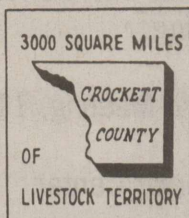


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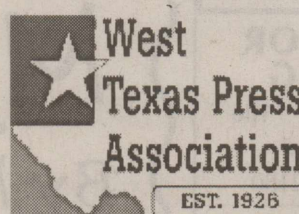
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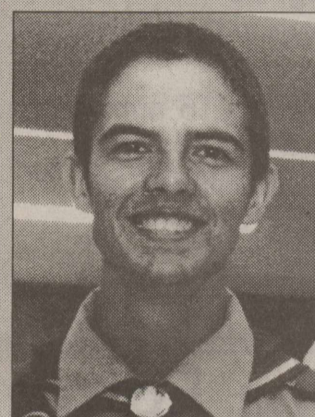
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Commissioners vote to patch courthouse roof

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County Commissioners plan on staying within the proposed effective tax rate when they look to adopt the 2008 budget in September.

During Monday's meeting, the commissioners voted to not exceed the effective tax rate which is .46485 per \$100 value.

This rate is an increase over last year's rate of .4308.

The increase would raise around \$260,000 more in taxes, but the normal taxpayer would

see a lower bill due to Crockett County CCSD looking at setting their rate at 1.04, which is lower than last year's 1.37, said County Auditor Sandy Stokes.

"If you stay within the effective tax rate, the whole budget is moving as the oil and gas moves up and down. We're trying to raise the same amount of dollars to operate the county like we did this past year," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

The commissioners also held a budget workshop, where they discussed the possibility of a county employee pay raise for

the 2008 budget.

Commissioners will look at setting the tax rate and adopting the budget at the Sept. 10 meeting.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

The commissioners approved a bid of \$4,880 from Rain Seal Master Roofing to patch the roof on the Crockett County Courthouse Roof.

Deaton said that the bid from Rain Seal Master will patch and reseal areas of the roof that are currently leaking.

The bid also said that due
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CCCCSD hires high school math teacher

Board elections won't take place until 2008

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

There will be a math teacher teaching freshmen students this fall at Ozona High School.

Crockett County CCSD hired Anne Reeb last week as the new teacher.

Reeb is replacing Matt Gutierrez who was reassigned as Athletic Director.

According to Superintendent Abe Gott the district

has been searching for a math teacher since February.

Gott told the school board at the July 30 meeting that the district had looked into teaching Algebra I over the computer through a virtual network program.

Board of Trustees elections that were originally set for November won't take place now until November 2008.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's office, school board elections must be held jointly with a municipality or county election date.

Since Ozona is not a municipality
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Congressman makes stops around Ozona

Rodriguez talks with county officials, military parents

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Melissa Ybarra is worried about her son Jacob Tambunga.

She not only worries about him serving in the U.S. Marine Corps but also what kind of health benefits he will receive when he decides to leave the military.

Ybarra, along with other parents, voiced their concerns to U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, last week. Rodriguez was making a tour through his West Texas Congressional District and met with the military parents as well as county officials on Aug. 7.

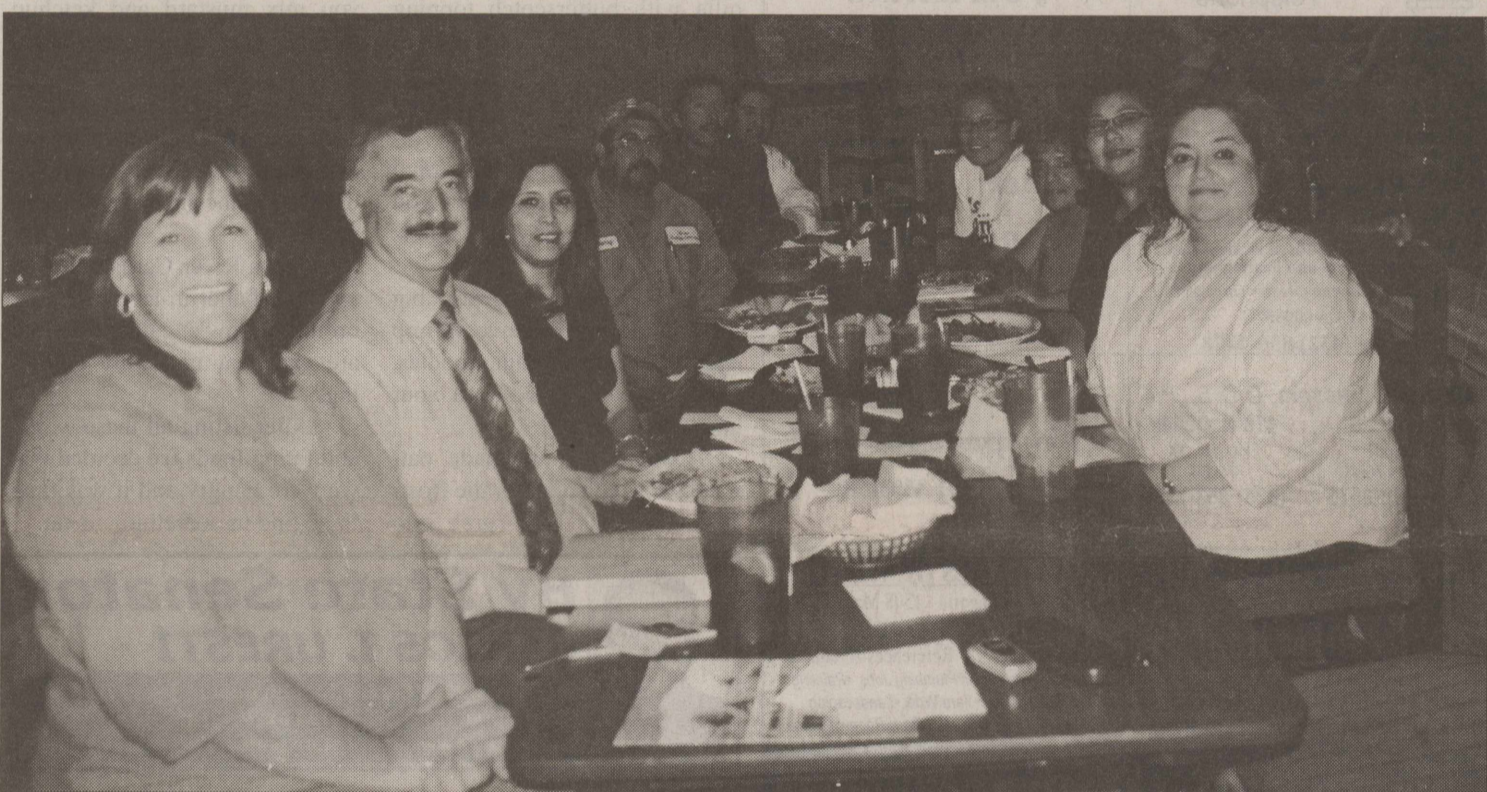
Ybarra's son has already served one tour in Iraq where he was injured.

"Will there be anything available for him?" she asked.

Rodriguez's reply was "If I have anything to do with it, yes."

Rodriguez, who serves on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, addressed the group on recent legislation that was passed to help veterans.

One bill includes addressing



CONGRESSMAN CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ (second on the left) visited with military parents at El Chato's Restaurant last week during one of his West Texas stops. Pictured with Rodriguez are: (left to right) Allison McGuire, Michelle Medley, Sylvia Lara, Melissa Ybarra, Henry Cruz, Yolanda Tambunga, Frank Tambunga, Irma Tambunga and Casar J. Blanco, congressional representative for Rodriguez.

the needs of low income veterans and their families by providing financial assistance for those residing in permanent housing and support services as they transition from homeless to housing.

The bill also addresses the needs of veterans living in rural areas by providing program grants for transportation to de-

partment medical facilities and by providing necessary training for peer outreach services for returning service members.

The bill plans to expand outreach to those reluctant to seek help for post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) by developing a peer-to-peer counseling program.

These bills still need to be passed by the senate and then signed into law by the President.

Rodriguez said veterans benefits will not cover PTSD due to it being diagnosed as a pre-existing condition.

"We want to bridge the gap for those who have trouble

reaching out for help on their own," he said.

Commissioner and veteran, Frank Tambunga said that small communities produce more and more members of the armed forces and that a Veterans Affairs (VA) office is needed in these areas.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday	
High 95	Low 71
Mostly Sunny	
Thursday	
High 90	Low 69
Chance of T-Storms	
Friday	
High 93	Low 71
Chance of T-Storms	
Saturday	
High 93	Low 71
Mostly Sunny	
Sunday	
High 94	Low 72
Partly Cloudy	
Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo	

Marching in the Land of Oz

OHS Band hopes the Wizard will earn them a Division I

Editor's note: The following is a Q&A article with OHS Band Director Gretchen Bloebaum.

Q: How was your first year as the head band director?

A: I absolutely loved my first year as the head band director. The students made the year very enjoyable. I was extremely impressed with their level of responsibility and motivation to succeed.

Q: What are some of the things you learned that first year that will help you as you enter the second year?

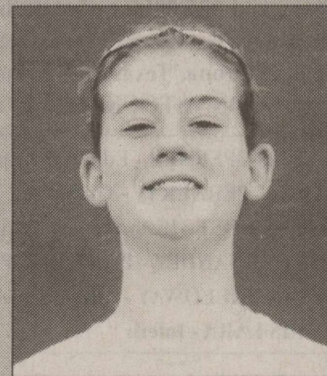
A: Mostly, I learned to always have a backup plan. Many times, what I thought would work (as far as marching formations, music we would play, etc.) didn't work like I thought it would, and I would have to go back and revamp my ideas. So, I learned to have a plan A, a plan B, and maybe even a plan C.

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OHS BAND STUDENT LEADERS (back row, left to right) Chris Lara, loading crew captain; Chelsea Spence, drum major; Crystal Gonzalez, color guard and Stevie Romero, brass section leader. Middle row (left to right) Stephanie Galindo, brass section leader; Anna Hernandez, color guard captain and historian; Alex Macias, color guard and Julie Gutierrez, woodwind section leader. Front row (left to right) Sarah Lott, librarian; Roxanne Talamantez, color guard and Jadyndy Poindexter, color guard. The student leaders spent last week going through training.

All About The Drum Major



Drum Major Chelsea Spence

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Favorite Song: undecided

Goal for the Year: Advance to Area Marching Contest



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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

I could live on Foods

As I spent Monday night trying to finish my paper, my 11-year-old niece and I were thinking of foods that we could easily live the rest of our lives on.

The first one that came to our minds was chocolate.

We love chocolate. Whether it's hot chocolate, milk chocolate, even the Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate that no one seems to like but me, we decided we could make a whole meal out of chocolate.

The second one was ice cream. Pick a flavor. My niece's was birthday cake from Marble Slab. I prefer Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough from Blue Bell.

However, for a great after dinner dessert at home, plain vanilla with butterscotch topping and some sprinkles, or doo dads is the best.

Don't forget the whipped cream.

Popcorn came to mind also. Hot and buttery where you have to lick it off your fingers. Messy!

Chinese food was also big for both of us. We love shrimp egg rolls, chow main noodles, fried rice and sweet and sour chicken.

Cookies - homemade oatmeal ones with icing or the frosted animal crackers you grab from

the bag can be very tempting.

Macaroni and cheese, preferably the Velveeta Shells and Cheese brand. I told my niece that I practically lived on mac 'n' cheese in college.

We had this easy dinner with picante sauce (good), Spam (so-so) and ground beef (that was payday).

My niece said she could live on broccoli and cheese and squash and cheese. (Yes, this is coming from an 11-year-old).

Burritos - that's easy to do in Ozona. Whether it's bean and cheese, potato and egg or sausage and egg (our favorites) those aren't hard to find.

Corn dogs came to my niece's mind, especially when you mix mustard and ketchup together. Don't knock it, it tastes good.

Mom's meatloaf - this is a classic. We could eat this every single day. Even when it's dropped in the sink, it still tastes good.

Pecos River Catfish cooked by my father-in-law and my brother-in-law's catfish - Both are excellent in family gatherings.

After listing all these exotic and fating foods we decided that we were hungry and it was time to go find us something to eat.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Aug. 15**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCCSD Board of Trustees architect interviews, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Thursday, Aug. 16**
- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 11 a.m. at the Visitor Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Aug. 17**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, Aug. 18**
- Ozona Lions vs. San Saba and Mason scrimmage, 1 p.m. at San Angelo.
- Monday, Aug. 20**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, Aug. 21**
- Ozona National Bank Hot Dogs in the Park, 5 p.m. in the town square.
 - Ozona Woman's League meeting, 6 p.m. at the Crockett Room.
 - Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Meet the Lions, 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Wednesday, Aug. 22**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

Chariots Of Wire

Man has always wanted to go faster, faster, faster. In his quest to speed things up he has attached himself to all sorts of animals including dogs, mules, wolves, horses and, if we can believe the rumors, reindeer.

Charles Russell wrote of buffalo that were trained to pull a plow, but only in a North or South direction because they were a little hard to turn. If you started plowing in Texas you'd end up in South Dakota, barring any obstructions, of course.

I've always wanted to have my own team of Clydesdales, Percherons or Belgians to drive but have been limited to a Mustang and a Pinto. I did try to put a real team together but immediately ran into problems. I only had two horses available, Lady and Gentleman, and neither had ever pulled their weight on the ranch. I didn't have a wagon either. I remedied this problem by hooking up the pair of horses to the rusted out hulk of a Dodge Dart, a forerunner to the American car. When I cracked my whip the dynamic duo moved not an inch. It might have worked if there had been air in the tires and Gentleman hadn't been preoccupied, as always, with activities of a sexual nature.

I forgot all about trying to drive a team until I witnessed a chariot race. For those of you who haven't seen one, these races are going to be bigger than NASCAR some day. The sport already has everything NASCAR has: cheaters, beer and sex, and hey, if people will pay to watch tractor pulling and hog racing then surely chariot racing is going to be a big winner. If ESPN can show a spelling bee and a dart contest on TV and call it sport then chariot racing will one day have its own channel and bookies will be garnishing the paychecks of cowboys who bet on chariot racing.

Some of you old-timers may remember when chariot racing was last popular, during the Roman Empire. But when the Romans fell so did their sport. But now there are some folks who want to return the sport to its ancient glory and I'm all excited about the prospect. So much so that I'm trying to put a

team together to compete in an upcoming World Championship. You've heard of Ben Hur? Well I'm the new Ben Him.

First, I needed a chariot so I used a rusty old supplement barrel and wired it to a four wheeled furniture dolly with baling wire. (I know that chariots normally have only two wheels but I'd never done it before and figured I needed a couple training wheels.)

In trying to field a chariot team I ran into the same problem as before, except now I was now down to one old horse, Gentleman, and he didn't have a competitive bone in his entire arthritic body. But what I did have in large supply were sheep. Naturally, I selected Studly the ram to be my wheel horse. I guarantee that if you have a feed bucket in front of him he'll go faster than that Dodge Dart ever did. Surprisingly, my second fastest sheep to the feed bunk every morning was a smallish Southdown ewe. Using old marking harnesses, I hooked Studly and the Southdown ewe up to my Chariot of Wire and immediately could tell I had a problem: Due to the size differential of my sheep my chariot pulled to the left worse than Ted Kennedy.

Now, normally chariots hurry along at speeds of 40 miles per hour but initially my sheep chariot approached speeds of only four miles per hour. But once we hit a downhill stretch we accelerated so dramatically that I briefly caught a glimpse of Studly and the Southdown as I passed them. (* No animals were killed in the writing of this column.)

At this point I passed myself coming and going and we were on schedule to break the land speed record. Speaking of break, that's when it dawned on me that I didn't have any! Oh well, at least I was going to die standing up. My runaway chariot was now dragging two sheep, along with other assorted debris that we picked up along the way, and we were all headed straight at five strands of nasty Japanese barbed wire.

If this was NASCAR at this point you could say that we made an unscheduled Pitts stop.

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A successful school year

It's that time of the year again -- soon students will be heading back to school and recounting their summer vacation stories. For some, the ritual is familiar. For other students and families, this year marks the first of many "first days" of school. Here's a short course in what parents and guardians can do to ensure a successful and safe school year.

SAFETY
School traffic zones and school buses return when students do. Motorists should use care to watch their speed and look out for school zones. Budget extra time to slow down or find an alternate route that allows higher speeds. Make sure children know and obey traffic rules too, teach them to use safe routes with approved crossing zones to get to school.

HAVE FUN AND BE INVOLVED!
School is hard work, but it should also be fun. Make sure your child finds special interests and gets involved in school clubs and activities. And get involved yourself. Parent participation is a sure way to protect and nurture your child while having fun together. Knowing your child's friends and teachers is one way to stay a step ahead of any problems that may arise.

HOMework
Your child's homework is a crucial part of his or her success as a student. Parents who show an interest in their child's homework are sure to see improvements in their grades. Request a checklist of assignments each day from your child and make certain the work is done.

AFTER SCHOOL
For most children, school is a safe place. Make a plan for your child's safety after the bell rings. Agree upon activities or a place to go when school is out. Find after school programs, athletic activities, or a friend or relative who can look after your child if you are still at work when the school day ends. Use the telephone to monitor your child's activities and always have a back up system in case the usual plan goes awry.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
It's a fact of life today that drug and alcohol use are a danger for all children. Sadly, children often learn about these major threats to health and safety from

other children at school. One of the most important things any parent can do is to talk with their children about drugs and alcohol. Make certain they know the dangers and risks associated with drugs and alcohol; make sure they know you are aware of, and looking for, the signs of use. It is never too early to have this conversation--monitor your child's activities and know their friends. Follow tough talk with action if you suspect your child is experimenting with drug or alcohol.

Remember: every child starts their first day of class with an "A." Remind your kids that it is easier to keep that "A" with consistent efforts than to struggle with make up work to get it back. Commit yourself to being an "A" parent and your child will also be an "A" student. Good luck!

State Senator Carlos Uresti represents Senate District 19, a 55,000 square mile area extending from the city of San Antonio in Bexar County to the Lower Valley of El Paso County. The largest legislative district in the nation, Senate District 19 spans two time zones, and contains nine of the 14 border counties in Texas, two-thirds of the U.S.-Mexico border within Texas, and all or part of 23 counties. The district is also home to five U.S. ports of entry, three U.S. toll bridges, 62 school districts, seven military sites, six state parks, two national parks.

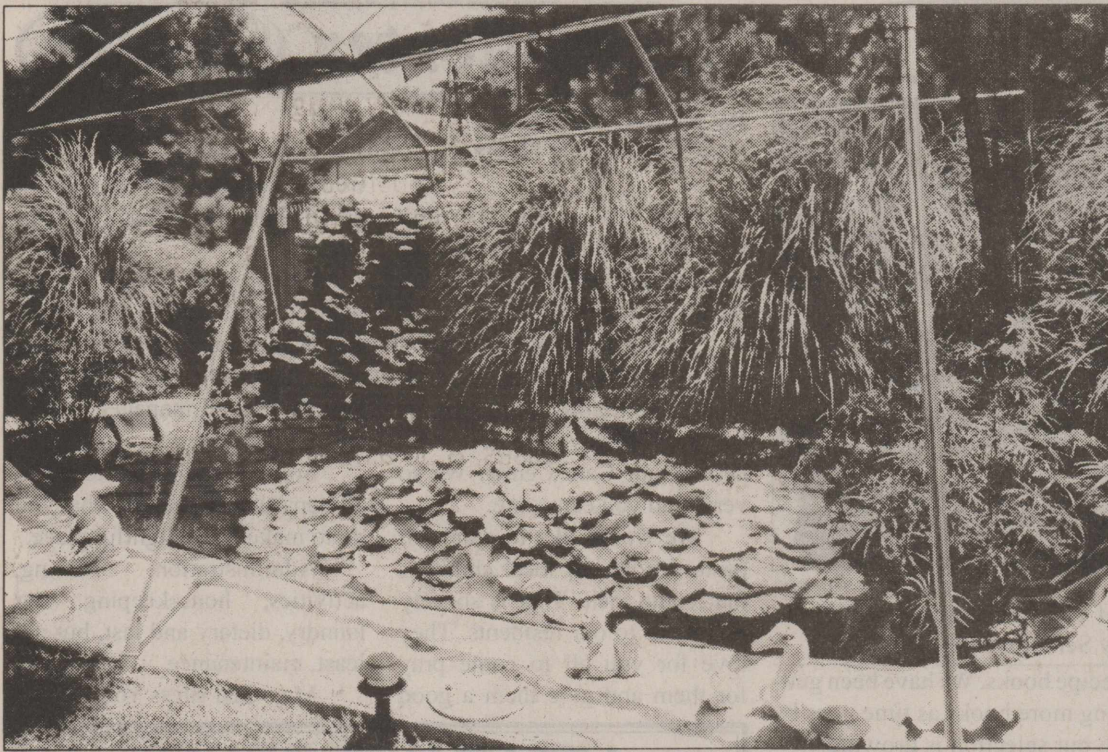
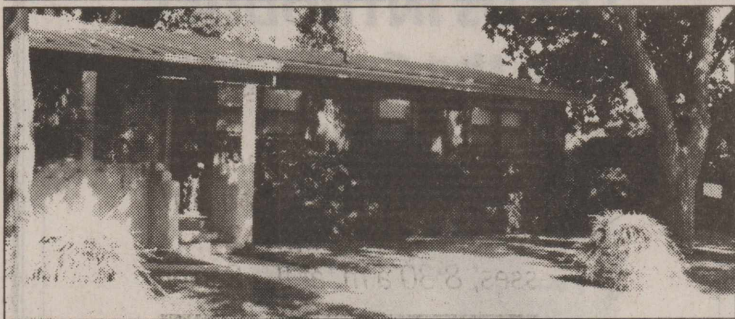


Photo by Susan Calloway

THE HOME OF JIM and MARY JO HEARNE has been chosen as this month's Garden of the Month. The Hearne's backyard contains a pond built by Jim and filled with blooming water-lilies. The front of the house is also beautiful with the manicured lawn and a variety of plants.



69 YEAR-OLD GEORGIA POWELL enjoyed an outing with grandson Scott Carson on his trike last week.

Happy Birthday

Aug. 15 - Ginger Perner, George Quiroz, Amanda Quiroz, Francisco Galvan, Kayleigh Hernandez, Ely Silva, Glenda Capps, Fred Garza, Addison B. Gutierrez, Lyndsie Bunger, Leon Garcia Jr. and Dalia Hernandez

Aug. 16 - Wesley Flores, Emalee Hamilton and Mariana Camarillo

Aug. 17 - Haliey Salinas, Julia Henderson, Bobby B. Womack and David Landin Jr.

Aug. 18 - Javier Perez, Maggie Galvan, Sophie Trevino and Ampara Enriquez

Aug. 19 - Isaac Leal III, Opal Gertrude, Jessica Herring and Eloisa Ortiz

Aug. 20 - Walter Harger II, Tommy Conner, Toby Pagan, Christen DeLaRosa, James Kirkland, Ronald Koerth and Grizelda Mata

Aug. 21 - Lara Gott, Kris Gray, Elsa T. Galvan, Chelsea Moore, Will Dennis, Ashley Moran, Janie De Hoyos and Elisa Sentena

To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Batla

Jenae Taylor and Ryan Batla were married June 16, 2007 at the First United Methodist Church in Brownwood with minister Dr. Don Scoggs officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Julie Taylor of Brownwood. She is the granddaughter of Edna Taylor of Early and the late Robert and Jaunita Haynes of Brownwood.

The groom is the son of Larry and Becky Batla of St. Lawrence. He is the grandson of Jay and Coleen Everett of Ozona and Delmer and Marcie Batla of St. Lawrence. He is the great-grandson of Myrtle Everett of Fort Stockton and Mary Rose Baker of Grape Creek.

Maids of Honor were Rachel Taylor, sister of the bride of Brownwood and Sara Wollam of Alvin. Bridesmaids were Melissa Havlak of Greenwood, Allen Geeslin of San Antonio and Tammy Gebert of Elgin. Flower Girl was Ashleigh Wooley, cousin of the bride of Weatherford.

Best Men were Keith Batla, brother of the groom of St. Lawrence and Justin Hillger, cousin of the groom of Garden City. Groomsmen were Joshua Tunnell of Grady, Shane Kuhlman of San Antonio and Brady Kujawski of Garden City. Ring Bearer was Cameron Wooley, cousin of the bride of Weatherford.

Ushers were Brian Hillger, cousin of the groom of Garden City, Kyle and Corbett Graves of Kermit and Michael Durand of Brownwood.

Candlelighter was Kayce Campbell, cousin of the groom of College Station. Piano prelude music was provided by Kyle Campbell cousin of the groom of College Station.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Brownwood High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in agriculture leadership and development. She is employed by Reynolds and Reynolds in Houston.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School, a 2005 graduate with a bachelor of science in agriculture systems management and a 2006 graduate with a master of science in agribusiness both from Texas A&M University. He is employed by Republic National Distributing Co. in Houston.

After a wedding trip to the Maya Riviera Spa Palace in Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Houston.

Ozona Woman's League News

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Ozona Woman's League

Members of the Ozona Woman's League opened up their new year with a hamburger supper at Jessica and Larry Don Luckie's house.

Members received their new books for the year and discussed upcoming events.

The members also voted in Stacy Meeke as a new member.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Crockett Room. This meeting will be about the Homecoming Barbecue Supper which will be held Sept. 21.

Barbecue tickets will be handed out at this meeting, so members need to make plans to attend in order to pick up their tickets and discuss the barbecue.

Members that attended were: Kayla Davidson, Connie Crenwelge, Jody Upham, Jessica Luckie, Melissa Perner, Melissa Hokit, Heidi Williams, Haley Forehand, Colbey Bunger, Brandi Crawford, Abbie Hubbard, Susie Bishop, Vicki Childress and Tiffany Esparza.

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Friday, Aug. 31

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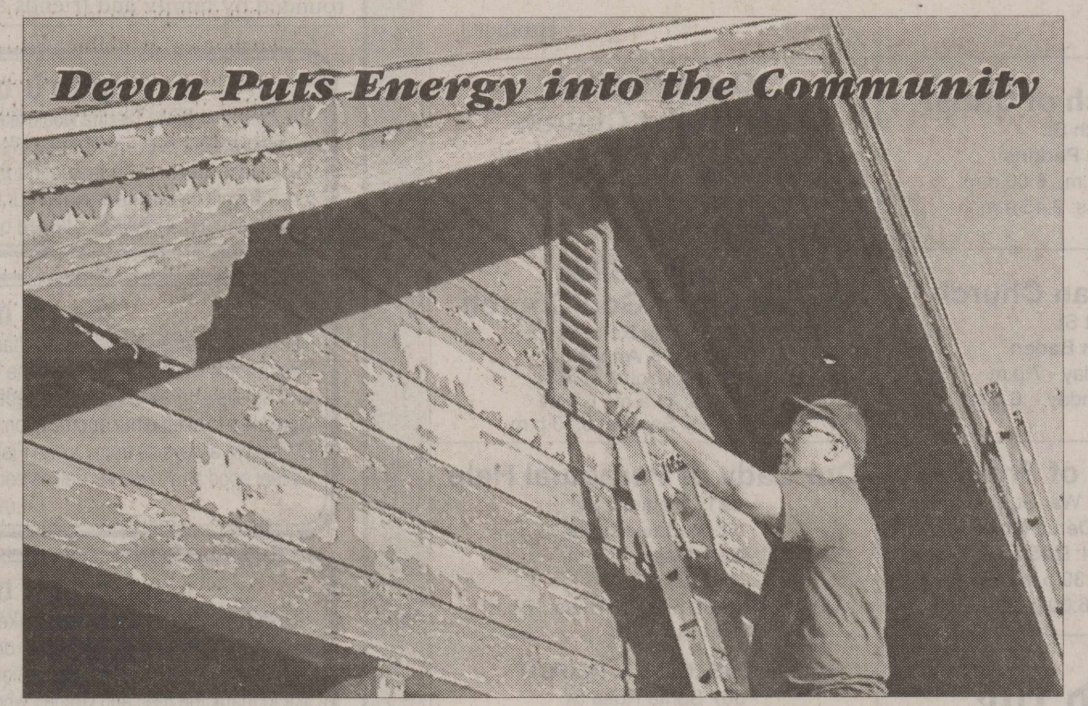
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

After a week of 90-degree plus weather, everyone is asking when will it be cool again?

Who knows, maybe we will have rain in our forecast soon.

Our birthday ladies this past month that I know of are Audrey Glynn, Jan Tice and Sandy Bebee. From all of us at the Senior Center we wish you many more.

Around and about town, I saw Ann Davidson and Marilyn Cox at the post office. It is always nice to see both of these ladies.

At the dentist office I also saw Betty Harrell and her grandson. They seem to be enjoying themselves and Betty is looking better than I have seen her in years.

On Friday, Marolyn Bean announced that she had a new great-granddaughter. Congratulations to the new parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Madelyn June Childress weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and she is welcomed by a large number of relatives.

Her paternal great-grandmother is Katherine Russell.

Our frequent visitor, Jimmy Lott, fell this past week and was taken to the Care Center. Jim get well soon as we are missing you.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, at the Crockett County Senior Center. We will serve

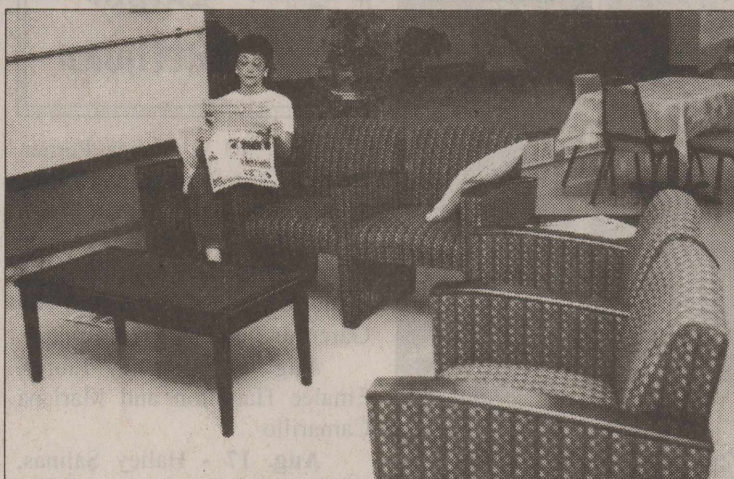


Photo by Melissa Perner

LYNN ENGLISH reads her copy of The Ozona Stockman on the new furniture at the Crockett County Senior Center.

banana splits and tea, coffee or water. Please come out and join us and bring a bingo prize.

Many of you have asked about Levi who is a plebe at Annapolis Naval Academy. If I seem extra happy it is because I received a letter from him last week. He is doing really well and one of his most recent accomplishments was learning to sail a 26-foot boat.

My oldest grandson Logan English celebrated his 23rd birthday in Washington D.C. on Aug. 13. Logan will deploy from North Carolina the last of this week for Iraq. He serves his country in the United States Air Force.

Come in and look over the book selection in our bookcase to see if there is one or two that you would like to read. We also have available magazines and

recipe books. We have been getting more books as time goes by so our selection is growing.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better.

Every Monday and Thursday, the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play. These ladies come in all smiles bringing snacks and enjoy each other's company. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Celia West, Eileen Childress, Katherine Russell, Charlotte Harrell, Sandy Bebee, Sadie Davidson and Jean Odom.

Our activities are for those 50 and over (we are flexible). Come out and join in the activities you are missing.

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Submitted photo

HELENA STOKES spent part of her Saturday shopping at the Crockett County Care Center Garage Sale.

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

Now the weather is what you call HOT! Turn on your air conditioners, get cool and drink plenty of water.

Our Labor Day weekend is almost here. It's time to be with family and friends. That is one of the times we have lots of visitors here at our Care Center. We so very glad you can come.

We would like to thank all pastors from our local churches that come visit. That is so very important to our residents. They love for you all to come pray for them and give them a good

word. Our garage sale went very well. Thank to all that made it possible. Residents had fun helping out.

Everywhere I go around town, people stop to talk to me and they always say what a nice place we have the Care Center. It's so well managed and so clean.

So, we would like to thank all departments that do what you do to make it a delightful place.

Administration, nursing, activities, housekeeping and laundry, dietary and last, but not least, maintenance.

May God Bless You All!

LET US INTRODUCE from the Care Center



NAME: Flor Longoria

JOB TITLE: Housekeeping and Laundry

HOW LONG WITH
PRESENT EMPLOYER:
4 years and 10 months

ORIGINALLY FROM: Allende, Coah.

SPOUSE, CHILDREN:

Two daughters Blanca and Yvette,
one niece Alexis and grandson Able

HOBBIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER INTERESTS:
I love to spend time with my dad Guadalupe, my family and Rusty. I enjoy walking, volunteering at the facility and I'm member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.



Submitted photo

AUDREY GLYNN celebrated her 80th birthday Saturday surrounded by family and friends at the FBC Hoover Building.

Card of Thanks

We, Desi and Olivia Tijerina would like to thank God for letting us live long enough to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We thank our children for this joyous occasions because it was through their effort this celebration came to be and also all our kinsfolk from far and near and all our friends who were here to help and everyone who attended, THANKS, it turned out to be a grand party.

Card of Thanks

The Fielder Family would like to thank Preddy Funeral Home for their services First Baptist Church for allowing the family to have the Homegoing services, as well as allowing us to use the reception hall to feed friends and family. We also would like to extend our appreciation to the community. Thank you all very much. Ozona will always be home to the Fielder's no matter where we all live. You made us feel good and loved as well as comforted. Thank you again so very much.
Love, The Fielder Family

Card of Thanks

Helping Hands of Ozona, would like to thank everyone in the community that helped with our clothing drive. We delivered 14,840 pounds of clothes to Dallas. This could not have been done without your generous donations. We would also like to thank the men and women who helped load the truck. There is no way we could have done it alone.
Thanks Ozona,
Joe Stewart, President of Helping Hands of Ozona

THE LOVING PUPPY

I went by to visit a good friend's granddaughter that has moved to our town. She and her husband have a five year old son and she is expecting again. While we were sitting on the front porch and visiting, her son opened the door to their house and out came a young puppy. He was so excited and wagging his tail and so glad to see everyone. He wanted us to rub on him and he would even get up in our laps and try to lick us, (A dog's way of saying that they like or love you). That little puppy was friendly and loving to everyone. He is probably four to six months old. That sweet young loving puppy reminds me of something that happens to person when they ask Christ to come into their heart. When we accept Christ, He brings a new kind of love into our hearts, (John 8:42, 1 Timothy 1:14). If we have not accepted Christ the love of God is not in us, (John 5:42 & 43, & John 14:24). The Bible teaches several ways to tell if we have it or not. One, we will love God and we will love other Christians, (John 13:34 & 35). Loving and obeying God's word is another way to tell if we are truly Christians, (John 14:15&23).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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Museum is sponsoring photo contest

The Crockett County Museum is sponsoring an Amateur Photo Contest.

All proceeds from the contest will go toward the library's elevator fund.

Categories:

YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

(Grades 1-4)
Black & White/Sepia
Color Prints
Special Category "Windmills"

(Grades 5-8)

Black & White/Sepia
Color Prints
Special Category "Windmills"

(Grades 9-12)

Black & White/Sepia
Color Prints
Special Category "Windmills"

ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY

Section 1 -

Black & White/Sepia
Scenery
General Photos (no people, but animals included)
People
Special Category "Windmills"

Section 2 - Color Prints

Scenery
General Photos (no people, but animals included)
People
Special Category "Windmills"

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

(Youth and Adult)

1. All entries shall be subject to the general rules and instructions of this contest.

2. Entry fee of \$5 per Youth entry and \$10 per Adult entry is required. NO REFUNDS.

3. Exhibitors in this contest shall be in one of the following groups:

YOUTH, Grades 1-4
YOUTH, Grades 5-8
YOUTH, Grades 9-12

ADULT, includes people 18 and over who are out of high school.

4. Photographs in the Youth and Adult categories shall be unretouched photographs.

5. Entries must be FRAMED with glass or Plexiglass, equipped with wire hangers or will not be accepted.

6. Photographs must be no smaller than 4 x 6 inches, and overall size, including frame, not exceed 8 x 10 inches.

7. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.

8. Awards will be given out for Youth and Adult winners.

ADULT PHOTO AWARDS:

Best in Show - \$100 gift cert from Petals & Pearls

Eight 1st place awards - \$25 gift cert. from each of these: Circle Bar Restaurant, Hitchin' Post Restaurant, Cafe Next Door, Pepe's Cafe, El Chato's Restaurant, Ozona Chatterbox, Small Fashions and Baskets & More.

YOUTH PHOTO AWARDS:

Best in Show - \$50 savings bond from Ozona National Bank

Grades 1-4 - Three 1st place, each is \$10 cash from Rick & Shannon Hunnicutt

Grades 5-8 and 9-12 - Six 1st place, each is \$20 gift card from Dairy Queen of Ozona, Inc.

All Ribbons are sponsored by First National Bank of Sonora.

9. Photos need to be received by 5 p.m. October 1 at the Museum.

10. Winners will be announced Oct. 15.

11. Photographs can be picked up by Oct. 22. Photos not picked up by Dec. 1 become property of the Crockett County Museum.

For more information, call the Museum at 392-2837.

Benson graduates from Angelo State

Jill M. Benson graduated from Angelo State University with a bachelor of business administration degree during the Aug. 11 2007 Summer Commencement Exercises.

Angelo State University conferred 162 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 160 graduates during the ceremony.

Jill is the daughter of Pam Benson of Ozona.

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Ozona Hair Company

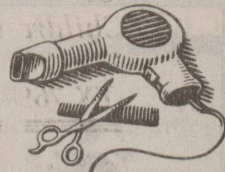
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Happy 45th Anniversary to My Darling Wife Edna!

I still love you the same after 45 years. Thanks for being there for me, my family and grandkids. We appreciate all the love and happiness. May God bless us & the family.

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TxDOT sponsors 'Don't Drink and Drive' campaign

Submitted by
Karen A. Threlkeld
Public Information Officer

As Texans prepare to celebrate the end of summer with Labor Day picnics, barbecues and weekend getaways, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) expects a significant spike in the number of motorists on Texas roads, with an increase in overall traffic comes an increase in alcohol-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

TxDOT is sponsoring a paid and earned media campaign to remind Texans: if you drink and drive during the upcoming Labor Day holiday, you are going to jail. TxDOT is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Municipal Police Association and local law enforcement organizations statewide to get drunk drivers off the road.

Between Aug. 17-Sept. 3, thousands of law enforcement officers will be making an extra effort to spot—and stop—drunk drivers on Texas roads and highways.

HERE'S THE LAW: 21 OR OLDER

In Texas the legal limit for intoxication is .08 BAC (blood or breath alcohol concentration). However, drivers can be stopped and cited when impaired regardless of BAC. Drivers and passengers can be fined up to \$500 for having an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

First Offense

- Up to a \$2,000 fine
- Three to 180 days in jail
- Loss of driver's license up to a year
- \$1,000 or \$2,000 annual fee for three years to retain driver's license

er's license

Second Offense*

- Up to a \$4,000 fine
- One month to a year in jail
- Loss of driver's license up to two years

*\$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,000 annual fee for three years to retain driver's license

Third Offense*

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Two to ten years in prison
- Loss of driver's license up to two years

*\$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,000 annual fee for three years to retain driver's license

*After two or more DWI convictions in five years, motorists must install a special ignition switch that prevents their vehicle from being operated if they've been drinking.

DWI WITH A

CHILD PASSENGER

Motorists can be charged with child endangerment for driving while intoxicated if they're carrying passengers younger than 15 years old.

DWI with a child passenger is a felony and punishable with:

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Up to two years in a state jail
- Loss of driver's license for 180 days

HERE'S THE LAW: UNDER 21

It is illegal for minors (under 21) to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol. It's also against the law for minors to misrepresent their age to obtain alcohol.

Minors in Possession

Here's what happens the first time minors are found in possession of alcohol. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor will trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 30-day driver's license suspension

• 8 to 12 hours of community service

- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

A second or third offense can lead to suspension of the minor's driver's license for 60 to 180 days. Those 17 or older can be fined as much as \$2,000 and go to jail for up to 180 days for a third offense.

Minors Drinking and Driving

It is illegal for minors to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system.

Here's what happens the first time a minor is stopped for drinking and driving:

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 60-day driver's license suspension

• 20 to 40 hours of community service

- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

Here's what happens to minors 17 and over who are stopped for drinking and driving with a blood or breath alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater:

- Up to a \$2,000 fine
- Three to 180 days in jail
- Driver's license suspension for 90 days to a year



15th Annual
DAVY CROCKETT FESTIVAL
Saturday, August 25

Fairgrounds Park - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - \$1.00 admission
Horse Shoeing, Chuck Wagon Display, Camp Cooking, Parade, Vendors, Exhibits, Bounce Houses, Food, Fun, Washer Pitching Contest, Free Kid's Games, Southwest Mobile Dairy Classroom - 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Dance - 8 p.m. - Midnight • \$8 in advance - \$10 at door
Romaldo y Grupo Fuerzzo AND The Old Hat Band
At Convention Center - Contact Knights of Columbus for tickets. Admission proceeds from Festival and Dance benefit Ozona Community Center and the Knights of Columbus

Davy Crockett International Bull Riding Challenge & Zane Coates Memorial Bronc Riding
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FMI contact Ruben Cruz @ 325-392-1581 or 226-1590 - Bull Riding
Kenny or E.A Wadsworth @ 392-2552 - Bronc Riding

New This Year - Indoor Booths in the Convention Center STILL ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS
FMI on Festival contact Dianne @ 392-5639 or 392-3737
or email davycrockettfestival@yahoo.com

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2007
Rule 37 Case No. 0252634
Status/Permit No. 636192

AMENDED
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BLUEGRASS ENERGY, INC., [RR Operator No. 076848] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 23, Bk. HH, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-3302, BLUEGRASS (WOLFCAMP) and WILDCAT Fields, CROCKETT County, being 4.1 miles NE direction from IRAN, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: BLUEGRASS (WOLFCAMP)

Lease/Unit Name : SIMPSON CANYON 1023 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1ST
Lease/Unit Acres : 320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 50.0

Lease Lines : 605.0 F S L, 2288.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 766.0 F N L, 2288.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Directional Sidetrack

Bottom Hole: BH1
Lease Lines: 1320.0 F S L, 2401.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 50.0 F N L, 2401.0 F E L

FIELD: WILDCAT

Lease/Unit Name : SIMPSON CANYON 1023 UNIT
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

BLUEGRASS (WOLFCAMP) :
OIL Special Rules 467/1200, 160.0 acres.
OIL Optional Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres.

WILDCAT :
Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8000 feet.

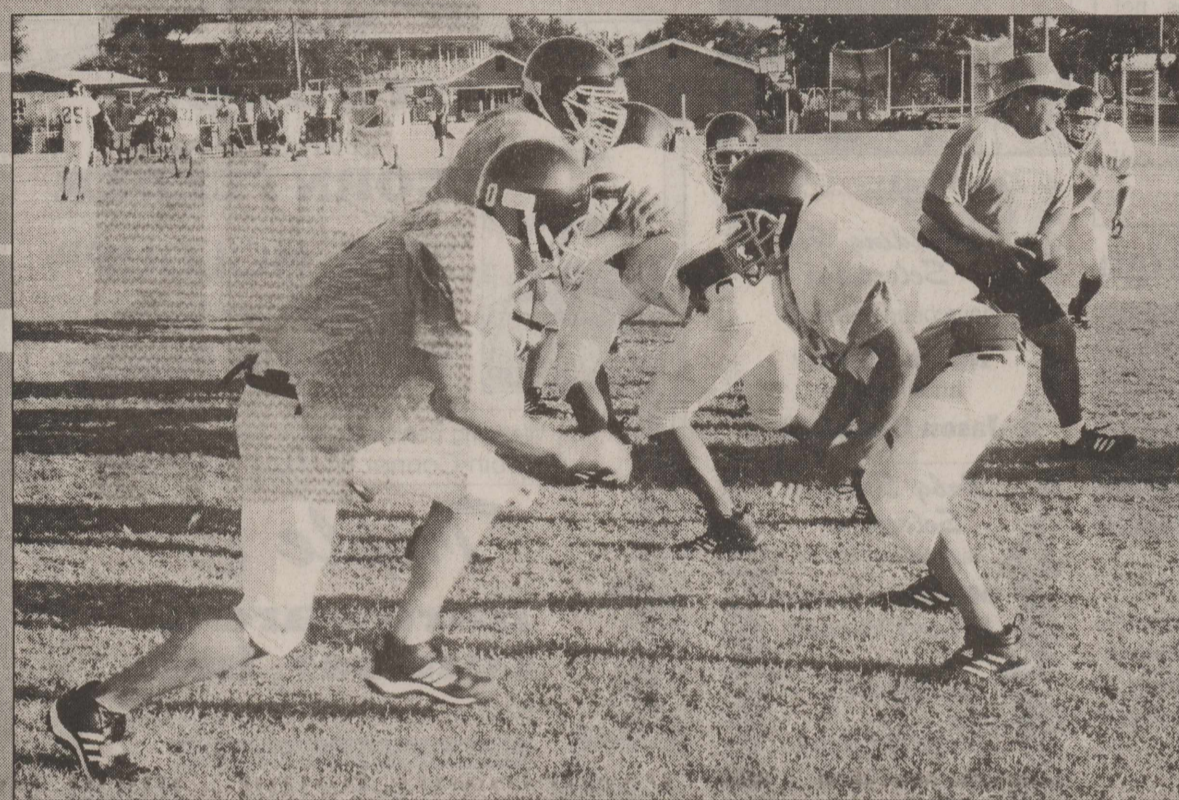
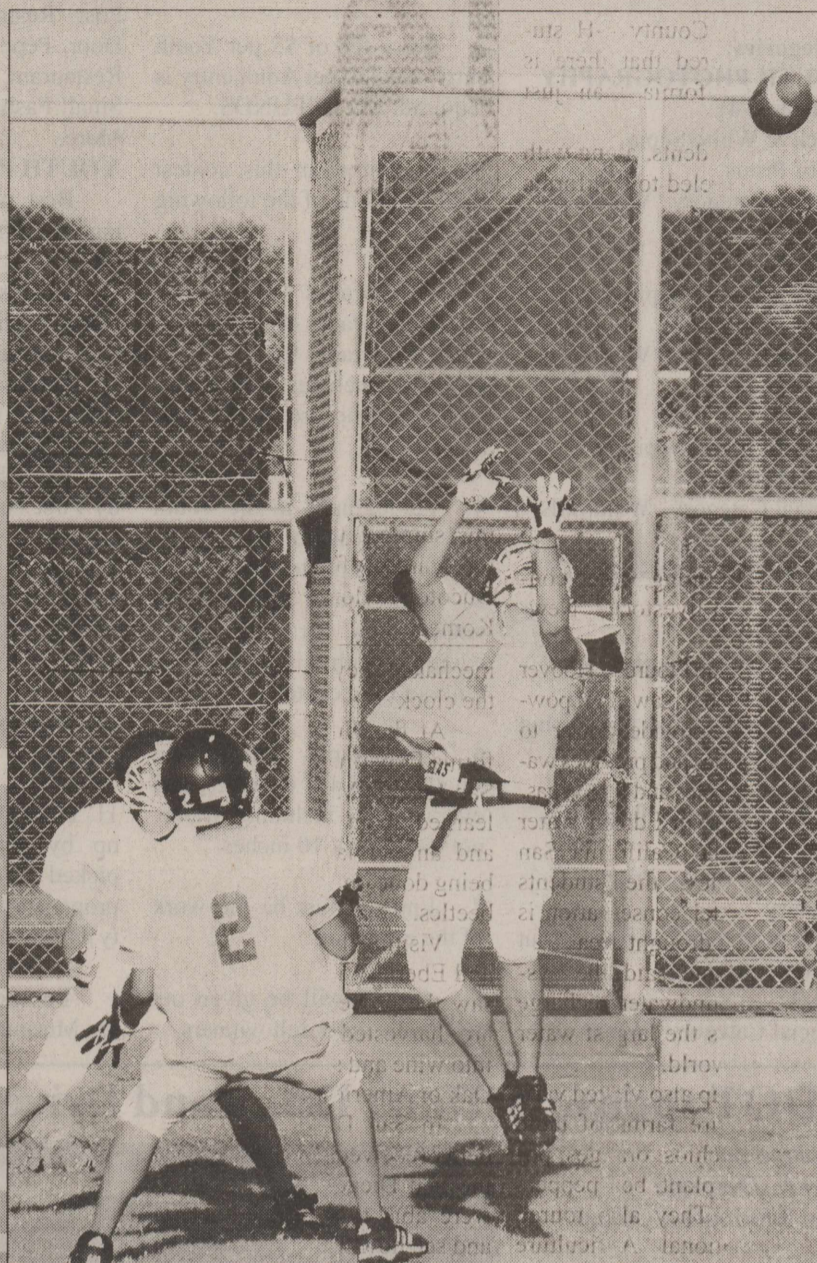
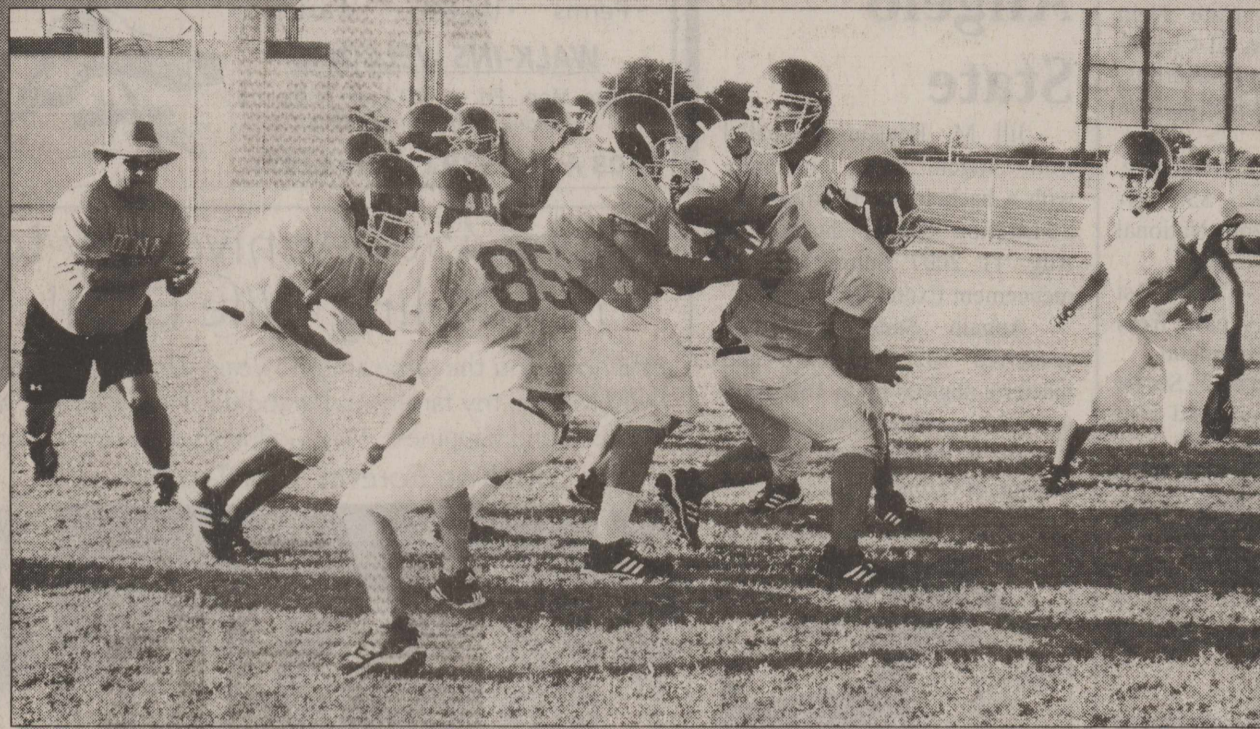
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tom Douglass, at (512)4956300.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Aug 22, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

LION FOOTBALL PHOTO PREVIEW



MEET THE LIONS

Tuesday, Aug, 21

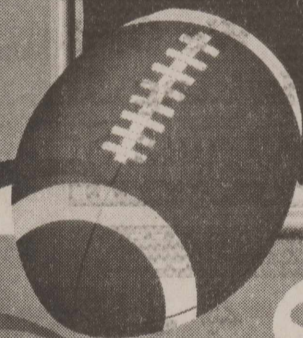
Lion Stadium - 7:00 p.m.

Scrimmage Time & Location Change

Saturday, Aug. 18

- San Saba & Mason -

- In Mason - 10:00 a.m



2007 OHS VARSITY LION SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 31	Ft. Stockton	Home	7:30
Sept. 7	Iraan	Away	7:30
Sept. 14	Wall	Away	8:00
Sept. 21	***McCamey	Home	7:30
Sept. 28	OPEN		
Oct. 5	Marfa	Away	7:30
Oct. 12	*Reagan Co.	Home	7:30
Oct. 19	*Crane	Home	7:30
Oct. 26	*Alpine	Away	7:30
Nov. 2	*Van Horn	Home	7:30
Nov. 9	*Kermit	Away	7:30

*Denotes District Game ***Homecoming

SCRIMMAGES:

Aug. 18 - San Saba & Mason - In Mason - 10:00 a.m.
 Aug. 23 - Brady - Here - Time 5:00 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Aug. 31	Ft. Stockton	Away	6:30
Sept. 6	Iraan	Home	6:30
Sept. 13	Wall	Home	6:30
Sept. 20	McCamey	Away	6:00
Sept. 27	---OPEN---		
Oct. 4	Marfa or Sonora	Home	6:00
Oct. 11	Reagan County	Away	6:00
Oct. 18	Crane	Away	6:30
Oct. 25	Alpine	Home	5:00
Nov. 1	Van Horn	Home	5:00
Nov. 8	Kermit	Away	6:30

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 6	Sonora (7th)	Home	4:00
Sept. 6	Iraan (8th)	Home	5:00
Sept. 13	Wall	Away	5:00/6:30
Sept. 20	McCamey	Home	5:00/6:30
Sept. 27	Open		
Oct. 4	Del Rio "B"	Home	5:00-6:30
Oct. 11	Reagan Co.	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct. 18	Crane	Home	5:00/6:30
Oct. 25	Alpine	Away	5:00/6:30
Nov. 1	Van Horn	Away	5:00/6:30
Nov. 8	Kermit	Away	5:00/6:30

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Students experience different agriculture careers in California

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Crockett County 4-H students discovered that there is more to California than just movie stars.

Seven students, along with sponsors, traveled to California this summer to learn about the different aspects of the agriculture industry. The students gave a presentation on their trip Monday to the Crockett County Commissioners' Court. The county helped pay for part of the trip through funds in the extension office budget.

Taylor Newton said he had no idea about agriculture in California.

"It has farming, water, conservation and livestock," Newton said.

The group toured Hoover Dam, where they saw how power generators provide power to homes and cities and provides water to Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

At the Arvin-Edison Water District in the California San Joaquin Valley, the students saw how water conservation is essential in a drought area.

Latham Ducote said the system is a groundwater recharge system and is the largest water bank in the world.

The group also visited various agriculture farms of table grapes, pistachios, oranges, potato packing plant, bell peppers and carrots. They also toured the International Agriculture Heritage Center.

At the Rancho Teresita Dairy the group saw how cows are milk and the milk is stored for processing. The dairy also runs corn, wheat and processes 25 percent of its own feed.

"Dairies cost a lot of money, but they do make a lot of money," said Matthew Komechak.



Photo by Melissa Perner

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H STUDENTS traveled to California this summer to learn about different careers in agriculture. Pictured are: (left to right) LuCinda Birkenfeld, Kara Bird, Latham Ducote, Taylor Newton, Lane White, Wilson White and Matthew Komechak.

mechak. "They also milk around the clock."

At the University of California Experiment Station in the San Joaquin Valley, the students learned about the strict hunting and animal laws and research being done on organic crops and beetles.

Visiting the J Lohr Vineyard and Eberle Winery, the students saw the process of how grapes are harvested and then made into wine and stored into French Oak or American Oak barrels.

In San Diego, Calif., students received a private tour of the San Diego Zoo where they were able to feed the animals and see how the zoo works.

They also took a recreational harbor tour in the bay of San Diego where they saw various forms of sea life including sea lions, seagulls and jellyfish. They also saw construction of the new ship the USS Ronald Reagan.

The group also visited the Hollister Ranch in Gaviota, Ca-

lif., the Brandt Cattle Company and the National Beef Processing Plant.

Along with learning about agriculture, the group had some recreation time where they visited the Painted Canyon, the Grand Canyon, ate at the Hard Rock Café in Las Vegas, stopped at a cattle auction, toured the Sequoia National Park, saw Hollywood and Universal Studios.

"This really gives you all the opportunity to see how diversified the agriculture industry is," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III. "This is money well spent and something to consider in the future."

"It really showed me that there are a lot of different jobs out there," Komechak added.

Students attending the trip were LuCinda Birkenfeld, Kara Bird, Latham Ducote, Taylor Newton, Lane White, Matthew Komechak and Wilson White. Sponsors were Victor and Amy Newton and Randy and Cindy Dusek.

ENGLISH AWARDED EAGLE SCOUT BADGE



Photo by Joe Hernandez

TOP LEFT: ETHAN ENGLISH (middle) stands with his parents Ben and Cathy English after his Eagle Scout Ceremony Sunday at the Civic Center. **TOP RIGHT: ETHAN** stands with grandfather and mentor Ethan Dennis after the ceremony. Ethan pinned his grandfather with the mentor badge during the ceremony. **RIGHT: BEN and CATHY ENGLISH** pin the Eagle Scout Badge on their son Ethan. Ethan earned his Eagle Scout badge by spending a summer on his bicycle documenting road signs and signal lights that needed repair or replacement. English is a junior at Ozona High School and has been in scouting since 1990.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA OPEN PLAY DAY PARTICIPANTS finished up their summer last week with a final performance and awards at the Fair Park Arena.

Cheerleading camp Aug. 25

The Ozona High School cheerleaders are gearing up for the annual cheerleading camp.

This year's camp is for Pre-K through 6th grade and will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Davidson Gym.

Registration forms may be picked up at school registration and turned in the morning of camp.

Participants will learn several cheers and chants, practice jumps and then cheer with the cheerleaders at one of the Ozona Lions home football games.

There is no cost to attend the camp.

Camp shirts will be available on Aug. 25 for \$10.

For more information, call Julia Henderson at 392-3503.

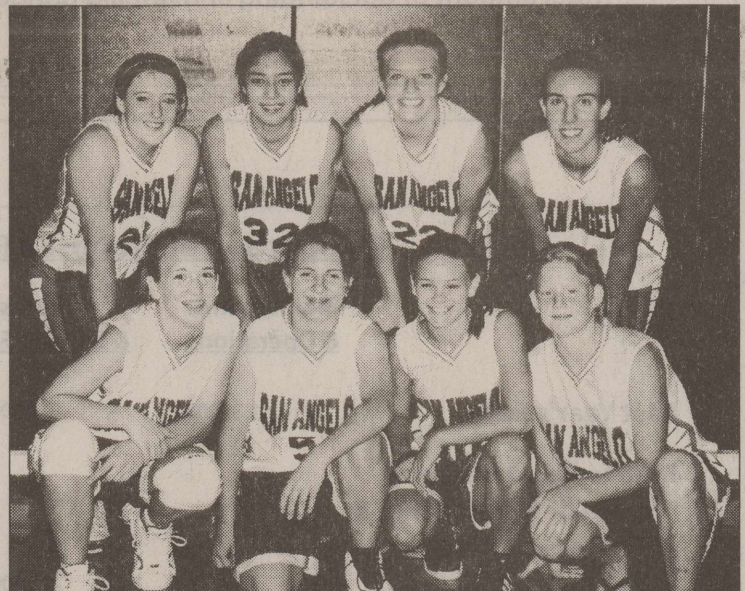


Photo submitted by Hollis and Shona Moore

MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTH GRADE SAN ANGELO SWISH GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAM qualified for and competed at the Mid America Youth Basketball National Tournament over the weekend of Aug. 3-5 in Edmond, Okla. The eighth grade team made it to the Sweet 16 of the 64 team tournament. The team was made up of Victoria Kalina, Wheeler McInnis, Gabby Rodrigues, Allison Walter, Sierra Honea, Jessica Burner, Chelsea Moore, of Ozona (front row, first on left) and Jordan Power. Players on the SWISH team are from San Angelo, Mertzon, Ozona, Grape Creek and Miles. Their head coach was Tad Lanford and was assisted by Dr. Warren Conway. The eighth grade girls team also competed in tournaments in San Marcus where they were team Champions, San Antonio where they placed third and Georgetown was also a third place finish.

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Labor Day Splash Down at the Crockett County Pool

Last weekend to enjoy the pool

The week of Aug. 27-31 the Pool will be CLOSED

OPEN LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Saturday & Sunday 1-7:30 p.m.
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Labor Day 1st 50 Swimmers Free

Door prizes to be given away at 5 p.m. Labor Day

Come join the fun!

Participants being sought for National Little Britches Rodeo

We are looking for volunteers to form a National Little Britches Rodeo Association.

This rodeo association provides a wide age range of memberships which are as follows, Little Wranglers - 5 through 7, Juniors (Boys & Girls) 8 through 13, and Seniors Boys & Girls - 14 through 18.

We are looking for cowboys and cowgirls in Pecos, Upton, Crockett, Sutton and Jeff Davis counties.

There are several schol-

arships given away each year along with many of other incentives.

Please take a moment to visit their website at www.nlbra.com.

If you are interested contact Lovie Noelke at lnoelke@starband.net or lnoelke@bigband.net.

(E-mail preferred response), cell (325) 650-6336, also Venetia Smith at smith_venetia@yahoo.com or (432) 639-2761.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

1ST PLACE - Jeffery Sanchez
2ND PLACE - Aron Aguilar

FUSEBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

1ST PLACE - Tres Perez and Cameron Vargas
2ND PLACE - Marty Moran and Mikey Medina

PING PONG TOURNAMENT WINNERS

1ST PLACE - Marty Moran
2ND PLACE - Khalid Valencia
3RD PLACE - Noah Tambunga
4TH PLACE - Juaquin Mata

AIR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

1ST PLACE - Cameron Vargas
2ND PLACE - Noah Tambunga
3RD PLACE - Jeffery Sanchez

Aug. 20 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
Aug. 21 - Closed at 7 p.m. for Meet the Lions will reopen after meeting the Lions.

GRADUATED SENIORS YOUTH CENTER MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED AUG. 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE SEPT. 8
HIGH SCHOOL & EX'S HOMECOMING DANCE SEPT. 21

We Order Self-Inking Stamps at The Ozona Stockman

4 J&A MEMORY PHOTOS

Joe Hernandez
392-3883

All sports and graduation photos from will be deleted on Aug. 10 to make room for the new season.

Will the following please come pick-up your CD's and/or make payment. Thanks!

A.J. Montanez	Jose Calvan
Ruben Rivas	Ashley Anderson
Caleb Mitchel	Stephen Gillit
Chelsea Moore	Matthew Garza
Erica Venegas	Cristy Dominguez
Felix Venegas	Megan McDaniel
Jesse & Josh Ramos	Roman Tambunga

Make reservations to preserve moments in time of your child's sports activities for the upcoming school year with a \$50.00 deposit.

Call 392-3883 and leave a message

Prices vary according to number of photos taken during the year burned on a CD.



Freezing all that extra squash

It's that time of year again and everyone's gardens are going crazy. Some of you may have a lot of squash on your hands that you don't know what to do with.

Here is a quick easy way to freeze all that extra squash that you have.

Instructions:

STEP 1 -

GET THE SQUASH!

Start with fresh squash - as fresh as you can get. If there is a delay between harvesting and freezing, put it in the refrigerator or put ice on it. Harvest before the seeds become mature and when color is still uniformly dark.

STEP 2 -

WASH THE SQUASH!

I'm sure you can figure out how to rinse the squash in plain cold or lukewarm water.

STEP 3 -

SLICE THE SQUASH

Just take a sharp knife and cut off both ends (about 1/4 of an inch, or half the width of an average woman's little finger). Slice 1/2-inch thick slices.

Prepare quickly. (If you leave it sit out for more than a half hour, it will start to discolor).

STEP 4 -

GET THE POTS READY

Get the pot off boiling water ready (about 2/3 filled). Also get a LARGE bowl of ice and cold water ready to receive the squash after blanching.

STEP 5 -

BLANCH THE SQUASH.

All fruits and vegetables

contain enzymes and bacteria that, over time, break down the destroy nutrients and change the color, flavor, and texture of food during frozen storage.

Squash requires a brief heat treatment, called blanching, in boiling water or steam, to destroy the enzymes before freezing. Cook (blanch) the squash for 3 minutes.

Begin counting the blanching time as soon as you place the squash in the boiling water.

Cover the kettle and boil at a high temperature for the required length of time. You may use the same blanching water several times (up to 5).

Be sure to add more hot water from the tap from time to time to keep the water level at the required height.

STEP 6 -

COOL THE SQUASH

Remove the squash from the boiling water with a slotted spoon and place in ice water to cool for about 5 minutes (until cold). Cooling them quickly prevents overcooking. Keep adding more ice as needed. Drain thoroughly (2 or 3 minutes).

STEP 7 -

BAG THE SQUASH

Place squash in Ziploc freezer bags and freeze.

**Try to be sure and get all the air out of the Ziploc bags before you seal them.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Crockett County Extension office at (325) 392-2721.

SBDC to host home-based business seminar Tuesday

The ASU Small Business Development Center is conducting a Network Marketing Tele-conference seminar from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21 in Room 108 of the MCS Building on the ASU Campus.

The seminar is free to anyone wanting to start a home based business.

A Free Book "Your Home-Based Business" will be given to all attendees.

"In my book, I do my utmost to explain to those who feel Network Marketing is a 'pyramid scheme' why it isn't. I tell about residual versus linear income, tips on how to succeed and why they might have failed and explain how wonderful this business can be. With Network Marketing (it has produced more millionaires in the past two decades than all other businesses combined), it takes hard, smart work and the desire to be successful. It isn't easy to get rich. If it was, everybody would be rich," said Pete Billac, guest

speaker and author.

Billac, author, lecturer and-humorist, is one of the most sought-after speakers in America. He mixes information with humor. He is bright, quick and funny. He makes his audience laugh - hard!

Billac has written 57 books of which 46 are best sellers. He finds a topic that appeals to the masses. He writes in big print, little words. He researches his books like Columbo and he "tells it like it is." He is an outstanding communicator.

Pre-registration is required, please call (325) 942-2098 or visit our website at www.sbdc.angelo.edu.

There is also a Business Plan seminar set for 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus.

Participants will learn how to develop effective business plans for new and existing businesses.

For more information, call 942-2098.

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M., August 29, 2007 in Board Room, Administration building, 797 Ave D Ozona, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.00000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	14.04343	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,124,677,200.00	\$ 2,015,655,860.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 51,286,340.00	\$ 45,580,820.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 2,103,763,490.00	\$ 1,993,471,600.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 51,286,340.00	\$ 45,580,820.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.37005	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.37005	\$ 10,104.00	\$ 1,536.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04301	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04301	\$ 6,284.00	\$ 5,383.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.04000	\$ 6,266.00	\$ 5,230.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 38,030.00	\$ 38,920.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 38,030.00	\$ 38,920.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 521.03	\$ 404.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,671,243.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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VISIT: Rodriguez discussed recent legislation on renewable energy

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"We need someone here locally to help," Tambunga said. "Our county has had more than 400 veterans here, not counting the ones that are actively serving. There is no VA here to help the families."

Tambunga said that he is constantly asked questions by fellow veterans of where they can get help or get information.

"I served 22 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. There are people here who did more than that. We need more VA representation where people can get guidance," he said.

Rodriguez said that every county should have a VA officer and a group of people to support in helping to get information.

At Monday's commissioners' court meeting, Tambunga was designated as Veterans Administrator for Crockett County.

"We are beginning to provide more information. There is a lot of legislation coming out on the VA picking up our soldiers as they leave the military," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said when a person is serving in the active military, they are under the Department of Defense. When that person leaves active duty, they fall under the VA which can take months before their paperwork is processed.

New legislation is being worked on where people who leave active duty will be able to collect a salary for 2-3 months until they find employment.



Photo by Melissa Perner

COUNTY OFFICIALS talk with Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez at Bobby's Restaurant on Aug. 7. Pictured are: (left to right) County/District Clerk Debbie Puckett, County Judge Fred Deaton, Commissioner Randy Branch, Rodriguez and Commissioner Alfredo Tobar.

more help in seeking employment and better ways to get treatment, Rodriguez said.

"We are pushing for when the soldiers leave active duty the VA now picks them up immediately," he said.

Around \$6 billion was put into the budget for veterans affairs this year, and that \$6.7 billion has been budgeted for 2008, Rodriguez said.

Pushing to add more clinics as well as renovating existing clinics is a big push right now, Rodriguez said.

"This is the first time we've

started to receive a lot of money. Now we have to start making sure it is spent appropriately," he said.

Along with veterans' issues, Rodriguez said he had just finished working on legislation for the first Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) amendment to be brought to the House Rules Committee for potential consideration during debate on the Energy package that is currently being worked on in the House.

The Udall-Platts-Rodriguez amendment would create a federal standard requiring electric

utilities to provide 15 percent of their electricity from wind, solar and other renewable energy sources by 2020. The first increase is set for 2010, gradually increasing thereafter to meet a 2020 goal.

Suppliers can meet these requirements by purchasing credits from other entities who have obtained credits by producing renewable energy. It also allows utilities to bank credits for three years and to borrow credits from up to three years in the future.

Municipal and other publicly owned power plants and rural

electric coops would be exempted from the requirements.

"This sends a message that unless we do something, nothing will happen," he said. "It requires the energy industry to start looking renewable resources and start moving on to using them more."

Renewable energy comes from solar or wind energy. Texas currently is required to provide 6 percent in renewable energy. If this amendment passes, it would jump to 15.

The Senate would have to pass the amendment and the

President sign it before it becomes law.

"The important thing is that the votes were there. We've got to push these new guidelines," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez also addressed how the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) needs to respond better to disasters in this country.

When Rodriguez visited Eagle Pass after the town was hit by a destructive tornado this year, it was a week after the tornado before FEMA was called to respond.

Rodriguez said the government officials in the town in Mexico, which was also hit by the tornado, wanted to come across the border and help the people of Eagle Pass.

In Mexico, Rodriguez said he saw people working, medical supplies being handed and government officials there helping.

"When a small town is hit that hard then you're in trouble. There's got to be a threshold for the resources and know how," he said.

Rodriguez also said that the economy in the U.S. needs to look in terms of tourism dollars in order to gain some economic development.

With the economy of Crockett County heavily dependent on the oil and gas industry, County Judge Fred Deaton said the community needs to diversify.

"We would like any type of growth we can get here," Deaton said.

BAND: 'Wizard' marching show promises to be full of surprises

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Q: What type of show is the OHS Band performing this year?

A: We are doing a "Wizard of Oz" show. It will include "If I Only Had a Brain," "We're off to See the Wizard," "The Witch Theme," "Ding, Dong, the Witch Is Dead" and "Somewhere over the Rainbow."

Q: Why did you pick this show?

A: I have always thought it would be fun to do a "Wizard of Oz" show, and last spring I found a really good marching arrangement of the music, so I decided this was the year to do that show.

Q: Is the Color Guard doing something special to go along with the band's marching?

A: They certainly are. We have some neat surprises planned to really add to the effect of the show.

Q: How would you describe the drum major as far as leadership goes and work ethic?

A: Chelsea Spence is our drum major this year. She is a wonderful band student. Last year, she stepped up and helped out the band by playing bells. She is a flute player, so this meant learning a new instrument. She did an excellent job. She is a hard worker, and she really wants the band to do well and wants the students to succeed.

Q: Who is the new assistant band director and where is she from?

A: Our new assistant band director is Theresa Hanzik. She has been the assistant band director in Poth, Texas for the last 3 years. She is very knowledgeable and energetic, and I think the students will really enjoy working with her.

Q: This is an advancing year; do you feel pressure to achieve a Division I rating again to advance on to the next level?

A: I feel pressure from myself to help the students achieve this goal. Advancing to Area would be a great experience for them.

Q: What is your goal for the year?

A: My goal each year is to see the students improve. If at the end of the year, we are a better band than we were at the beginning of the year, then I feel we've accomplished something. I think we made a really good start last year and hope to continue on that path.

Q: Any other comments?

A: I just want to remind all the high school students who are interested in band to come to our summer rehearsals this week. And, I want to thank Mrs. Hanzik and all of the band's student leaders for their help this past week. They have been a huge help in getting ready for summer band and the school year.

SCHOOL: Board to interview architects

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notice the district has been given regarding school board elections this year.

With this new information, the only election that will take place locally in November will possibly be for a school bond.

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 15, to interview architects for the building of a new primary school if the November bond passes.

unicipality, the school district must hold board elections the same year the county holds their elections.

The county holds elections in even-numbered years, with the next one being November 2008.

Board members whose terms were suppose to be up this year were President Dr. Marcus Sims, Tom Anderson and Carol Buie.

Gott said this was the third

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COURT: Lights for Buena Vista Street approved

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to the existing condition of the roof, the work that is performed in patching the roof may not fix the problem 100 percent.

Deaton said he is still working with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on trying to get a plan to replace the entire roof. He said that the THC has yet to approve a type of shingle to replace the whole roof.

"This is ongoing. It's not over with yet," Deaton said.

SOFTBALL PARK
Commissioner Frank Tambunga said the newly formed Softball Association is working on trying to improve the clean up after tournaments this summer.

The association holds tournaments to raise money and then that money will be put back into the softball park for items as needed.

A typical tournament hosts 10 teams, which is around 100 players plus their families who all are staying in motels and eating in Ozona, Tambunga said.

Commissioner Alfredo Tobar said he has seen people cleaning up after tournaments.

Childress said if the association works on making it a habit to clean up after games and encourage the visitors to do so, then maybe that would help.

Commissioner Randy

Branch said he would like to see a report about where the money is going.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

- Medical expense reimbursement to Al Fields.
- Accepted resignation of Patsy White as a member of the Historical Commission.
- The placing of seven street lights at the intersections along Buena Vista Street and two at

the south softball park for an estimate of \$7,900 for all lights. The lights would be installed by AEP.

- Minimum wage pay to \$5.85 per hour.
- Reaffirm policy under the FLSA, the 207K exemption for law enforcement.
- Awarded Guy Hester the mowing bid.
- Designated Tambunga as County Veterans Administrator.

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TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Abandoned/impounded vehicles/property	3
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	2
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	2
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	14
Gas Thefts	1
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	7
911 Vehicle Accidents	3
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	2
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	2
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	23
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	9
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	3
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	2
Minor Vehicle Accidents	2
Traffic Citations Issued	4

DPS graduates new troopers

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety

The DPS Training Academy graduated 119 new troopers during an Austin ceremony on Aug. 3.

They will soon report to duty stations across the state.

State Representative Warren Chisum of Pampa, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, delivered the keynote address.

"I was proud to be asked to join these troopers on their graduation day, DPS Troopers choose to do the right thing, even when the right thing is hard to do. I know most of the troopers in my district and they always exemplify the DPS motto of Courtesy, Service and Protection," Rep. Chisum said.

The troopers began the six-month training academy in January.

Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and

criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish.

They also received extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness training.

"These men and women will join the Department's proud tradition of outstanding law enforcement. They will be the face of integrity to our citizens," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "They are willingly placing themselves in great danger so that all of us may enjoy safer lives here in Texas."

In about three weeks, the troopers will move to their new duty stations.

They will spend the first six months in on-the-job training with a senior trooper.

Anyone interested in becoming a state trooper can call the toll-free line, 1-866-TX-TROOP (898-7667), or visit the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, for more information.

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

- Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- Blas Ramos Jr., Crockett County J.P. warrant - no drivers' license and restrained child.

- Jason Parker, Taylor County warrant - theft by check.

- Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. warrant - minor in consumption of alcohol.

- Christine Reyes Arana, of Austin, Crockett County Court - failure to identify.

- Jonathan Daniel Borrego, of Ozona - Crockett County District Court - motion to revoke/evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

ARREST REPORT

8-10-07

- Danny Eugene Alexander, 43, of Amarillo, arrested in Tom Green County for a county court warrant of theft by check. He was transferred to Ozona by sheriff's deputy, he remains in custody.

- Rose Ramirez Ceravantez, 34, of San Angelo/Ozona arrested in Tom Green County for Crockett County warrants of motions to release sureties on criminal trespass and assault of a public servant. She was transferred to Ozona by sheriff's deputy, she remains in custody.

- Diane Elizabeth Martinez, 50, of San Angelo/Ozona arrested in Tom Green County for Crockett County warrants of motion to adjudicate/forgery. She was transferred to Ozona by sheriff's deputy. She remains in custody.

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Annual sales tax holiday set for this weekend



AUSTIN

The annual state sales tax holiday is Aug. 17-19 and Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes for most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

For the first time backpacks under \$100 specifically used by elementary and secondary students also are exempt.

The new exemption includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack.

Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that shoppers can save about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the state sales tax holiday.

Examples of items that qualify for the sales tax exemption include baby clothes, boots, diapers, neckwear and ties, pajamas and swimsuits.

Items not covered in the holiday include belt buckles, most sport specific shoes such as baseball cleats, purses and jewelry.

This year the annual sales tax holiday was moved to the third weekend in August to better coincide with the first day of school.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many districts," Combs said. "Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

TPWD TO HIRE 200 NEW WORKERS

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is adding 200 new employees to state parks after receiving increased funding from the Texas Legislature during this year's session.

The staffing increase is the first for the state park system in many years and follows several lean years where the department was forced to make major cuts to park services, staffing and hours of operation.

The available positions will be advertised through the TPWD Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us and will be filled in September and October.

"We're looking for people

who are really excited about helping take care of some of the most special places in our state, folks who are interested in a long-term career with Texas State Parks," said Walt Dabney, TPWD state parks director.

GOV'S SPEECHWRITER RESIGNS

Gov. Rick Perry's director of communications, Eric Bearse, resigned Aug. 6 to form his own consulting business, specializing in speechwriting, public affairs and political consulting.

For the last nine years, Bearse has been Perry's principle speechwriter, authoring two inaugural addresses, the governor's initial oath of office speech, four State-of-the-State speeches, and three Republican state convention speeches among nearly 2,000 speeches given by Gov. Perry since 1999.

CARROLLTON REP GETS PACEMAKER

State Rep. Jim Carrollton, R-Carrollton, was admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital Aug. 6 with a low heart rate. On Aug. 8 he received a permanent pacemaker and flew home a day later.

Carrollton was in Boston attending the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual meeting.

AG ALERTS PARENTS TO TOY RECALL

The Office of the Attorney General is urging Texas consumers to stop using certain toys after Fisher-Price and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall due to potential lead poisoning hazards.

According to the safety commission, toys and figures bearing the likeness of characters from Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and other popular children's programs contain surface paints with excessive levels of lead, which could be toxic if ingested.

More than 950,000 of the recalled toys were sold nationwide from May 2007 to August 2007.

The products were sold both alone and as parts of sets. The toys are all marked with "Fisher-Price" and may have a date code between 109-7LF and 187-7LF marked on the product or packaging.

A detailed list of the recalled toys can be found on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Bp America Prod/Mid	13200	Brown Bassett Pecons Unit #2	Helmerich & Payne(A)214	Drig Ahead
Fiml Natural Res	13000	Kenley #2-1-78	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
New Exl Petroleum Lp	11000	University Sarah #2602	Robinson Drilling 10	Rigging Up
Approach Operating	9000	Cinco Terry -D- #701	Sabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9000	Bailer #230	Patterson Drilling/A 140	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	University 56-22-88	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8400	Davidson -A- #14	Heart Land Drilling	Drig Ahead
Eog Resources/Mid	7500	Meihin -B- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
Bluegrass Energy, Inc	6350	Weatherly-Pryor -CS- #1	Capstar Drilling 11	Drig Ahead 6875'
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Parker Ranch -1026- Unit #1	Americas Drilling	Drig Ahead 3000'
Mic Operating	4500	Phillip -S- #138	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
		Bouscaron #0557	Patterson Drilling/A 737	Drig Ahead 3741'

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9350	Duke Wilson #40-19	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9300	Shurley RR -10- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9250	Hudspeth -B- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8900	Mayer -20- #13	Helmerich & Payne/S 303	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8900	Mayer -20- #17	Helmerich & Payne/S	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Shurley -166- #26	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Shurley -166- #28	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8800	Tom Mitchell -4- #6	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8475	Bloodworth #7-5	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8400	Mayer -37- #14	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8350	Edwin S Mayer Jr #9-3	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8350	Edwin S Mayer Jr #11-4	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Assigned
Mariner Energy	8300	Mayer #18A	Sabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7950	Shurley RR -10- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7750	Lancaster -155- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7750	Jones Ranch #1555	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7400	Shurley -148- #13	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7225	Shurley RR -7- #6	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7200	Canon Ranch #1068	Helmerich & Payne/S 305	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6800	Archer -S- #1	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	5150	Canon Ranch #113	Helmerich & Payne/S 304	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	5000	Canon Ranch #1-9	Helmerich & Payne/S 304	Assigned

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Pioneer Natural/Trv	9500	University 12-12-#4	Mattlock Drilling	Run Casing 9087'
New Pioneer Natural/Trv	9500	University 2-5-#3	Patterson Drilling/A 111	Drig Ahead 742'
Prime Operating/Mid	9000	Thomas -3- #2	Adobe Drilling Markk	Drig Ahead 851'
New Mariner Energy	8850	Shaw #15	Sisom Drilling 1	Drig Ahead
New Mariner Energy	8550	Sau Mariner 31-2 #2b	Big Dog Drilling	Drig Ahead 2863'
New Mariner Energy	8550	Sau Mariner 30-1 #1b	Lariat Services/Ode	Drig Ahead 4630'

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Encore Operating Lp	12100	Banner Estate #35	Sabors Drilling (O) 641	Drig Ahead

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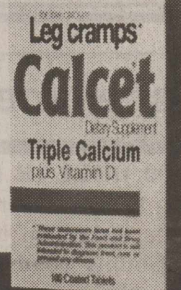
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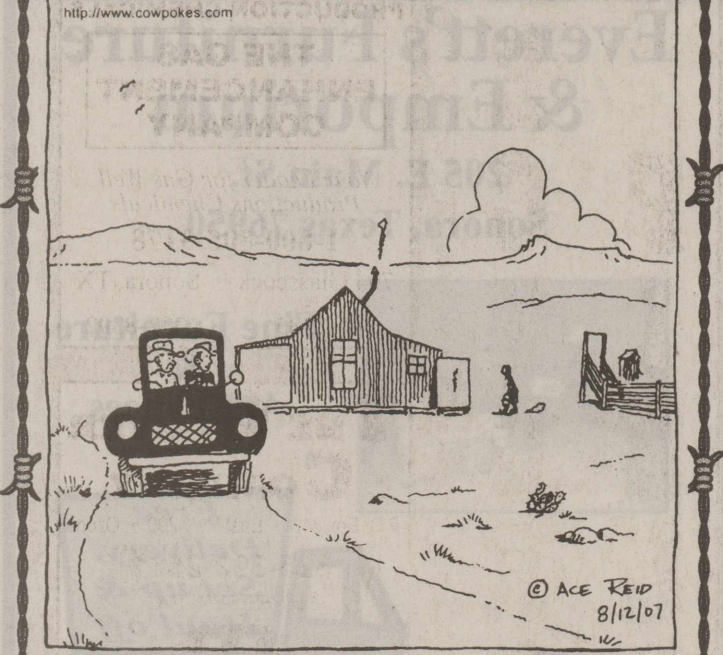
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