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School board approves revisions, concrete bid discussion continues

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

'If Lilly has any kind of history at all making sizeable concrete pours and they can convince the engineer they will maintain quality control, we can convince Capitol to use them. Let us work on it. We will see to it that Lilly has every opportunity.'

PAUL WALDROP JR., PRESIDENT OF WALDROP CONSTRUCTION INC.

More discussion on the new elementary school, along with approval on additional items, took place during a special meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees on April 2.

Continuing talk on concrete bids for the new school, which took place at the board's March 25 regular meeting, Waldrop Construction President Paul Waldrop explained to the board why Lilly Construction may not have been considered.

Waldrop said Lilly's plant is very small and still mixes by hand in comparison to other plants that are computerized and have a higher degree of quality control.

"I'm not criticizing the concrete plate, but it is not at the standard engineering requirements used today for large concrete pours," Waldrop said.

In an email from Kelly Behrens of Capitol Concrete, the company that won the school concrete contract and decided to use Ingram over Lilly Construction for the concrete mix, it states that Lilly did not give a complete bid for the project, but that Capitol contacted Lilly and discussed the possibility of using Lilly for site concrete, which is curbs and sidewalks.

Behrens states that Lilly seemed pleased with that option, and that Lilly informed Behrens they would not be able to service the project due to how few trucks they have and that they were working on a hotel. The actual difference in the cost of the concrete was only $2.50 per yard, Behrens stated.

Waldrop said that Ingram is working with a process to send around 10 trucks out of San Angelo, dump and reload out of Sonora. Ingram also prefers to due large pours in one day, involving 30-40 workers.

"We have tried everything we can locally. With a project this size and the type of materials, very little can be bought locally," Waldrop said. "The highest risk element of the project is concrete. It is very expensive and if it goes wrong it can be a very expensive process. We are very cautious about our concrete."

Board President Dr. Marcus Sims said that when Capitol called Dave Wilson at Lilly Construction, they wanted a telephone bid of 4,000 yards of 3,000 psi concrete for sidewalks and curbing. Ingram's bid was for 4,000 psi, which is foundation concrete.

"I have right here Lilly's tests for 5,000 and 4,000 psi concrete. They pour as a state contractor on the highways. If you asked the man to bid 4,000 psi, I imagine he would have bid it. I think somebody is telling me a fib and I'm having a hard time putting trust in everybody who walks into this room," Sims said. "Someone is lying to me. I agree the foundation is the most important thing. I want the school to get the most for our dollar."

Board member Dwight Childress said that Lilly Construction can contract other trucks to come in for a large job.

"It's very possible that neither one is lying to you. It could all be a miscommunication. Capitol told me they don't feel comfortable on using Lilly on the large pours, but they will use him on the smaller work," said Bill Baker, of Waldrop Construction.

Waldrop said they can ask Capitol Concrete to talk to Lilly again.

"If Lilly has any kind of history at all making sizeable concrete pours and they can convince the engineer they will maintain quality control, we can convince Capitol to use them," Waldrop said. "Let us work on it. We will see to it that Lilly has every opportunity."

PLAN REVISION COSTS, ALTERNATE PROPOSALS, TECHNOLOGY BIDS APPROVED

The board unanimously approved an additional $160,794 in plan revision costs, $270,195 in alternate proposals and $468,694 in technology bids for the new school.

Some of the revision costs and alternate proposals are due to corrections having to be made in the drawings, along with requests that were made three days prior to the board approving the guarantee maximum price in January, Waldrop said.

Construction on the school is behind schedule, but Waldrop said the school should still be ready for moving in by fall 2010.

"We may be working around your people moving into the building, and we may help you move into the building," Waldrop said.

Plan revision costs included site work, parking signage, fencing, concrete, structural and miscellaneous steel, carpentry, custom cabinets and counter tops, windows and glass, drywall, paint and coatings, marker and tack board, corner guards, plumbing and electrical.

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Easter Egg Hunt to also feature Knights of Columbus celebration, Stockman to be closed Friday

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The annual County Wide Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 12, at the town square across from the Crockett County Courthouse.

In case of bad weather, the event will take place at the Fair Park Convention Center.

The event is open for children up to 10 years-old.

"We will be trying to have more of the plastic prized eggs and more individual candy eggs," said Coordinator Frank Tambunga.

Along with the Easter Egg Hunt the Knights of Columbus will have free hot dogs to celebrate the council's 25-year anniversary.

"So come on out and bring your lawn chairs, chips and drink and we will provide the hot dogs. It is an old-fashion Easter Day Picnic," Tambunga said.

DJ music will be provided from 2-6 p.m.

Anyone wanting to donate toward the Easter Egg Hunt may bring the eggs that day by 1 p.m. or call Tambunga at 392-2827.

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Friday, April 10, for the Good Friday and Easter Holiday.

Deadline is NOON Monday, April 13, for the April 15 edition.

Tax Assessor-Collector Q&A: Shaw is also Chief Appraiser

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

This is the 10th in a series of Ozona Stockman question-and-answer articles featuring county and state officials in our community.

Today's article features Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw.

The Tax Assessor-Collector's office does a variety of duties including registering vehicles, transfers auto titles, is where people pay property taxes and has the duty of calculating the county taxes, as well as voter registration.

Tax Assessor-Collector Shaw answered the following questions:

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

When Tommy Stokes retired, the commissioners' court appointed me to fill his unexpired term. I have been elected to the position twice since then.

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Tax Assessor-Collector

Because of the wide range of responsibilities performed by the assessor-collector, most citizens deal with this county official more frequently than any other office.

The major tax duty of the assessor-collector, who collects property taxes, is the assessment (calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax as established by the Constitution and the State Property Tax Code. In addition, as an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the assessor-collector is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county.

Another duty of the county tax assessor-collector is that of voter registrar. In most Texas counties, a person would register to vote through the office of county tax assessor-collector. In a few counties, the commissioners court has designated the county clerk or an elections administrator to provide this function. The county tax office voter registration responsibilities include accepting applications for voter registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county tax assessor-collector is also responsible for the collections of special fees imposed by the county and state on coin-operated vending machines, alcoholic beverage permits and registration and titling boats.

- Source: Texas Association of Counties

Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector



RHONDA SHAW -
4 years as Tax Assessor-Collector
28 years in the tax office

Thirteen students qualify for regional academic meet



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS UIL ACADEMIC TEAM placed third at the district meet last week and had 13 students qualify for the regional meet April 25 in Odessa.

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Ozona High School UIL Academic took third place at the district meet last week in Crane.

Ozona had many students place in the event, including 13 who qualified for the Regional UIL Meet on April 25 in Odessa.

The Journalism Team won the meet, with Lane Hale placing first in Headline Writing and fifth in Editorial Writing; Barbara Caperton was first in Feature Writing; Duncan Knox was second in Headline Writing; Alex Macias was fourth in Feature Writing and News Writing and Kelsie Ramirez was fourth Headline Writing.

Also in the writing events, Duncan Knox placed fourth in Ready Writing.

The Computer Science Team of Heather Thompson, Ethan English, Lane White and Clarissa Burciaga placed first. Individually Heather Thompson placed first; Ethan English second; Lane White third and Clarissa Burciaga fifth.

The Number Sense team of Ruben Rivas, Daniel Anderson, Heather Thompson and Ethan English placed second, with Ruben Rivas placing fourth as an individual.

The Calculator team of Daniel Anderson, Ruben Rivas and Kara Bird placed second as a team, with Daniel Anderson placing second as an individual and Ruben Rivas placing fourth as an individual.

The Mathematics team of Ethan English, Daniel Anderson, Heather Thompson and Ruben Rivas placed second, with Ethan English placing fourth and Daniel Anderson fifth as individuals.

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COUNTY WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY AT THE TOWN SQUARE

Triple C HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizen is 'deeply concerned' about sheriff's office duties

Dear Editor,

I am a local citizen of Ozona, and I have lived here all my life.

I am writing this letter in regards to the harrassment of the citizens of this community by the sworn officers of our local sheriff's department.

We, as a community, decided to get together and vote in a fellow citizen, Roy Glenn Sutton, in hopes of making a change in the department.

He was voted in to protect and serve the citizens of this community, not himself and his fellow officers.

There has been many complaints about the officers in this community.

These complaints have been taken to Mr. Sutton time and time again, yet nothing has been done, nor is anything being done about these complaints.

What's going on in our little town of Ozona?

It almost feels as if we're under a Nazi reign the way we're being harrassed by the officers.

They follow us to and from work. They park in the middle of our streets as they "watch over us."

They run our license plates, even if our vehicles are parked in front of our homes.

They even cruise our neighborhoods at night, where our children play, with their lights turned off.

How safe is that?

I don't know about anyone else, but this deeply concerns me.

If anyone else feels the same way about our local sheriff's department, please feel free to write letters to the editor so the rest of our community will know that I'm not the only one that sees these problems.

I think it's time that everyone knows and understands just what kind of officers we have serving and protecting the citizens of our community.

Luis Perez
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Yesterday has passed, don't worry about tomorrow, take one day at a time



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

This is my favorite time of year.

Okay, maybe my second favorite, next to the fall when the weather is getting cooler.

I guess it's just something about spring and fall, the two seasons that signal change.

Fall means the coming of the end of a year, while spring signals a new beginning.

Springtime to me equals rebirth.

This is a time of welcomed beauty and light.

As I make my daily commute, the result of the recent rains can be seen on both sides of the road.

Green grass is the home to yellow and purple wildflowers, along with the occasional patches of bluebonnets that pop up. Those are my favorites.

On the ranch, baby goats are being born bringing in new life.

These are the joys of spring. This is what is worth waiting for during the cold, gloomy winter months.

Every year, this is what I look forward to. I look forward to seeing green grass for a little while and enjoying the 80-degree days before the heat wave of summer takes over.

My grandfather use to read the paper every week, and he often sent me poems, sayings or little thoughts on life.

As springtime hits full bloom, there is one of his sayings that comes to mind:

One Day At a Time

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry-two days that should be kept free from any fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains, its faults and blunders.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday.

We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said; we cannot rectify a single mistake.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond recall.

LET IT GO

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow.

Tomorrow, with its possible adversities.

Tomorrow, its burdens, Tomorrow, it's large promise and poor performance.

Tomorrow, also, is beyond our immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mass of clouds-but it will rise.

And until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, because it is as yet unborn.

That leaves us one day - Today.

And a person can fight the battles of just one day.

Yesterday and Tomorrow are futile worries.

Let us, therefore, resolve to journey no more than One Day At a Time.

This article by Robert J. Burdette makes a good point.

In today's hustle and bustle world, take time to stop and look at the wildflowers today before they go away tomorrow.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She is learning to take One Day At a Time .

Papered People



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I have to admit that I have a terrible habit that is addictive, encourages behavior that produces absolutely nothing of lasting value and is as politically correct as a carnivorous logger wearing a mink coat. Yes, I watch the occasional dog show on TV. The reason I like watching dog shows is to see all the breeds I've never seen before. So, you can imagine how sad I was when "The Greatest Dog Show on Earth", the Crufts Show in Great Britain, was not televised because a documentary (Or should that be dogumentary?) said that the show was nothing more than "Parade of Mutants". The Times of London said the dog show was "a race to pedigree perfection" that produced inbred, worthless and malformed dogs. Which is funny when you think about it because those same words could be used to describe British Royalty. If you want to know about the dangers of inbreeding just read a little British history!

The argument against dog shows is that the owners are doing anything to win a ribbon (usually no cash is handed out). As a result of this intense breeding some Pekingese have such mashed in faces they can't breathe, Bulldogs can't mate or give birth naturally and some dogs have brains that are too big for their heads.

I suppose I've owned more than a dozen dogs in my life and only one of them was a purebred with papers. (Papers as it refers to being pedigreed, not its bathroom tendencies). All the other dogs I've owned were dogs of undetermined origin, or as we refer to them: mutts. Interestingly, the British have a different name for mutts. They call them "curs" because while the Kings and Queens were busy inbreeding, the peasant's dog's tails were being docked or "curtailed", to distinguish them from the aristocrat's dogs. It seems the British taxed dogs based on their length from nose to tail, a proposal I'm sure the tax-crazy Obama administration is currently considering.

Because I have owned only one purebred dog (and it was quite possibly the worst dog I've ever owned) I am no expert on the subject. But animal expert Temple Grandin is. In her excellent book, Animals in Translation, Temple said that although purebred dogs make up only 40 percent of the general population of dogs, they account for 74 percent of fatal dog bites. Needless to say, this is not a mark on the good side of the ledger for owning a purebred. Temple suggests that if you want a calm dog that will make a good pet, with the least genetic inclination for aggression, you should buy or adopt an adult female of a mixed breed. This is because male dogs are 6.2 times more likely to bite people than female dogs and intact males are 2.6 times more likely to bite than neutered males. And lest you think that dogs only bite the postman or the UPS driver, Temple says that dogs almost always bite people they know well. Of the four and a half million dog bites per year in this country three quarters of them are committed against the dog's family members or their close friends.

What is true of pooches is also true of people. I find that people of pedigree are far more likely to attack their fellow man and the purebred men are always worse than the blue-blooded women. Just like dogs, papered people are also more likely to hurt family members and friends.

As an Animal Science graduate I know that mutts are preferable to purebreds because crossbreeding keeps the recessive traits from bubbling up to the surface. I just happen to be a mutt myself, the result of a dust bowl union between an Okie father and a Prune Picker mother from California. You just know there had to be some bad genes hiding on both sides of that pedigree! And yet, look at me, perfect in every way, with none of the problems seen in some purebred pooches.

I have never had a birthing problem, a majority of my body parts are where they are supposed to be, and my brain is only slightly too large for my otherwise perfect head.

Senate budget proposal moves to House for consideration

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN - A $182.2 billion state budget proposal for fiscal years 2010-2011 on April 1 earned passage in the Texas Senate.

The Senate proposal, now called Committee Substitute SB 1, includes $11 billion in federal stimulus money. CSSB1 must be reconciled with HB 1, the House version to be rolled out later this month.

Lawmakers will have until the end of May to deliver the finished product to Gov. Rick Perry, who may sign or veto it.

The governor repeatedly has said that he will reject a state budget proposal if it includes federal stimulus funding that requires the state to adhere to future spending obligations.

CSSB 1 includes a provision restricting the use of federal stimulus funds. It directs state agencies to prioritize one-time expenditures and authorizes the Legislative Budget Board and governor to prevent expenditures that would result in future fiscal obligations to the state.

The 10-member Legislative Budget Board is composed of the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, the chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Finance Committee, plus two House members appointed by the speaker, and three Senate members appointed by the lieutenant governor.

Not counting the federal stimulus money, the Senate version is a modest increase over the current state budget.

Here are a few estimates of the larger appropriations in CSSB 1, based on a chart of all funds published by the Legislative Budget Board:

· $75 billion for public education; · $60 billion for heath and human services, including Medicaid; · $20 billion for economic development; and · $11 billion for criminal justice.

BILL WOULD EXPAND CHIP ELIGIBILITY

Texas families currently ineligible for children's health insurance sponsored by the state could buy into the program under SB 841, a bill now under consideration by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

The Children's Health Insurance Program now covers almost half a million children from low-income families, but Texas still leads the nation in uninsured children.

Families currently eligible for CHIP make 200 percent of the federal poverty level or about $44,000 annual income for a family of four. SB 841 features a graduated buy-in program for families earning 200 to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, and would cover a family of four with an annual income up to approximately $66,000.

To control costs, SB 841 limits enrollment to 2,500 children the first year and 5,000 the second year, but has no cap in the third year and beyond.

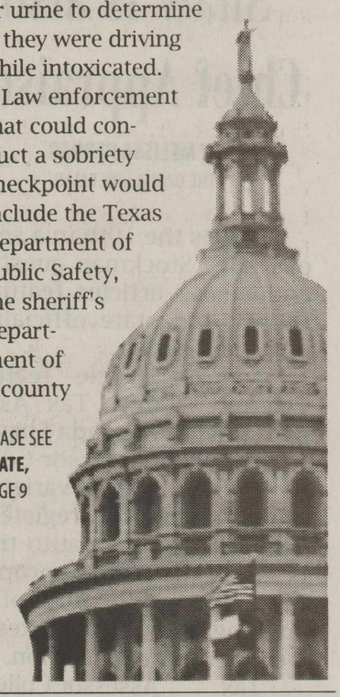
SB 841 author is Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco, and coauthors, Sens. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, Leticia Van de Putte, D- San Antonio, Royce West, D-Dallas, and Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT BILL MOVES

The Senate on March 31 approved legislation creating guidelines for law enforcement to use in operating a temporary checkpoint on a highway or street to stop motorists and test their breath, blood or urine to determine if they were driving while intoxicated.

Law enforcement that could conduct a sobriety checkpoint would include the Texas Department of Public Safety, the sheriff's department of a county

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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.

Pre-registration for Pre-K, kindergarten April 15

Pre-registration for the 2009-2010 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 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, 2009. **Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card in order to register the child.** If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Pre-kindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration. **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, 2009. **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. 2, 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)

Pre-Matricula 2009-2010

Miercoles, 15 de Abril, 2009 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 require que el estudiante le falte el idioma ingles,podrer participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o precio reducidos o ser sin hogar. El nino tiene que tener 4 anos antes del 1 de septiembre 2009. **Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su nino/a(el del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social.** Si su nino habla espanol se le tomara una prueba par a ver si su nino califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer a su nino con Ud. **Tambien necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheque.**

Estudiantes de kinder tendran que tener 5 anos en o antes del 1 de septiembre 2009. **Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su nino/a(el del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social.**

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

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

Pre-registration for Ozona Head Start April 20-21

Pre-registration for Ozona Head Start will be from 2-6 p.m. April 20 and 21 at 1310 Avenue G.

Applications will be accepted for the 2009-2010 school year for 3 and 4 year olds.

Parents need to bring proof of all income (preferably 2007 1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs or letter from employer); child's birth certificate; child's shot record; food stamp case number (if applicable) and proof of Medicaid, CHIP or private health insurance (if applicable).

Ozona Head Start offers individualized Early Childhood Education in a structured environment; highly qualified and dedicated teachers; specialized services for children with disabilities; personalized family support services and nutritious meals and snacks.

The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at no cost.

For more information, call Tracy Ybarra at 392-3429 or Ofelia Barron 944-9666.

Happy Birthday

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

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

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

April 11 - Hailey Vargas, Haley Forehand, Aiden Aiguier, Emily Marie Rodriquez, Weldon Nicks, Rachel Ybarra, June Knox Abbott and Michael Gonzalez

April 12 - Blanca Castro, Glenna Burns, Zella Ruthardt, Ethan Dennis and Edward Gutierrez

April 13 - Melissa Miller, Cecilia Longoria, John Tom Tijerina, Lupe Galvan and Ann Stapper

April 14 - Fred Deaton, David Lott, Randy Crawford, Mariano Urbina and Alfonso Ramirez III

Workforce Solutions is coordinating youth summer employment

Workforce Solutions is coordinating summer employment for youth ages 14-24 living in the Concho Valley.

Both public and private sector employers welcome - subsidized and unsubsidized placement avilable.

To be eligible for the placement, the young person must:

· Attend Job Readiness Training.

· Complete an application and return it to Workforce Solutions.

Training will be offered at Workforce Solutions and select schools in the Concho Valley before June 1.

For more information, call Rynda Wortham at 653-2321 ext. 1233 or email rynda.wortham@twc.state.tx.us.



It's a boy

Mr. George L. Lopez Jr. and Mrs. Dulce Lopez of Ozona announce the birth of their son, George Luis Lopez III, on Feb. 21, 2009 in San Angelo.

He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are George Lopez Jr. of Monahans and Anabelia F. Lopez of Wickett, Texas, Ernesto and Concepcion Coronado of Ozona.

The baby was welcomed home by his four-year-old sister Iszell Monique and his uncles and aunts from Wickett and Ozona.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 8

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Band at UIL Concert and Sight Reading in Andrews.
- OHS Cheerleading Tryouts, 4 p.m. at the high school.

Thursday, April 9

- End of the 5th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Tennis Team at the District Tournament in Big Lake.
- OHS Track Teams at the Golden Crane Relays in Crane.
- Care Center Easter Egg Hunt, 3:30 p.m. at the Care Center.

Friday, April 10

- Good Friday, Stockman closed, county offices closed, schools closed.

Sunday, April 12

- Easter Sunday

Monday, April 13

- OHS Golf Team at the second round of district in San Angelo.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 14

- AgriLife Extension/Chamber Leadership Program at the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, April 15

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K pre-registration, 9 a.m.-noon at the Intermediate School Building.
- Kindergarten pre-registration, 1-4 p.m. at the Intermediate School Building.

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Spring Health Fair April 21 at the Senior Center

Spring is finally here and that means it is time for our Spring Health Fair sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center and the Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. April 21 at the Senior Center.

The following vendors are expected to participate:

· OHS Health Occupations Class - blood pressure checks.

· Prevent Blindness Texas - vision and glaucoma screening, full vision tests with glasses for those who qualify.

· 911 - information on safety, give aways

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· American Cancer Society - information on cancer prevention and various programs with assistance for travel expenses related to treatment.

· West Texas Rehab - hearing screens

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· Primary Health - application assistance for government provided health insurance.

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· Crockett County Care Center - information on their restorative program.

· Crockett County EMS - tours of ambulance.

· Friends For Hope - information on services for victims of domestic violence.

· Concho Valley Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council - information and demonstrations on the effects of drugs and alcohol.

· Crockett County Extension Service - information on "Do Well Be Well" with diabetes and Walk Across Texas.

· TDHS - information on adolescent and adult immunizations.

· Ozona Wesley Nurse - nutrition information.

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National Association of Conservation Districts recognizes Texas volunteers during special week

BY SHARON MARTIN
CROCKETT SWCD

Each year, thousands of volunteers in the U.S. donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live.

These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2009.

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) would like to honor the Board of Directors of Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District #235 in Ozona, Texas one of 3,000 conservation districts across the country that are governed by 100 percent volunteer-based boards.

Five producers and professionals make up the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District board, volunteering their time year-round to serve area landowners and community members through the conservation of natural resources.

In addition to a volunteer-based board, Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District also relies on volunteers to make many of their programs successful.

The middle school and high school teachers with the poster and essay contest, The Ozona Stockman with relaying information, the Ozona Garden Club with beautification of the draw and the Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Farm Bureau, County Agent (Chase McPhaul), Crockett County Underground Water, NRCS and Ozona Chatter Box with the sixth grade field day.

The Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District proved to be exceptionally successful this year throughout all its projects and NACD applauds those who are committed to the mission of conserving our natural resources.

These volunteers and conservation districts are part of a group of leaders across the country that are instrumental in every aspect of conserving and preserving our nation's natural resources, ensuring there will be clean air, clean water, productive soil and healthy habitat for generations to come.

The work of these volunteers is continuous.

Every day a volunteer lends a helping hand to make conservation programs and practices beneficial to the residents of Crockett County and to citizens across the nation.

For more information on National Volunteer Week, call Points of Light Volunteer Group at (202) 729-8168 or 800-VOLUNTEER, ext. 5 or e-mail at volunteerweek@pointsoflight.org.

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See you in Church next Sunday.

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First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	**Ozona Church of Christ** 1002 11th St. **Mr. Johnnie Perkins** Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	**Ozona United Methodist Church** 12 - 11th St. **Pastor Ron Shott** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. **Rev. Esequiel Cervantez** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.	**Faith Lutheran Church** 802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	**Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church** 2121 Santa Rosa St. **Rev. Dan & Ann Rios** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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DEATH NOTICE

Walter James Sparks Sr.

Walter James Sparks Sr., 91, died April 1, 2009 at his home in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Services were Monday, April 6, at the First Baptist Church of Ozona with interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include: daughter Ora Mae Ross and son-in-law Jesse of Broken Arrow; stepdaughter Margie Hilbert and son-in-law Carl of Claremore, Okla. and their daughters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren and brother Theo Sparks.

Arrangements by Kennedy-Amis-Kennard Funeral Service of Broken Arrow.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Nelson Boothe

Thomas Nelson Boothe, 86, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2009. Memorial service was held Saturday, April 4, at Western Hills United Methodist Church, Fort Worth. Memorials: Should friends desire, gifts may be made to Community Hospice of Texas, 6100 Western Place, Suite 500, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

Tom was born Aug. 11, 1922, in Sweetwater, the youngest of three sons, to ranchers Walter L. and Mattie F. Boothe. His 65-year marriage to Betty J. Ingham of Ozona resulted in three children and six grandchildren.

The exciting and diverse life Tom would lead started on the ranch, in the Sweetwater public schools, earning his Eagle Scout and attending the New Mexico Military Institute and the University of Texas. He then entered the Army Aviation Cadet program in 1944 during World War II and as a member of the 325 Fighter Group in Italy he piloted a P-51 fighter plane on 26 combat missions over enemy territory in central Europe, earning the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars. After the war, he went back to the family business, ranching in Sweetwater, and eventually established his own ranch in Two Dot, Mont.

In the mid-1950s, he went back to flying with the Air Force Reserve and as a civilian military instructor pilot in San Marcos; Marianna, Fla.; and Mineral Wells, flying fixed wing conventional and jet planes as well as helicopters with a short stint as a commercial airline pilot in New Orleans. During the Vietnam War, while instructing Army helicopter pilots at Fort Wolters in Mineral Wells, Tom flew U.S. Air Force transport C-124 supply missions out of Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth to Southeast Asia, eventually retiring from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel and squadron commander.

Continuing with his love of flying, Tom spent 6 1/2 years in Isfahan, Iran, as a helicopter flight instructor, eventually heading the primary flight program for Bell Helicopter. During their time overseas, he and Betty enjoyed traveling through that part of the world and Europe. Upon the start of the Iranian revolution, Tom and Betty returned to Fort Worth, where he flew Chopper 5 for the local NBC-TV station, KXAS. After retirement, he continued to enjoy many hobbies including scuba diving, water skiing, photography, four-wheeling and travel. But nothing compared to the time he spent on the ranch in Montana with his family and helping to raise his grandchildren.

During this exciting life, he and Betty managed to impart a love of all things Texas: the land, patriotism and family heritage to their three children, Ray W., Thomas N. Jr. and Bonnie B. Oden, and their grandchildren as well as his nieces, nephews and good friends. His love of scouting encouraged his son, Ray, and grandsons, John and Nelson, to follow him as Eagle Scouts. Tom managed to make all around him feel like "family."

Survivors: Wife, Betty I. Boothe; son, Ray W. Boothe and his wife, Genell, and their son, Nelson R., of Fort Worth; son, Thomas "Tom" N. Boothe Jr. and his wife, Karen, and their daughters, Allison and Jessica, of Abilene; and daughter, Bonnie B. Oden and her husband, David, and their sons, John, Eric and Clay, of Richardson.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program April 24

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Monthly diabetes support group to meet April 23

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This support group is a good continuation of the "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" class, but is open to anyone.

Various topics and activities are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for the beautiful gifts and cards we received at the baby show for our son Evan. Special thanks to Melissa Ybarra, Claressa Tambunga, Esmeralda Barriga, Wilda Ramos, Becky Barra, April Vargas and especially to Britney Ramso for making everything possible. Thanks once again to everybody for everything.

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Card of Thanks

On behalf of Manuel and Cecilia we could like to thank you for celebrating with us our 50th Anniversary. Thanks for all the cards, gifts and phone calls. Also, thanks to Father Rodney White, to the O.L.P.H. Choir and to all that helped served the food and to all who came from out of town. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and especially our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for making this special occasion for us. We will never forget it. Thank you.

Manuel and Cecilia Longoria



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HVAC GRADUATES: (left to right) Fernando Garza, Travis Shaw, Justin Chappell and Doyle Shaw. These four individuals from Barnhart Shaw's General Repair Inc. recently completed a Master HVAC Trouble Shooting class in Lubbock. This class taught advanced trouble shooting techniques and the use of the latest HVAC tools.

Crockett SWCD encourages soil stewardship

BY SHARON MARTIN
CROCKETT SWCD

Crockett SWCD encourages you to think about your personal responsibility to be a good steward of all natural resources, including soil, during its annual Stewardship Week celebration. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 26-May 3, 2009 as Stewardship Week.

The 2009 Stewardship Week is themed "DIG IT! THE SECRETS OF SOIL." Correlating education materials were developed based on an exhibition created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of National History and sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America and the Nutrients for Life Foundation.

Soil supports forests, wetlands, grasslands, tundra, and aquatic ecosystems. Soil makes up the outer layer of the earth's surface, it nourishes the plants we eat, the animals we use for food and fiber and the thriving underground kingdom of bacteria, fungi, protozoa, earthworms and other microbes that are critical to the planet's food web. Soil directly and indirectly effects agricultural production, water quality and climate. Thanks to the earths soils, most of the rainfall hitting the planet is trapped and absorbed, watering plants and replenishing aquifers, rivers, lakes and streams.

Paul C. Perner III acts as the District Chairman for the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District. The District was formed to assist people in Crockett County. During Stewardship Week, Crockett SWCD will pass out fun activity educational materials to the schools about Soils. We will also be having the Annual Marty Acton Memorial Sixth Grade Field Day at the Jack Baggett Jr. Ranch on Thursday, April 30.

Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts (www.nacdnet.org) which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nations 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

"Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, the protection of soil from erosion and degradation has greatly increased through the work of conservation districts and our partners. These conservation groups assist landowners and the general public through education and technical assistance as to the importance of the soil and how to properly manage it.," said NACD President Steve Robinson. "Soil is one of our precious natural resources that we must conserve for the next generation. All communities benefit when they have a better appreciation of soil and it connections to our every day life. Conservation districts are working with local communities to instill the appreciation for our natural resources across America."

For information about Stewardship Week and conservation, call Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District at 325-392-2301 ext. 3. You can also visit www.nacdnet.org.

Trees available through conservation district

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District is offering trees for sale to landowners and homeowners.

Trees are nature's outdoor air conditioners. If hot summer winds or raw wintery blasts are a problem, trees can help.

Trees and shrubs can beautify your home and surroundings and make it a more pleasant place to live.

Some of the species are: Dessert Willow, Pecan, Chinquapin Oak, Texas Ash, Arizona Ash, Monterry Oak, Texas Red Oak, Burr Oak, Lace Elm Bark, Cedar Elm, Golden Raintree, Mountain Laurel, Arizona Cypress and Afghan Pine. The supply is limited, so place your order now to ensure the availability of the trees.

Orders will be taken until April 15. The trees will be delivered to Ozona and available to be picked up on April 18.

For a complete list of trees and prices, call Sharon Martin at the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District at 392-2301 ext. 3.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will also be having a tree and plant sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 18 on the town square.

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OHS Golf Teams complete first district round

The OHS Golf Teams competed in the first district round on April 1 in Fort Stockton.

In the boys round, Ozona is in sixth place as a team, but Senior Josh Smith shot an 85 putting him in good shape for a chance to go the regional tournament, said Coach Benny Granger. Smith is currently tied for eighth place as an individual.

Stefan Wilson shot a 91, which was his best round of the season, and Ben Flores shot a 99, his best round, Granger said.

Also on the Lions team was Matthew Garza with a 95 and Trey Fierro at 123.

Team results so far are: 1. Sonora I; 2. Sonora II; 3. Alpine I; 4. Kermit I; 5. Crane; 6. Ozona; 7. Reagan Co.; 8. Alpine II; 9. Kermit II and 10. Crane II.

The Lady Lions are currently in fifth place as a team.

"The Lady Lions were a little off of what we normally shoot, but hopefully we can have a stronger performance at Bentwood on April 13," Granger said.

Team results so far are: 1. Kermit; 2. Sonora; 3. Crane; 4. Alpine; 5. Ozona and 6. Reagan Co.

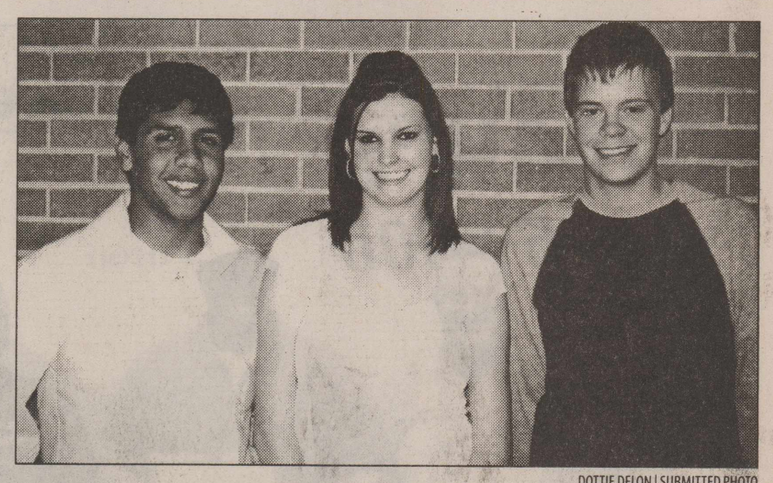
Melissa Miller currently sits at 12th place with a 116. Other Lady Lions are: Kelsie Childress 134; Kelbie Renfroe 134 and Jaydn Poindexter 137.

The teams will compete in the second round on April 13 at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.



NANCY SMITH | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM MEMBERS are: (front, left to right) Kelsie Childress, Melissa Miller, Jaydn Poindexter and Kelbie Renfroe. Back: Ben Flores, Stefan Wilson, Trey Fierro, Steven Silva, Matthew Garza, Josh Smith and Coach Benny Granger.



DOTTIE DELON | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OHS ONE ACT PLAY WINNERS: (left to right) Lalo Longoria Jr., Outstanding All Star Cast Acting Award; Kara Bird, Outstanding Honorable Mention All Star Cast Acting Award and Duncan Knox, Outstanding Technical Merit Achievement. The winners were from the district competition on March 26 at Big Lake.

UIL: *from page 1*

The Current Events team of Wilson White, Ethan English, Nathan Knox and Josh Smith placed first, with Wilson White taking first, Ethan English second and Nathan Knox fifth as individuals.

Qualifing for the Regional Meet were: Lane Hale, Duncan Knox, Heather Thompson, Ethan English, Lane White, Clarissa Burciaga, Barbara Caperton, Daniel Anderson, Kara Bird, Ruben Rivas, Wilson White, Ethan English, Nathan Knox and Josh Smith.

Regional alternates are: Kelsie Ramriez, Alex Macias, Duncan Knox, Ethan English and Ruben Rivas.

OHS Track Teams compete at Owl Relays

The OHS Track Teams competed in the Owl Relays last week at Big Lake.

Lady Lions:

3200-meter run - 1. Alex Rodriguez, 13:45

400-meter relay - 5. Brenda Venegas, Brandyn Tebbetts, Stacy Quiroz, Jessica Elston, 56. 96

800-meter run - 1. Vanessa Rodriguez, 2:27; 4. Rebecca Ramos, 2:37

800-meter relay - 5. Brandyn Tebbetts, Jessica Elston, Stacy Silva, Brenda Venegas, 1:59 .

400-meter run - 2. Vanessa Rodriguez, 1:02.69

300-meter hurdles - 3. Melanie Miller, 51.23

1,600-meter run - 1. Rebecca Ramos, 5:44; 4. Alex Rodriguez, 6:14

1,600-meter relay - 4. Miller, V. Rodriguez, Ramos, A. Rodriguez, 3:25

Shot put - 2. Jessica Elston, 32-0

Lions:

400-meter run - 2. Ethan English, 53.11

800-meter run - 4. Jesse Badillo, 7:07.90

1,600-meter - 1. Jesse Badillo, 5:02; 3. Fabian Onate, 5:04.21; 4. Stefan Wilson 5:01.37.

300-meter hurdles - 5. Russel Komechak, 44.34

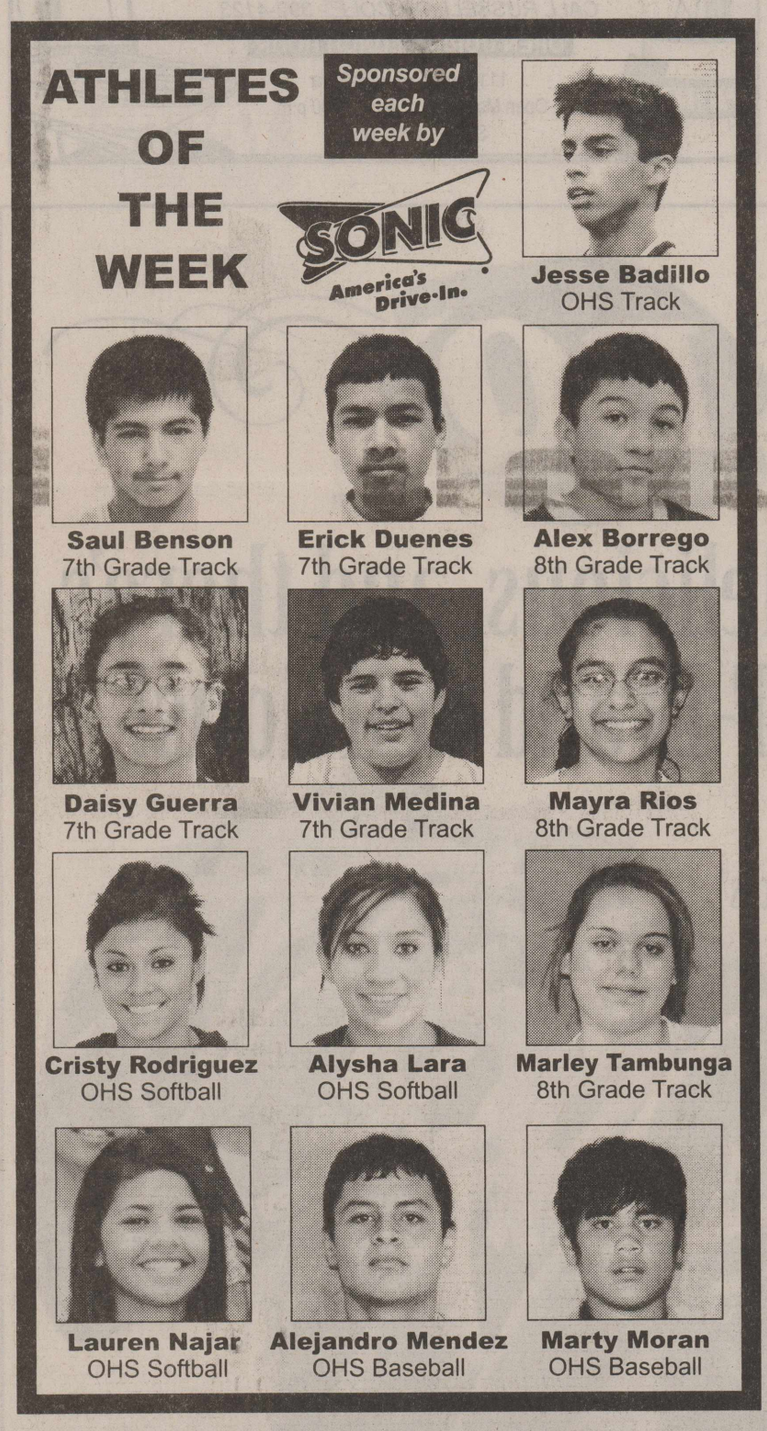
Discus - 2. Steven Silva, 132-9.5; 5. Jose Lozano 89-7

Triple jump - 4. Bailey Badillo 38-2.5

Pole Vault - 5. Russel Komechak, 10-0

Also participating: Felix Venegas, Matthew Komechak, Jordan Martinez, Anthony Villarreal and Joe Borrego

Overall, the Lions placed sixth as a team.



Lady Lions fall to Sonora, Crane

The Lady Lions traveled to Sonora and fell 0-15.

The Lady Lions were in the ball game throw the third trailing 0-3 going into the fourth.

"The fourth inning was a really tough. We walked some batters and had a few errors and the game got away from us. The girls never hung their heads and fought hard all the way to the end. It just was not our day," said Coach John Esparza.

Against Crane the Lady Lions were able to make some good plays early and kept the game close in the first.

Adrienne Sanchez, Cristina Rodriguez and Alysha Lara were able to get a Lady Bird runner in a pickle for out number three.

"We worked on this situation this week and it paid off they could have gotten more runs out of the inning but the girls were able to convert the play," Esparza said.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Alex Cruz who went the distance allowing 3 earned runs.

"Alex has done a great job this year and she did a great job against Crane. We had a few errors that cost some outs and some runs," Esparza said.

Offensively the Lady Lions made a late surge in the sixth and seventh innings.

Alysha Lara would lead off the sixth with a double and then steal third, Adrienne Sanchez would then get the RBI scoring Lara.

In the seventh, Lauren Najar would get things rolling with a stand-up triple and Cristina Rodriguez would get the RBI scoring Najar.

"We fought hard all the way throw the girls never got down and played hard we just didn't get the job done at the plate," Esparza said.

Lions fall to Sonora, Crane

The Ozona Lions continue to search for a district win, as they lost to Sonora and Crane last week.

"Abey Lara pitched an outstanding game for the young Lions. The offense matched Sonora's with 5 hits each but our defense did not match that of the Broncos," said Coach Ronny Clayton. "The good thing is that we are so close but just not able to finish it off. The Broncos showed why they are in second place in district by taking advantage of our mistakes. Good teams will do that. It's not that our kids are not giving it all that they have but we are just not able to seal the deal."

The game was a 6-0 win for the Broncos.

The big hitter for Ozona was Anthony Villarreal. He was 2 for 2 with a single, a triple and also a base on balls.

Kyle Dean, Alejandro Mendez and Anthony Gutierrez each had a single.

"We missed a run in the top of the seventh after Villarreal lead off the inning with a triple to right-center. Two pitches later he was thrown out at home on an attempt to score on a pass ball. Anthony made a good decision to go but Sonora's catcher and pitcher made a good play. Anthony Gutierrez singled to center on the next pitch," Clayton said.

The Lions lost to Crane 4-1, but may have played the best defensive game of the year.

"Nathan DeHoyos pitched very well, again. He held Crane to 5 hits and struck 9, a season high for him. We had four innings in a row where we held them three up and three down from the third inning to the sixth inning. We only allowed four batters in the seventh inning," Clayton said. "I am pretty sure that may be the first time we have done that in 5 years. Earlier in the season we did it for 3 innings in a row of facing the minimum batters. Our two freshmen, Alejandro Mendez (Ollie) and Marty Moran played very well at third and first base respectively. Ollie made one very good play moving to his left to throw out the batter-runner at first. Kyle Dean made a couple good catchers in center. It is great having Kyle in center field. Anytime a ball is hit that way I automatically know that Kyle will catch it. Johnathon Martin played a very good second base for us. Russell Komechak had an outstanding game behind the plate."

The Lions gave up two runs in the top of the first to Crane's best players.

"They have 3 very good players and they each had a hit to start the game and 2 of them scored. Nathan pretty much held those guys and the rest of the Golden Cranes in check for the rest of the game," Clayton said. "If you were there you saw a good game, even though we lost. Our heart, our desire and our dedication are keeping us in the games. Our youthfulness and lack of experience are keeping that elusive carrot of victory right in front of our noses. It is going to happen!"

JV Lions defeat Sonora

The JV team won their game 9-7 against Sonora.

Alejandro Mendez and Marty Moran did a fantastic job on the mound for the Lions, Clayton said.

Offensively the JV were led by Mendez, Moran, Anthony Gutierrez, Eric Talamantez and Chris Fierro-Williams.

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THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS competed in the District 2-A Middle School Track Meet held March 30 in Big Lake.



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THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS competed in the District 2-A Middle School Track Meet in Big Lake on March 30.

OMS Track Teams compete at district

The OMS Track Teams competed in the district meet on March 30 in Big Lake.

Seventh grade girls

Shot put - 1. Vivian Medina, 27-.5; 4. Amy Quiroz; 6. Nancy Rodriguez

Discus - 1. Vivian Medina, 63-8.5; 3. Lisa Dorrough, 57-10

1,600-meter relay - 3. Lexi Poindexter, Lazarae Rodriguez, Nancy Rodriguez, Daisy Guerra

1,600-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 6:15; 6. Stephanie Salinas, 7:46.10

2,400-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 9:59; 3. Lexi Poindexter; 5. Stephanie Salinas

Eighth grade girls

Discus - 6. Elisa Tambunga

Pole vault - 4. Cynthia Garcia

1,600-meter run - 1. Mayra Rios, 6:45.50

2,400-meter run - 2. Mayra Rios

800-meter run - 3. Arleen Castillo

400-meter relay - 5. Kodi Glosson, Natalia Ortiz, Brianna Cervantez, Arleen Castillo

800-meter relay - 6. Kodi Glosson, Natalia Ortiz, Brianna Cervantez, Tesla Caperton

1,600-meter relay - 3. Cynthia Garcia, Brianna Cervantez, Arleen Castillo, Mayra Rios

300-meter hurdles - 2. Cynthia Garcia

Seventh grade boys

100-meter dash - 1. Erick Duenes, 12.87

1,600-meter run - 1. Saul Benson, 5:28.09; 6. Josiah Juardo

400-meter dash - 6. Tristan Alvarez

800-meter run - 1. Saul Benson, 2:25

2,400-meter run - 3. Josiah Juardo

400-meter relay - 5. Tyler Galindo, Daniel Gonzales, Eli Montanez, Erick Duenes

800-meter relay - 3. Tyler Galindo, Daniel Gonzales, Eli Montanez, Erick Duenes

1,600-meter relay - 3. Tyler Galindo, Daniel Gonzales, Eli Montanez, Saul Benson

Long jump - 5. Saul Benson

Shot put - 1. Michael Ybarra, 34-2.5; 6. Eli Montanez

Discus - 3. Michael Ybarra; 4. Eli Montanez

Triple jump - 3. Saul Benson

Eighth grade boys

100-meter dash - 6. Cuatro Jones

200-meter dash - 6. Blake Morrow

400-meter dash - 2. Alex Borrego; 5. Cuatro Jones

800-meter run - 4. Christian Perez

800-meter relay - 4. Blake Morrow, Alex Borrego, Rocky Venegas, Christian Perez

1,600-meter relay - 4. Blake Morrow, Alex Borrego, Matthew Galindo, Christian Perez

Shot put - 4. Tres Perez

High jump - 3. Alex Borrego

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April 13 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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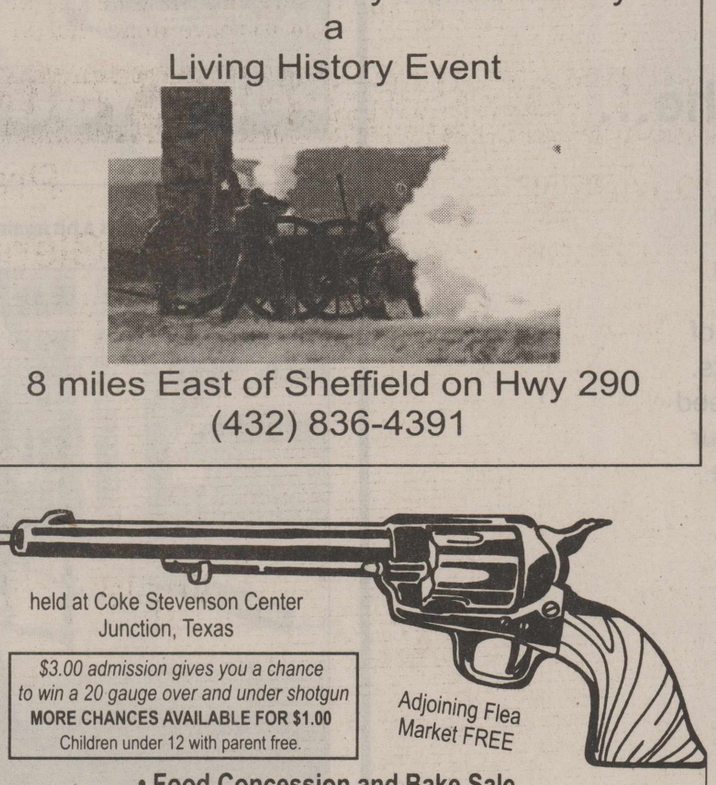
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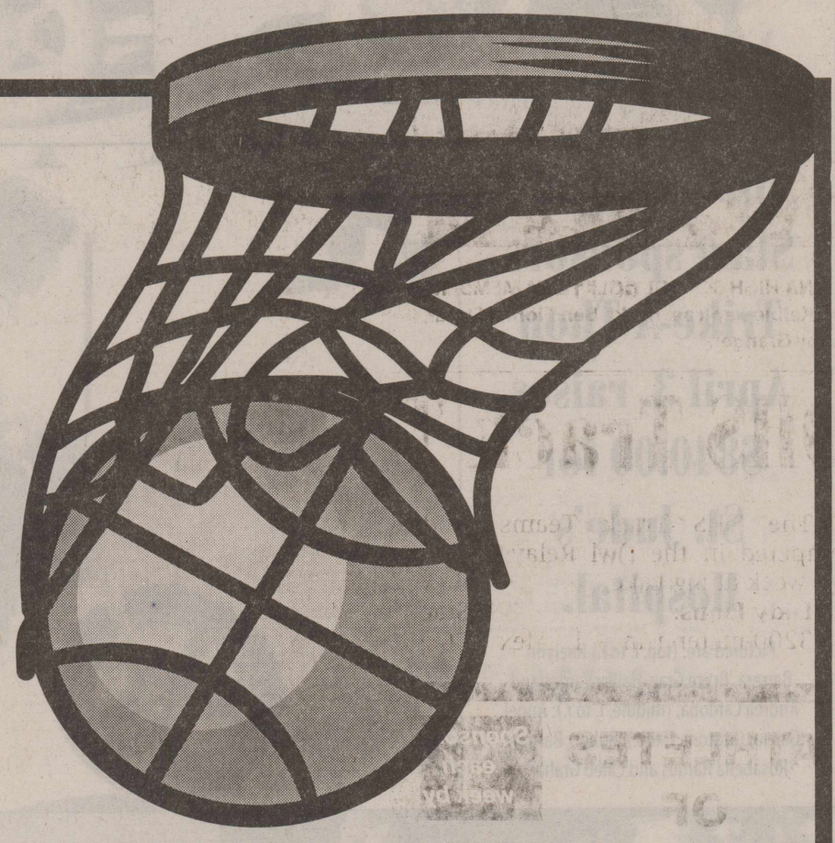
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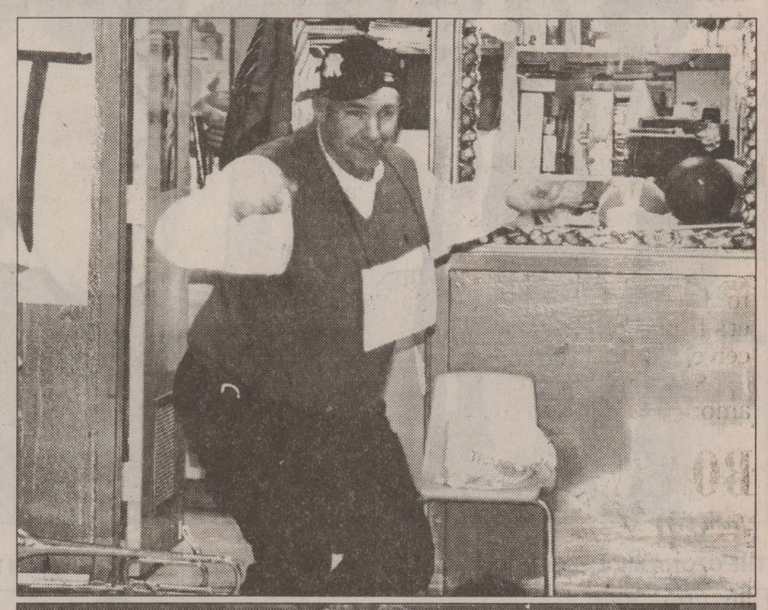




Ozona Head Start sponsors Trike-A-Thon April 3, raises $840.00 for St. Jude's Hospital.

Pictured are: (top, l. to r.) Raelynn Barrera, Bryce Gray, Hailey Vargas and Andrea Cardona; (middle, l. to r.): Angel Garcia; (bottom, l. to r.): Robert Barrera, Rosabella Ramos and Caleb Graham.

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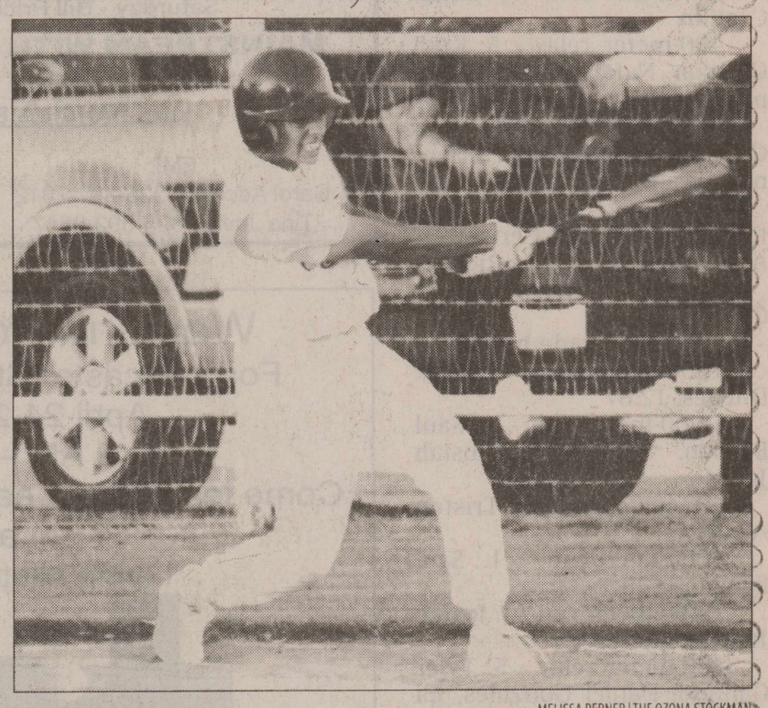




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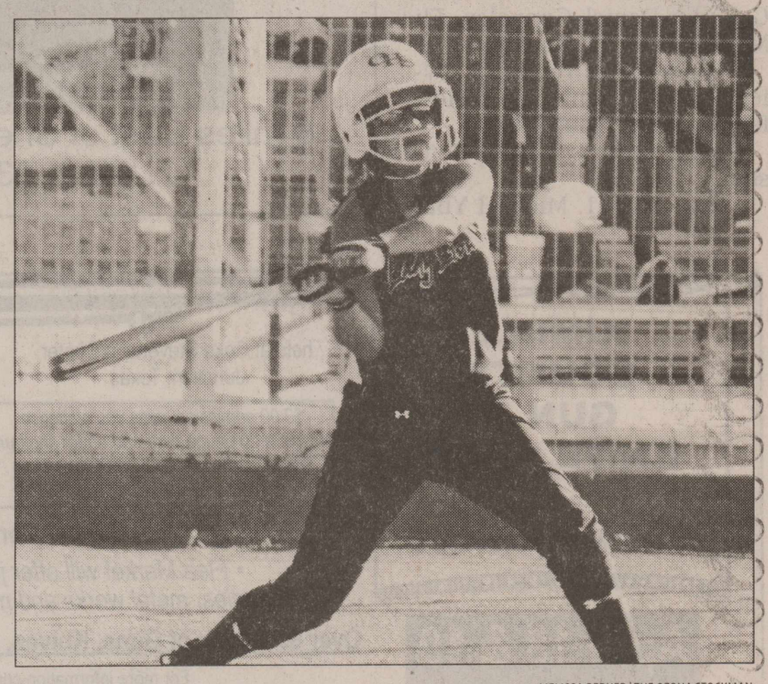
TAKS PEP RALLY: Teachers and administrators held a 5th grade TAKS Pep Rally Monday to help motivate students before their mathematics test on Tuesday. TOP: OMS Principal Benny Granger does his best "Mr. Webb" impression. MIDDLE: Ofilia Harris belts out her tune as Patty Villarreal, Sandra Marmolejo, Maria Perez and other teachers help her along. BOTTOM: The "Hip-Hop" ladies Jan Patterson, Nancy Light and Cindy Owens.

OHS baseball, softball action



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AUSTIN SUDDRETH gets a hit against Crane for the Varsity Lions baseball.



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LAUREN NAJAR aims high against Crane for the Lady Lions softball team.

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Texas workers to start seeing effects of middle class tax cut

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio said Texas' workforce should be checking their paystubs to see the effects of the stimulus plan's tax cut for middle-class workers.

The tax cut provides a refundable tax credit for American workers earning less than $95,000 per year.

Individuals will receive up to $400 and married taxpayers filing joint returns will received up to $800.

Starting April 1, the amount of federal taxes withheld from paychecks will be reduced to reflect the tax cut, thereby increasing take-home pay.

Workers do not need to take action to receive the tax cut and are eligible if they are employed or self-employed and paying into Social Security.

However, if they hold more than one job, are joint filers whose spouses work, receive income from a rental property or investment, or already started receiving their credit in February or March, it is wise to check to ensure they are not over-credited.

The IRS has set up an online calculator that can help figure out how many allowances workers should take if they are eligible to receive the credit and don't want to have too little tax withheld.

The Making Work Pay Tax Cut was approved as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the stimulus bill which provides 95 percent of all Americans with a tax cut.

BOARD: Superintendent's resignation approved

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On the alternate proposals, the board approved to furnish and install one-inch rigid insulation between metal deck and standing seam metal roof, to install concrete slab and pour in place rubber surface instead of shredded rubber mulch on the four playground locations, delete wall mounted hand sinks in the bathrooms and add multi-user through sinks with touchless electronic faucets, use quarry tile instead of vinyl tile in the kitchen area and add roller shades at the windows.

The board tabled an electronic access control units at classroom doors, which would have been $126,442, or an electronic access control offline system at $53,66.

Both systems will require cards to be used to open inside doors in the building, instead of keys. The difference in the two systems is that the more expensive one will keep a record every time a card is swiped in the doors, along with having a panic button that will lockdown the school.

The other system will still require the cards to be used to open the doors, but will not keep a record or have the panic button.

Waldrop said the board will provide more information on the system before the board makes a decision.

"I caution you all on dismissing a safety feature," said Superintendent Abe Gott. "There is some negativity on the amount of money spent on a field house floor, so I caution you all on dismissing a safety feature."

The cost of the school is now at $11.9 million. Waldrop told the board that there is $500,000 in contingency funds as well.

BOARD ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT, BEGINS ADVERTISING FOR OPENING

The board approved Gott's resignation as superintendent of Ozona Schools. It will take effect on May 30.

Gott has been chosen as superintendent for Blackwell ISD, which is near Sweetwater.

The board also approved to start advertising for the superintendent opening.

A proposal from John King, previous interim superintendent, was discussed.

Cost for King to conduct the superintendent search would be around $3,000 plus expenses, along with a $475 per day plus expenses consultation fund.

The proposal also included a timeline for the superintendent search, which has a new superintendent in place by July 6. If the board approves the proposal, King would also take over as interim superintendent during the search.

Gott said King is closer to Waldrop Construction and has previously worked with the company.

The board will discuss King's proposal further at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 15 at the Administration Building.

STATE: Bill filed to require public hearings on electricity

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with a population of 250,000 or more and the police department of a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more.

Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, author of SB 298, said his bill addresses that fact that Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities and is one of only 11 states that does not allow law enforcement officials to conduct sobriety checkpoints due to a lack of established guidelines.

The bill will be assigned to a House committee for further consideration.

BILL REQUIRES LIVE ERCOT HEARINGS

The House State Affairs Committee approved committee substitute to HB 1783 by Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton.

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission and the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas to broadcast their public hearings and open meetings via live Internet video.

The bill now moves to the full House for further consideration.

Q&A: Shaw is also Chief Appraiser for Crockett County

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WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?

A tax assessor-collector in Texas must be registered with the Board of Tax Professional Examiners to be certified as a Registered Texas Assessor/Collector. To be certified, I had to attend an pass tests for 10 courses. I must complete 80 hours of continuing education units every five years.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

I enjoy the people in Ozona and I really like working with numbers.

WHAT IS ONE DUTY IN YOUR JOB THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

I get frustrated with the state when they pass laws usually aimed at a specific county or situation and then expect me to try to implement these laws in Crockett County.

WHAT IS ONE DUTY THAT YOU PERFORM THAT MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE FALLS UNDER YOUR POSITION?

I am also hired as the Chief Appraiser for the Crockett County Appraisal District. In all but five of the 254 counties in the state, the appraisal district office is a separate entity with a separate office, duties, employees, etc.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

People seem to believe that I can change ownership of a piece of property by changing the name on the tax rolls or that by paying taxes on a property, they will eventually own that property. Both assumptions are incorrect.

Oh, and questions like: "What's the auditor's phone number? What are the swimming pool hours? How much does it cost to rent the civic center?" We are kind of like the county receptionists.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POSITION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I can't think of anything I would change (or maybe more specifically, anything the state would let me change...ha).

WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PEOPLE OF CROCKETT COUNTY TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR POSITION?

I believe that I work with an amazing group of ladies who are knowledgeable, fair and make me look good. I'm proud to work for Crockett County and I'm proud of this office.

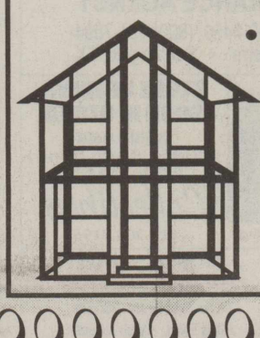
I realize that these are tough financial times. I can offer a payout agreement to anyone having a difficult time paying their taxes.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

I love Crockett County. I love this job and I appreciate the voters for allowing me to continue to serve you.

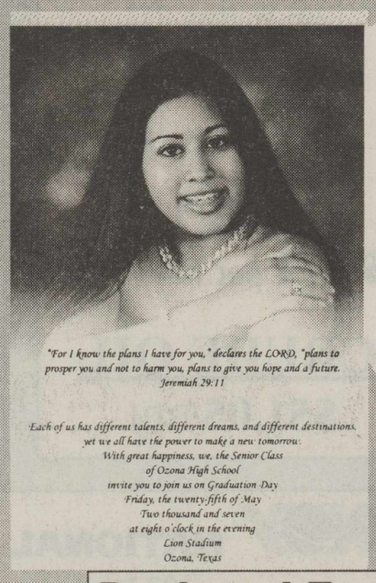


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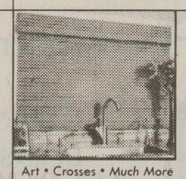
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FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

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· Hector Rodriguez, 29, San Antonio, failture to appear/driving while license suspended, misdemeanor, $4,000.

4-5-09

· Ellen Kim, Chicago, Ill., possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, misdemeanor, $2,000.

· Syed Asif Hussain Bakshi, Chicago, Ill., possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, misdemeanor, $2,000.

· Valentine Castillo, Ozona, assault causing bodily injury family violence, felony, $5,000.

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

C.E.R.T. training session begins April 21

The Crockett County Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) will be hosting another training session for anyone wanting to become a member.

The primary reason for this program is to assist local emergency units, such as the fire department and EMS.

Also it is to be part of the County Emergency Disaster Recovery Team.

The training allows a member to learn what needs to be done during an emergency and will learn the basics in knowing what to do to assist local emergency units.

"While going through the training it will also help you with your own family in preparing yourself and your family in case of an emergency or disaster," said Coordinator Frank Tambunga. "We currently have 10 members and would like to increase our membership, so that we can be better prepared to serve."

This program is strictly on a volunteer basis a person must be at least 18 years old.

If anyone is interested, an initial meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. April 21 at the ONB Crockett Room.

Participants will have a better explanation of the C.E.R.T. program during this meeting.

The training will be during the month of May also at the meeting the majority will determine what day of the week to have the training.

"I highly encourage everyone to consider becoming a member and getting involved in taking care of our county," Tambunga said.

For more information, call Tambunga at 325-392-2827.

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RIG LOCATIONS

For Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell and Reagan counties

As of April 3, 2009

Crockett County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Approach Operating	9000'	University 45-21 #6	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drlg Ahead
New Stonegate Prod Co	9000'	University -13- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 424	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000'	Baker -A- #106	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drlg Ahead

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Mariner Energy	10300'	Srh -16- #1604	J B Hunt Gas & Oil 3	Drlg Ahead
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg -A- #142d	Union Drilling Texas 226	Drlg Ahead 7865'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Paragon Corporation	6000'	Nicholas -A- #2	Big Giant Drilling 1	Assigned
New Telesis Operating	4999'	Mcgregor -Cx4- #10	Sand Dollar Drilling 21	Drlg Ahead



TxDOT Campaign aims to save motorists time and money

AUSTIN – April is National Car Care Month, and if you're planning on selling a car or truck in Texas, you need to do more than spruce up the vehicle.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recommends using a screwdriver and computer.

"That's because when you sell your car or truck you need to protect yourself by removing and transferring the license plates, and filing the online Vehicle Transfer Notification," said Rebecca Davio, director of the Texas Department of Transportation's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division. "There's a small fee for transferring the plates, but the Vehicle Transfer Notification is free and doing both of these when you sell or trade in a vehicle should be as routine as changing the oil in your car."

But it isn't. TxDOT estimates less than 1 out of 10 Texans who sell or trade in a vehicle follow the two simple steps that will help to keep them out of trouble.

"It means about a million Texans each year are leaving themselves unprotected and could be held responsible for the vehicle buyer's parking fines, toll violations or red-light camera tickets because they didn't file the Vehicle Transfer Notification and take off and transfer their license plates when they sold their car or truck," Davio said.

As part of car care month, TxDOT wants to remind everyone to "Protect your title, Texas: Your Vehicle Title Needs Maintenance, too."

Texans often forget that both the vehicle title and license plate number are directly tied to their name. Simply signing the back of the title in a driveway or trading it into a dealer does not change the record of ownership in the state's motor vehicle database.

Unfortunately, too many buyers in private sales don't re-title the vehicle, leaving the seller as the recorded owner in the state database. Many Texans also do not realize that when they trade in a vehicle to a dealership, that dealership does not apply to change the title until the vehicle is sold to a customer.

Today, it is common for dealerships to take your vehicle and sell it to another dealership or auction house and while the vehicle may be moving around, the name on the title isn't – you are still the owner of record.

There is only a 30-day window from the time you sell or trade in the vehicle to file the Vehicle Transfer Notification to help ensure you won't be held responsible for anything the buyer does with that car or truck.

You can find the Vehicle Transfer Notification at www.txdot.gov.

Simply type "Vehicle Transfer Notification" into the homepage. When you file the notification electronically, it's important to print out the confirmation page so you have a record of your submission. State law says once you file the form, the buyer becomes the "presumed owner," and that removes your liability for the vehicle.

Best of all, this protection is offered for free.

"Two years ago TxDOT removed the fee to file the notification because we believe Texans should not have to pay to protect themselves," Davio said. "Please do not send us any money even if you find a $5 fee still listed on the back of your title."

The fee is printed on titles issued before the charge was removed.

Transferring the license plates from the vehicle you sold to another one you own or bought is your guarantee that the plate number cannot be used by anyone but you. Not only will this keep the buyer of your old vehicle from being able to run up tickets in your name, it also helps to force the buyer to re-title the vehicle. Until the buyer obtains a new title for the vehicle, your name continues to be listed on the title. There is a nominal charge to transfer the plates.

When you take off the license plates, you also need to remove the vehicle's registration sticker. "Remember the registration sticker is customized for your vehicle, and it has the license plate number on it," Davio said.

The buyer can still drive the vehicle if he or she downloads a Vehicle Transit Permit at www.txdot.gov.

There's also another way to protect yourself when you sell a vehicle, Davio added.

"If you're selling your vehicle in a private sale, both you and the buyer can go to the county tax office together to re-title the vehicle," she said. "This way you know the buyer has applied to transfer the title and once the title is in the buyer's name anything done with that vehicle will be traced to the buyer – who will be the person listed on the title. You can also transfer the license plates to another one of your vehicles while you are there."

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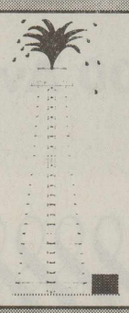
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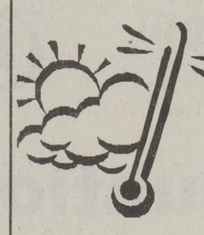
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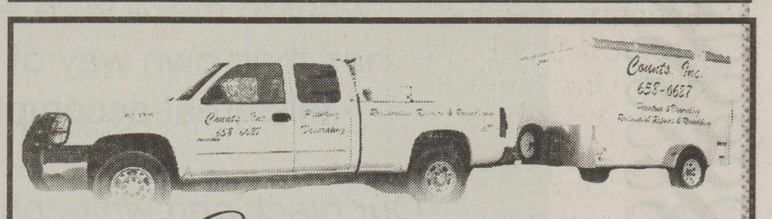
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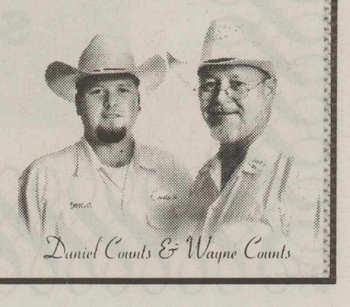




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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010059001

APPLICATION. Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No.1, P.O. Box 117, Ozona, Texas 76943, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010059001 (EP A I.D. No. TX0098345) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 500,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 3,000 feet west of the State Highway 163 and approximately 2.5 miles south of Interstate Highway 10 in Crockett County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Johnson Draw; thence to the Devils River. TCEQ received this application on March 6, 2009. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Office, 511 Eleventh Street, Ozona, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar a1 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No.1 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Doug Meador at (325) 392-2730. Issuance Date: March 26,2009

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY,TEXAS will receive sealed bids, April 13, 2009, until 2:00 p.m. for the purchase of PAVING AGGREGATE. Bidding instructions and specifications may be obtained by contacting the County Auditor's Office, Courthouse Annex, Ozona, Texas or the Crockett County Road Department. Each bid envelope must be plainly marked (PAVING AGGREGATE). Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids shall be mailed or given to John Stokes, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona,Texas 76943. For more information on specifications, contact Eddie Moore, Road Superintendent, at the County Road Department, (325) 392-3020. Rock is to be priced at bidders location and Crockett County will do the hauling to job sites. Bid must state location of pit where rock will be hauled from and mileage to Ozona from said site. A map must be included in bid. Bidder must give time that rock will be available for Crockett County to haul to Ozona. Rock must be ready for first job on 30 days after receiving the bid@ 300 cubic yards a day to be hauled by County trucks. Rock can be bid by ton and stating the conversion rate to Cubic Yards. Bidder is to load all trucks on first come first serve basis. Crockett County reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are received on the opening date an also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid. Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept to lowest bid or to waive any minor technicalities in determining what best suits our needs. John Stokes Crockett County Auditor 2c10

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Crockett County has prepared complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he wishes to file a written complaint about proposed or completed TX CDBG activity. Crockett County will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the Crockett County Courthouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the County at (325) 392-2965.

PUBLIC NOTICE POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

Crockett County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The County Judge Crockett County, P.O. Box 1857, Ozona TX 76943 (325) 392-2965 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8. dated June 2, 1988).

PROPERTY FOR SALE

The County of Crockett, Texas and Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, as Trustees, are accepting sealed bids from all interested persons to purchase the following property which are held in trust by the taxing jurisdictions, as Trustee, to satisfy delinquent property taxes on the property. The sale will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2009, in the courtroom of the Courthouse Annex. All bids must be submitted in person or by U.S. Mail to: Sandy Stokes, County Auditor, Courthouse Annex, 909 Avenue D, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943, no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2009. Absolutely no bids will be accepted after April 28, 2009. Complete rules for bidding may be obtained from the Crockett County Auditor, Courthouse Annex, 909 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943

PARCEL 1: Lot 334, Block 10, Lima Addition to the town of Ozona, Texas (1835 Corto Street) being that property more particularly described in Volume 148, Page 237 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 166, Page 455 of the Deed Records, Crockett County, Texas

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE CROCKETT COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 909 AVENUE D, OZONA, TEXAS 76943

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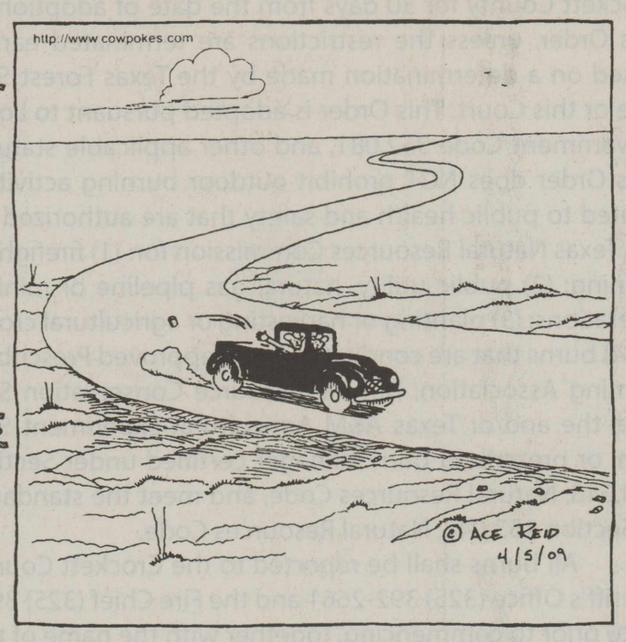
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statues. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of March, 2009.

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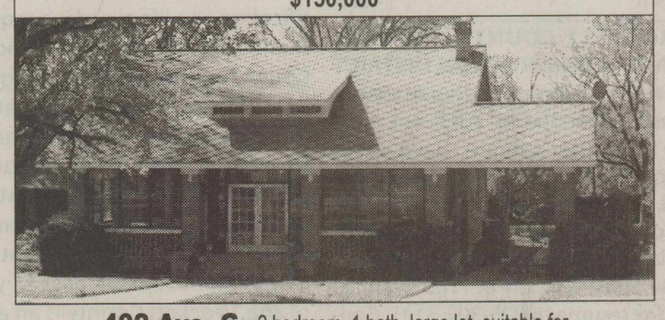
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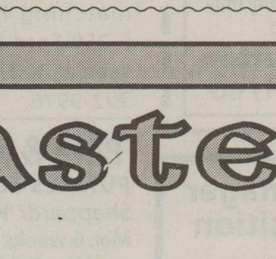
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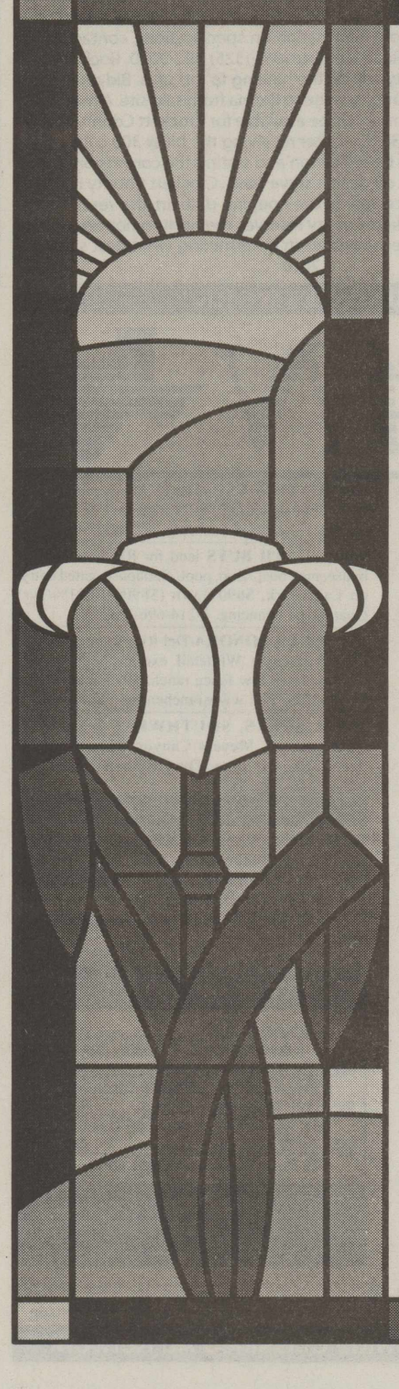
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