.

At the new elementary school, every room will have a flat-panel TV for announcements, learning, integrated video and to use for alarms and security, along with Mimios and projectors. Cost for this tier is \$396,959.

There are also plans for a wireless network and electronic signs at the new elementary and middle schools. This tier's cost is \$104,903.

"We want our teachers to have a full interactive setup," duBois said. "That would bring all of our classrooms in the 21st-Century. We want to attack this full force. We are way behind on technology."

Paying for this plan would come out of the district's fund balance. Currently, the district has a fund balance of around \$10 million. Four million has been set aside for the new elementary school.

With payments to the state due to Chapter 41 funding and the technology plan expenses, duBois said the district would be left with \$4.2 million.

The superintendent also said the district is looking into grants, specifically through USDA Rural Development, that would help pay for some of the technology.

"I'm not a salesman. I'm not trying to steer you down a path. What do we have a fund balance for, to cover contingencies and do good things for kids. This can do a lot of good things for kids," duBois said.

The board members agreed

with duBois that it was time for the district to step up in technology.

"I'm tired of being out in the dark. I think we should move forward," said Board Member Grizz Medina.

"Our kids need this. We are real behind on this. This is going to help them," added Board Member Harvey Sanchez.

MAINTENANCE AND FACILITY NEEDS

The board did not take any action on consideration of maintenance and facility needs, but duBois presented a way on how the district can apply for \$5 million through a federal stimulus load to upgrade items around the district.

The program, called Qualified School Construction Bond Program is a low interest maintenance note program using federal stimulus funds.

"This is not a bond election. It is a very low interest rate loan," duBois said.

The maximum interest rate on the loan would be two percent on a 15-year loan. Iraan-Sheffield ISD is already pursuing this and Sonora is looking into this as well, duBois said.

Some of the items to be worked on include HVAC systems at the middle school, the Davidson Gym and Heritage Building, upgrades to Lion Stadium and the OHS Library, the alarm systems and renovations to school housing.

"This program was created to get work on the ground and create jobs," duBois said.

duBois said he still has to see if Ozona can qualify for the program before the board takes a vote.

"You don't have to pass a bond for this. You don't have a tax increase," Childress said.

PORTABLE BUILDINGS PURCHASE

The board verbally agreed to allow duBois to make an offer of \$180,000 to buy the portable buildings being used for pre-K through second grades.

duBois said the district has been leasing the buildings for 23 months, which is over the original 14-month lease.

The district owns the \$30,000 worth of decks and ramps the buildings sit on and will end up paying around \$500,000 on the buildings before the new elementary school is finished.

"We can use them in a lot of different ways," duBois said.

ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Moving into the new school before the year begins next fall may be tight.

duBois said the building is not completed on the roofing and on being closed in, which is a "big concern."

He also said that north end staircase has a landing that may not be up to code.

"We want to verify it. It's the architect's responsibility to make sure inspections are done and no inspections have been conducted yet. We need to get on Doug (Kohene) a little bit. It will get fixed if it has to get fixed, they have a solution for it

and it will cost us nothing if it's their fault," duBois said. "It concerned me a great deal. My personal impression is I'm hopeful that we still have a shot of starting school in that building. We need to have Plan A and Plan B. Everybody keep your fingers crossed. They are still aiming for Aug. 15."

RESIGNATIONS AND HIRINGS

After a one-hour executive session, the board voted on the resignations of Gretchen Bloebaum, Gina Hochreiter, Courtney Beck and Cora Worthington, who is retiring.

The district has hired Rebecca Kain, of Rocksprings, as a new Pre-K bilingual teacher and Carol Stevens, of Grape Creek, as the OHS Counselor.

Maria Hendryx, the current OHS Counselor, will be moving to elementary as the counselor to take Janina Savala's place. Savala was named the new assistant elementary principal at the March board meeting.

In his report, Athletic Director Robert Hernandez said the district received 53 applications for the girls' head basketball position. Those applications have been narrowed down to six.

Hernandez said he expects to make an announcement on the new coach within the next week or two.

The new coach will replace John Jackson who will remain employed with the district as a teacher, but resigned from coaching due to health reasons.

OTHER ITEMS:

OHS Teacher Tammy McWilliams presented "Glad" lists from students at three campuses. The lists were created by the students and emphasized things they are glad about their school district.

OHS Principal Houston Hendryx reported that TAKS results for eighth grade reading came back with 88 percent of the students passing and 42 percent of those receiving commended performance and 90 percent of the eighth grade passing the math test.

The board verbally approved a letter of engagement with CHORUS Inc. - Hallmark of Excellence leadership program.

No action taken on class ranking and graduation requirement policies due to no changes proposed.

Approved changes to the health and wellness, medical treatment policy prohibiting the purchase of over-the-counter medications.

Approved local board of trustees certification form.

Members of the board planned to attend a called board meeting for training on the CSCOPE Overview with the Education Service Center Region XV at 6:30 p.m. May 6, as well as the goal setting retreat on May 8 with the district site-base committees, administrators and middle and high school students. They also discussed holding budget workshops in June and July.

The next regular board meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. May 19 at the Administration Building.



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APRIL 24
• 8:06 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, 16 miles south of

State Hwy 163 on 1973. One vehicle rollover, traffic control. Three unit, seven firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 12 minutes.

APRIL 25
• 3:05 p.m. - Grass fire 10 miles south Hwy 163. Control burn that broke out. Six units, nine firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 59 minutes.

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APRIL 20
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APRIL 22
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic
• Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center
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Approach Operating	9000	University 42-23 #10	Nabors Drilling (O) 349	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	P.L. Childress #605	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000	P.L. Childress #61606	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	Baker #8-#204	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Baker #103	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	University 42-22 #9	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 18	Assigned
New Mic Operating	6000	Parker Ranch-2034-Unit #1	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp 20	Assigned
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	J.M. Baggett #11164	Patterson Uti/Midland 721	Drig Ahead 3181

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New Endeavor Energy Res	12000	Coy D. Halley-B-#4	Big Dog Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 2560
Pioneer Natural/Trv	11000	Wheeler-A-#2	Lariat Services/Ode 44	As Direct
Mariner Energy	10000	Srh-12-#1209	Big Dog Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 7831
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Srh-11-#1102	Big Dog Drilling 24	Drig Ahead 9090
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg-C-#1916	Patterson Uti/Midland 39	Drig Ahead 4719
Prime Operating/Mid	9000	Justin Lee McMaster-A-#13	Patterson Uti/Midland 118	Drig Ahead 750
New Pioneer Natural/Trv	9000	Prime Kile #7	Patterson Uti/Midland 169	Drig Ahead 4495
New Pioneer Natural/Trv	9000	Sherrod Unit #1609	Patterson Uti/Midland 196	Drig Ahead
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sherrod Unit #2116	Patterson Uti/Midland 430	Drig Ahead 1134
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Srh-C-#24	Patterson Uti/Midland 710	Drig Ahead
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		Srh-D-#8b	Union Drilling Texas 226	Drig Ahead 573

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8975	Hill Rousselet-B-#4	Patterson Uti/Midland 105	Drig Ahead 1941
Highmount E&P Tx	8650	University 54-24 #6	Patterson Uti/Midland 742	Drig Ahead 8422
New Highmount E&P Tx	8500	Hill-Mayer-III-#3	Patterson Uti/Midland 38	Drig Ahead 5813
New Telests Operating	4999	Ca-Jo-Dx-#65	Sand Dollar Drilling 21	Drig Ahead

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Sandridge E&P Llc	14000	Owens-A-#1031a	Lariat Services/Ode 4	As Direct
Eop Resources/Mid	12385	Allison-A-#1	Patterson Uti/Midland 471	Drig Ahead 1786

Sutton County

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• Kelsie Marie Haire, Ozona, \$1,100, disorderly conduct, Class C misdemeanor.
• Ernesto Esteban Villarreal, Ozona, enticing a child, \$2,000, misdemeanor; delivery of a control substance or marijuana to a child, \$10,000; evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, \$5,000, felony; tampering with evidence, \$5,000, felony; public intoxication, \$1,100, misdemeanor; reckless driving, misdemeanor, \$2,000; possession of marijuana less than two ounces,

misdemeanor, \$2,000.

• Edward Allen Woernel, Las Cruces, N.M., possession of dangerous drug, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

• Dylan Johnson, Marianna, Fla., possession of marijuana more than two ounces and less than four ounces, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

• Jacques Chesiner Tassin, Midland, theft more than \$20 and less than \$500, misdemeanor, \$403.

• Romeo Enrique Perez Jr., Ozona, assault bodily injury, Class A misdemeanor, \$5,000.

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Ozona, Texas

STATE: from page 2

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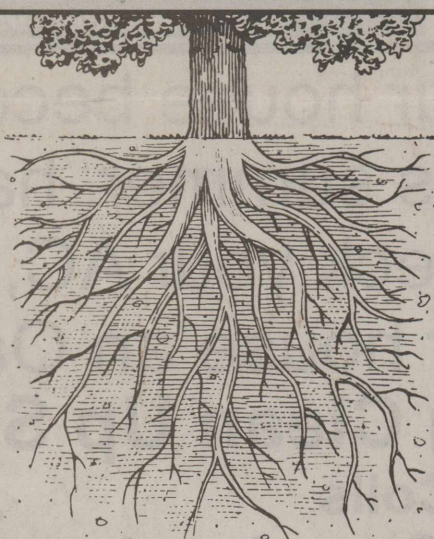
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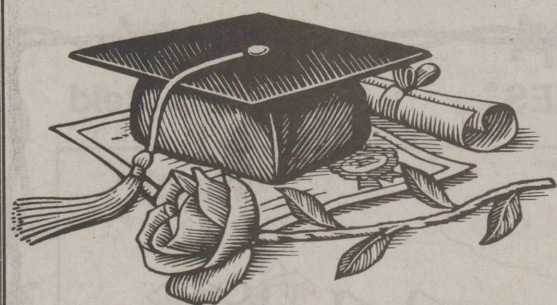
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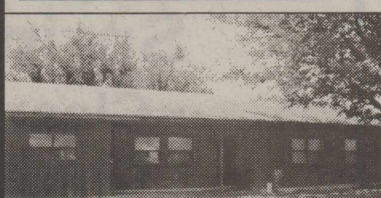
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