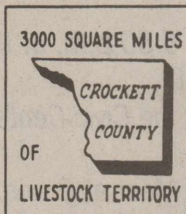


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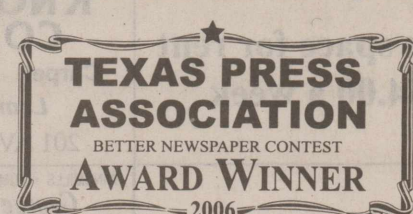
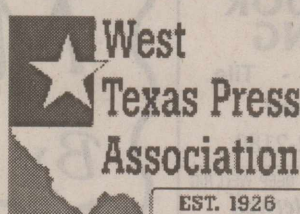
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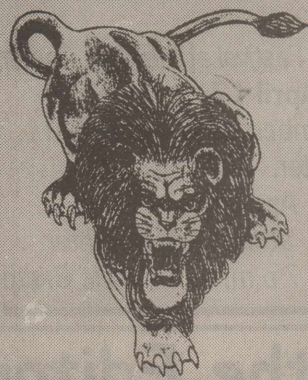
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DISTRICT CHAMPS



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COACH BENNY GRANGER (back row, center) holds the District 7-AA Championship Trophy won by the Ozona Lions Golf Team. Team members are: (back row, left to right) Josh Smith, Matt Turland, Aaron Pearl, Nathan Knox, Alan Lozano and Wes McGuire. The Lady Lions Golf Team placed second at the meet. Team members are: (front row, left to right) Britni Buchanan, Kasey Gray, Adrienne Bendele, Frankie Skinner and Cristi Guynes. Both teams will compete at the Regional Meet April 23-24 in Baird.

Lions, Lady Lions Golf Teams off to regional meet

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Golf Teams are heading to the regional meet.

The Lions won the District 7-AA meet last week in Fort Stockton.

Ozona finished with a total score of 680, which enabled them to beat Kermit who was second with 691.

Rounding out the team standings was Reagan County at 720, Alpine 728 and Crane 732.

Individually, Matt Turland was the champion with a two-day total of 159. He shot 80 in the first round and 79 in the second.

Aaron Pearl was third with a total of 167. He shot an 84 and a 83.

Rounding out the Lions are:

Josh Smith - 97 96 for 193; Alan Lozano - 84 84 for 168 and Wes McGuire - 95 91 for 186.

Competing in the JV round was Nathan Knox who had 93 95 for 188.

"The boys held a slim lead after round one, but came back and improved from the week before," said Coach Benny Granger. "I am so proud of these boys and all of the hard work they have put in to become the District 7-AA champs."

In the ladies round, Ozona took second with a total of 811.

Winning the meet was Kermit at 742. Alpine placed third at 956.

Individually, Cristi Guynes placed third with a two-day total of 184. She shot a 92 in both rounds.

Rounding out the Lady Li-

ons are: Britni Buchanan - 96 93 for 189; Kasey Gray 110 109 for 219; Frankie Skinner 107 112 for 219 and Adrienne Bendele 120 118 for 238.

"The girls have been very consistent this year. They have won two tournaments. They played up to their potential again during district," Granger said. "However, the Kermit girls had two days of exceptional golf that could very well send them to state. Our girls played great."

The teams will compete at the Regional Meet April 23-24 at Baird.

"I also want to thank Ozona Country Club and its members for all of their help and support this season. They have been very supportive of our kids playing on the course and covering up the driving range," Granger said.

Additional information is needed on courthouse roof

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

More information is still needed before the Crockett County Commissioners can make a decision on renovating the courthouse roof.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the Texas Historical Commission would like for the county to just patch the roof for about 2-5 years, and then if Crockett County receives the THC courthouse renovation grant the THC would fix the roof as part of the project.

The THC also told Deaton to spend \$500,000 with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineering Firm to update the courthouse restoration plans.

"I would feel funny holding \$500,000 construction plans when we could have put that money into a roof," Deaton said.

Deaton said there is a company that makes the tin, barrel roll shingles that were on the original courthouse roof. In order to have this type of roof, a stronger material has to be placed underneath the barrel roll roof, due to the barrel roll roof having to be nailed down.

"This is an area (roofing) that has way progressed past me," Deaton said. "If we were to bid something, I would need to bid it with some type of 20- to 30-year guarantee."

Commissioner Pleas Childress III said the county may want to consider renovating the courthouse without the THC grant.

"We have a functioning courthouse right now. If we let the THC come in, we may have a museum," Childress said.

County Auditor Sandy Stokes said officials in Sutton County, whose courthouse was renovated through the THC program, the building looks good but does not work well as

a useable, functional building.

Deaton said if the county gets the grant from THC, then there will be a lean on the courthouse with the THC as far as any changes to be made in the future. Any additional pictures to be hung on wall, any office changes, anything like that has to have approval from THC.

Childress said the Llano County Judge, whose courthouse was also renovated by the THC grant, couldn't hang a state seal behind his desk due to the THC policy.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said the county may not want to apply for the grant, just fix it a little at a time.

"I think the THC will work with us any way they can," Deaton said.

"There are all kinds of options out there," added Commissioner Randy Branch.

The commissioners then voted to table any action on the courthouse roof and restoration project until the May 14 meeting due to further research needed.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

Spring Clean Up Week is set for April 23-27. During this week, the county road department is allowed to go on private property to move or take away items.

Vehicles are not included and items in the street are not included.

Anyone with items they want disposed of needs to call the road department at 392-3020.

POSSIBLE BASEBALL FIELD EXPANSION

Tambunga said Roland DeHoyos had asked about expanding the T-ball field into making it a regular size field due to the growing summer league girls' softball program.

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HUNTING EASTER EGGS



Photos by Joe Hernandez and Shelly Childress

CHILDREN at the Ozona Community Center and those at the Crockett County Care Center hunted Easter Eggs on April 5. There was also a special appearance by Easter Bunny "Marta." Instead of hunting eggs, the eggs were handed out at the county wide Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday due to the cold weather.

HELPING CATCH THE BAD GUY



Submitted photo

THREE OZONA CITIZENS were honored by law enforcement officials for their help in providing information that led to the arrest of the Sonora bank robber. The citizens are: (front row, left to right) Jimmy Ybarra; Dean Tambunga and Santiago "Chago" Ybarra. Also pictured are: (back row, left to right) Shane Fenton, Crockett County Sheriff; Barry Caver, Texas Ranger Captain, Midland; Bob Bullock, Texas Ranger Lieutenant, Midland; Joe Fincher, Sutton County Sheriff; Mike House, Sonora Chief of Police; Ric Fagan, FBI San Angelo

Local citizens provide information that leads to arrest of Sonora bank robber

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Law enforcement officials honored three Ozona citizens on April 3 for their help in two crimes.

Santiago "Chago" Ybarra and Dean Anthony Tambunga were honored for providing law enforcement officials information that led to the arrest of two

men involved in the 2004 bank robbery of the First National Bank of Sonora.

Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher said the two men called Texas Ranger Brooks Long and told Long that there were some men hanging around at the Circle Bar Truck Stop and asking questions about the Ozona bank.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Snow on Easter

So much for that new Easter dress that I bought online. As I woke up Sunday morning, and looked out my window, all I saw was cold. You would've thought it was January. Instead, it was April 8, Easter Sunday, a holiday that symbolizes spring and rebirth. Not on this Easter Sunday. We had cold, ice and a little bit of snow on the ground. Burr is all I could think of as I put on my Easter sweater and warm pants. Now, I know this is not the first year that the weather has been weird on Easter. Growing up in Seagraves, we were always guaranteed a good sand storm come Easter Sunday morning. Of course, we were always guaranteed a good sand storm almost any day of the week from about March to September. I have always found it interesting how weather and special events never seem to coincide. We have a track meet and it feels like it is 50 below zero outside. At the homecoming football game, you are wearing your

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Protecting Our Youth – and the West Texas State School

On March 23, 2007, the Pecos Enterprise editor Smokey Briggs published an editorial titled "TYC, Randy Reynolds, stupid politicians and a little perspective." His editorial showed an unfortunate lack of knowledge about this serious issue --- and it could sour delicate and serious negotiations to try and keep the West Texas State School open. Let us clear up some misinformation first, beginning with Randy Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds was presented with the investigative file from Texas Ranger Bryan Burzynski in April of 2005. Ranger Burzynski interviewed dozens of witnesses and collected evidence; his file is incredibly detailed and thorough. This is not a "crummy ease", as described by Mr. Smokey Briggs, but rather a serious matter involving multiple youths and horrible allegations of sexual abuse against them. Regardless of the crimes these youth committed, they were not sentenced to sexual predation at the hands of Texas Youth Commission (TYC) staff. Mr. Reynolds had the opportunity to prosecute these sexual predators, and he chose not to prosecute. Mr. Reynolds did not ask for help with the case until almost two years later, and only after it had become a media event. How can a delay of almost two years be justified? Your editorial also discusses the sloth and inefficiency of government. You ignore the speed with which the current 80th Legislature responded to the problems at TYC. First, budget hearings brought to light serious problems within TYC. Once evidence pointed to a system-wide problem, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst called an emergency session (rarely done) during which the Texas Senate passed Senate Resolution 384. This resolution called for the Legislative Audit Committee to immediately meet and recommended that Governor Perry appoint a conservator for TYC. The Legislative Audit Committee found gross fiscal mismanagement existed at TYC. Governor Perry appointed Special Master Jay Kimbrough, and ordered the development of a rehabilitation plan. Then, the Senate and the House of Representatives created the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management of the Texas Youth Commission, including both Senate and House members. The Joint Select Committee has held several hearings and heard countless hours of testimony on the problems within TYC. Additionally, State Auditor John Keel began an extensive audit of the agency. Now, TYC has been placed in conservatorship under Jay Kimbrough. This entire process occurred in less than three months. Efforts to reform TYC are ongoing. Several state senators and state representatives have filed legislation to address the problems that have surfaced in recent months. I have co-authored legislation that will require additional training for guards; decrease staff to youth ratios at facilities; prohibit certain age youth from having to share dorms; require unannounced visits at facilities; and allow for counties to be reimbursed by the state for the prosecution of crimes committed at TYC facilities. While many in the Legislature now believe that TYC facilities should be moved to urban areas, I am not one of them. I understand the importance of the West Texas State School to my district. And I believe we can run a top-notch West Texas facility for youth offenders, given the right resources and oversight. However, if we are going to prevail in this process, we have to do more than sit on the sidelines, criticizing Austin and the lawmakers who have a big say in the future of the West Texas State School. Allegations and innuendos claiming that the Governor, and the Legislature, are "in it" for the money are ludicrous and only serve to further upset a Legislature that is leaning towards closing the Pyote Facility. Everyone has a right to express their opinion, but reporting should be fair and accurate. I urge all of us to think carefully about how we engage in this debate, and to temper our words with an understanding of the problems that brought us to this point -- and the solutions that will bring us forward.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, April 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - School Facilities Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Library.
 - CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, April 12**
- OHS Track Teams at the 7-AA District Meet at Crane.
 - Ozona Garden Club Flower Show, 4-6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Friday, April 13**
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival at the Civic Center.
- Saturday, April 14**
- OMS Tennis Team in Ozona Meet at the tennis courts.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.
 - JV Lions Baseball vs. Alpine at the baseball fields.
 - Lions Baseball vs. Alpine, 1 p.m. at the baseball fields.
- Tuesday, April 17**
- Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Visitor Center.
- Wednesday, April 18**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

There Went The Neighborhood

Recently, as many as 80 percent of the buyers who bought land in Texas did so for non-agricultural purposes. Oregon State and University of Colorado researchers found that up to 60 percent of land sold in Montana and Wyoming is going to folks who are buying a lifestyle, not a cow ranch. In a 10-year study of ranch ownership around Yellowstone Park the researchers found that 39 percent of the buyers were "amenity ranchers", those who would just as soon look out their picture window and see a herd of elk rather than a herd of cows. Another 26 percent of the buyers were investors or developers. In thumbing through an issue of Cowboys and Indians Magazine I counted 17 full page, full color ads for ranches that are being subdivided and sold off as exclusive homesites. For \$850,000 you could buy your own 100 acre homestead with in what used to be the Maytag Mountain Ranch of Colorado and for close to a million you could buy a lot and build your very own million-dollar log home mansion in the Deschutes River Ranch of Oregon. If your pockets aren't that deep you could always buy a homesite on the Hidden Canyon Ranch in Custer, South Dakota, for only \$125,000... which is about what I'd imagine you'd spend keeping yourself warm during the winter. In 35 years of traveling all over the west I've stumbled across places I thought would be working cow ranches forever. Now it seems the country-club set, in a hurry to get a piece of paradise before it's all locked up, has found these places too. So now the old home place is behind guarded gates with no trespassing signs, white plastic fences and paved ranch roads. A castle on every creek and a mansion on every mountain. Wall Street CEO's and high-tech millionaires fly in for the weekend to enjoy the scenery and they don't care if their "ranch" turns a profit. These are people with two and three homes and enough money to make winter optional. They build monuments in stone and log, use water for private ponds, fragment the habitat and then get eco-gratification by selling a conservation easement to the Nature Conservancy. They see themselves as conservationists, saving ranchland from ranchers. They think wolves are neat until they devour their dog and they had no idea that rattlesnakes also came with the deed. The newcomers want watchable wildlife or something to shoot at. But mostly what they want is to be left alone in their gated "communities" of strangers. The homes of the new owners all look like they were done by the same Hollywood interior decorator: Navajo blankets thrown over leather couches, old saddles, antler chandeliers, and pricey pictures of cowboys and Indians on the walls. Although the only Indians they know work at a casino and the only cowboys they admire are poets. In the New West cows and real cowboys are being displaced by gardeners, polo ponies, conflict, Sierra Clubbers and endangered species. Really, the only thing that's endangered are the colorful characters who made the landscape so darn enjoyable to begin with. Instead of cowboys the new owners want caretakers, chore boys and ranch maids whose job it is to keep the place looking good. This new "cowboy" rides a lawnmower more than a horse and ties more flies than he does calves. He needs to know about the care and feeding of elk and dinner guests but not so much about cows. These new "ranchers" are looking for a different kind of ranch-hand who knows how to polish silver, make a bed, run a shuttle service to the airport, bait a hook and babysit spoiled kids in two toned cowboy boots and designer jeans that cost more than it would take to feed a cow through the winter. If the "ranch" has a brand at all it's for branding the end of wine barrels and the tack room is full of English saddles. This new breed of businessmen "ranchers" don't want cowboys or cows cluttering up their landscape. Oh sure, they want cowhides and cow skulls hanging on their walls but not on their range. They love the image... just not the real thing.

Happy Birthday

April 11 - Hailey Vargas, Aiden Aiguier, Emily Marie Rodriguez, 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 Stapp

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

April 15 - Kayla Davidson, Emma Camarillo, Kellie Pilcher, Belia Cardenas, Paige Tambunga, Rosalind Williams, Vance Worthington, Jim White and Jimmy Longoria

April 16 - Helen White, Raul De La Rosa, Ray Garcia, Emmanuel Venegas, Misty Bishop, Libby Martinez, Murphey Black and Zak Shaw

April 17 - Henry Cruz, Chris Beckham, Oscar Valadez, Jackie Moran, Michael A. Jenkins and Richard Gonzales Jr.

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

It's a boy

Maddac Hayse Luna, son of Casey Cervantez and Joe Luna, made his appearance into this world on March 22, 2007. Born at Shannon Womens and Childrens Center. Maddac weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Awaiting his arrival were grandparents Cat and Simply Cervantez and Junior and Debbie Luna; aunts Regina Sessom, of San Angelo, Bianca Anaya, of Houston, Kristel Cervantez, of Carrolltown and Candace Mendez; uncle John Ray Luna, presently serving his country in Iraq, and cousins Caleb and Colby Mendez, Ashley Sessom and twins Gabriella and Angelina Larry.

Maddac also has a great-grandfather Catarino L. Cervantez Sr. residing at the Crockett County Care Center and more great aunts, uncles and cousins.

Motorcycle Enthusiasts meeting Thursdays

Motorcycle Enthusiasts are welcome to attend a meeting every Thursday at the Rodeo Park.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. All types of bikes and bikers are invited to attend.



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Raffle for Adison Aaron features a prize of four Schlitterbaun tickets

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Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at The Ozona Stockman, Wool Growers, Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Ozona National Bank and from Gregg or Corba Jones.

The drawing will be held May 15. Need not be present to win.

The event is sponsored by The Ozona Stockman and Gregg and Corba Jones.

The Schlitterbaun tickets are valid from May 15-June 30 & Aug. 15-Sept. 23 at Galveston Island, New Braunfels or South Padre Island Locations.

Annual Flower Show April 12

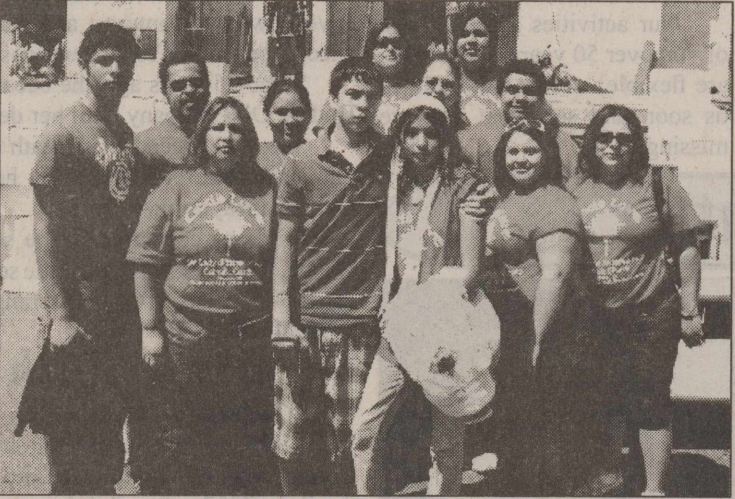
By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Garden Club will present their annual flower show "Down Memory Lane, the Fifties," from 4-6 p.m. on April

12 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

This is a small-standard flower show.

The show is open to the public and there is no admission charge.



Submitted photo

TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE O.L.P.H. YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP traveled to San Antonio on Good Friday to watch the Arch Diocese's Production of the Passion Play. Out of 20,000 people they were asked to join the procession and help hold the ropes, which kept the crowds from interfering. This group includes Adrian, Lilia, Audrey and Adrianna Tijerina, Michelle, Josh and Jesse Ramos, MaKayla Badillo, Ashlee Ramos, Stevie Romero, Jazveth Gonzalez and Julie Gutierrez. The emotionally-filled and dramatically-gripping play, which is produced by San Fernando Cathedral, depicts the final hours of Jesus Christ's life. For two hours, Jesus Christ carries a huge cross while getting beat and laughed at. The play ends with the Crucifixion scene in front of the cathedral. Following the production, a prayer service and a vigil were scheduled inside the cathedral. This year, they found the crowd watching the ancient re-enactment from a very youthful prospective.

Owens honored as outstanding graduate student at Angelo State

The Angelo State University College of Graduate Studies honored outstanding graduate students March, 30, during its annual awards banquet.

To be nominated for an award, the student must have maintained a 4.0 GPA.

A committee comprised of four ASU professors and four current graduate students representing the College of Business, College of Education, College of Liberal & Fine Arts, and College of Sciences then selected a distinguished

student from each college.

For the first time since 1997, the College of Graduate Studies presented an award for especially meritorious accomplishments by a graduate student.

The special award as top graduate student was given to Corey Owens of Big Lake for exceptional graduate work and research in animal science.

Corey is the son of Rusty and Penni Owens of Big Lake, and grandson of Buck and Jan Owens of Barnhart.

Trail coordinator to speak at chamber luncheon

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Tourism Initiative" to Crockett County.

Keith Godwin, regional coordinator for the Texas Pecos Trail Region, will speak on "Economic Development through Heritage Tourism" at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce's Membership Educational Luncheon.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the Visitor Center conference room.

Cost is \$7.75 per person. The meal will be catered by Tia's Cafe.

Godwin will address members on the Heritage Trails Program, the Texas Pecos Trail and the benefits of a "Regional

correlation between economic development and heritage tourism and how the businesses of Ozona can benefit.

Heritage tourism is travel directed toward experiencing the heritage of a city, region, state or country. This travel enables the tourist to learn about, and be surrounded by, local customs, traditions, history and culture.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) protects, preserves and promotes the state's historic and cultural resources, providing tourists with opportunities to learn about Texas' rich heritage.

Godwin previously was the manager of the Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, manager of the booking and sales department for the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, and has worked in sales, marketing and management divisions for several hotels and resorts in Texas.

With more than 25 years experience in the tourism and hospitality industry, she also serves on the Texas Nature Tourism Council and the AdventGX Advisory Council.

For additional information on the Texas Pecos Trail Region, contact Godwin at (325) 387-2927 or visit www.texas-pecostrail.com.

Care Center 'Resident Fund-Raiser' is June 8

By BENNY GIBBS
Care Center Administrator

The Crockett County Care Center is planning their 5th annual "Resident Fund-Raiser" for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 8 at the front lawn of the Care Center.

The one-day event will feature live music, "free" hot dogs, sodas, bingo, cakewalk, face painting for the children (adults are welcome on this one as well), and other events for children.

This event has proven to be an exciting event in the past for the community, staff and more importantly, the residents.

There will be four valuable raffle prizes to be given away with the top prize being a 3-night/4-day trip for two to Wendover, Nevada. This prize

consists also of a \$200 gift certificate to spend on the trip. Prize also includes airfare.

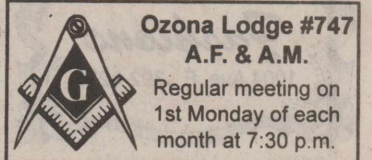
Care Center Employees are currently selling tickets. Each ticket is \$1.

We are asking local patrons and businesses for small gift donations for this event. These gifts will be given away as door prizes throughout the day.

Should local merchants or businesses wish to contribute a gift for a door prize, call Marta De La Garza or Benny at (325) 392-2671 and we would be happy to come get your generous donation.

Merchants in the past have been very good at contributing to this event.

Don't forget June 8! Free food!



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This service is provided for people who cannot move their trash to the curb for pick up, or people who cannot take the trash to the collection center.

Please call the county road department at 392-3020 for trash pick up.

The county will remove your trash from your curb at any other time of the year.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
 Senior Center Director

Can you believe the weather Easter weekend? Cold, wind, sleet, snow and a little sunshine Sunday afternoon. Talk about weather changing in West Texas.

Bernice Cota had a birthday last week. We wish you many more birthday celebrations.

Our thanks go out to one of our commissioners, Randy Branch for fixing Jonny Johnson's shower. She has been without hot water since November 2006. I spoke to Jonny Johnson this morning and thanks to Randy she is enjoying having her warm showers again.

The last day to buy the Angel Food Ministries box is Thursday, April 12. These boxes are excellent and are only \$25. Last distribution date there were more volunteers needed thus if you

have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday, April 28, come out to the Senior Center and lend a hand.

On Tuesday, the Concho Valley Community Action Council was here to help persons with their utilities that qualify.

The Crockett County Senior Center and the Ozona Wesley Nurse Program are hosting a Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free lunch of brisket burritos, fruit and tea will be served for those who attend. The Health Fair will be held at the Senior Center.

Our line dancing lessons have been cancelled until the fall when more people are available to attend.

We have a number of books to select from in our bookcase. We also have magazines and a few recipes. If you bring any books in to lend, please bring

them to my office to be labeled so that we may keep track of them.

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

The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. These ladies have such fun. They bring smiles and snacks with them. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odom, Katherine Russell, Dorothy Friend, Eileen Childress and Marolyn Bean.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age. (We are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Obituaries

Barbara Bryant Burnett
 Barbara Bryant Burnett, born Aug. 22, 1934, to Edward Napoleon Bryant and Beulah Mae Miller Bryant in Iraan, passed away peacefully in her home Friday, April 6, 2007.

A graduate of Iraan High School, she married lifelong acquaintance Jim Burnett on March 18, 1951. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Wyoming where she got a start toward a career in accounting at the First National Bank. Although she was the youngest in her family of origin, she was the one responsible for leadership and direction. She continued to develop these skills to the point that at one time she was the administrator of the Ozona Hospital.

One of the most unusual qualities of Barbara was her curiosity about learning. Almost all the talents and skills that she acquired through life were self-taught. As an artist, she learned to do professional jobs painting and drawing. As a musician, she competed statewide on trumpet and also played the piano exceptionally well.

As an avid reader, she was able to sharpen her skills in many fields of knowledge. The studies that she did in religion and the history of world religions brought about her deep faith. She became an experienced scholar in these matters, which she would discuss with anyone who had interest and was willing. Out of her life's experiences, she learned to be generous to a great number of good causes.

Some 25 years ago she became the secretary/accountant for the Bodark Oil Company until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister. She is survived by her husband, Jim Burnett and sister Gertrude Hayes of Abilene.

Cards of concern may be sent to Jim Burnett, P.O. Box 823, Ozona, Texas 76943. Graveside services were Tuesday, April 10, in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Arrangements were made through Freddy Funeral Home.

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Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
 Assistant Activity Director

We celebrated Holy Week with good church turnouts and great hymns and the Word. Thank you all.

Good reading on Monday, along with different bingo games during the week.

We had a great meeting Tuesday with a baby shower afterwards. Lucy Vasquez received lots of gifts.

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers came to dance on Tues-

day night. Residents love the live entertainment.

On Thursday, we had a great big Easter Egg Hunt. We had about 100 adults, kids and residents outside on our front lawn.

Prizes were donated by: Jana Harrison, Bernice Payne, Lucrecia Ramirez, Marta De La Garza and Elsa Vasquez.

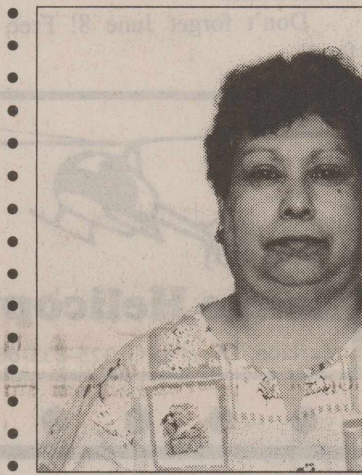
Coming up is our National Volunteer Week, April 15-21. We will have a party for all our volunteers at 3:15 p.m. April 17.

Come out and see us at the CCCC.



Submitted photo
ORALIA (LALA) GALINDO
 is Crockett County Care Center Resident of the Month.

LET US INTRODUCE



NAME: Beatrice (BeBe) Garcia
JOB TITLE: Dietary Helper
HOW LONG WITH PRESENT EMPLOYER: 14 months
ORIGINALLY FROM: Sonora
FAMILY: Juan Garcia, (son) Leon Garcia, (daughter) Lanell Garcia and two grandsons L.J. Garcia and Rigo Trefo Jr.
HOBBIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER INTERESTS: I enjoy spending time with my grandkids and visiting my son and family in Fort Worth.

Ruth Gibbs

SONORA — Ruth Gibbs, 72, a lifelong rancher in Sutton County went to be with her Lord April 5, 2007, after fighting an extensive and courageous battle with cancer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Junction. She is preceded in death by her husband, Nolan, of 47 years.

She is survived by her brother, Fred Sweeten of Uvalde; sister Ann Davis of Del Rio; daughters Melissa Kinard and husband Mike of Longview, Texas, and Laura Parker and husband Melvin of Ozona, Texas. Three grandchildren, Chris Clifton and wife Kelly of San Angelo, Rebecca Terrazas and husband J.T. of Midland, and Katie Parker of Odessa, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made



to the Susan Komen Foundation, Cancer Treatment Center of America or Hospice of San Angelo in her name.

She will be truly missed by fellow ranchers and friends in and around the local area.

Jo Lou Chapman

Jo Lou Chapman, 74, passed away April 2, 2007 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born June 21, 1932 in San Angelo, Texas. She is survived by Son: Kurtis "Cole" Chapman and wife Desiree of Del Rio; Daughter: Kelly Chapman of Dallas, Texas; brother Jack Brewer of Ozona, Texas and sister Sandra Simon of Scottsdale, Arizona; three grandchildren: James Walker, Tami Maddox and Chance Chapman; and five great-grandchildren.

Her husband James Chapman, daughters Kym and Karen Chapman and her parents Jack Brewer Sr. and Pearl Brewer preceded Jo Lou in death. A private family service will be held at a later date in Ozona, Texas. Funeral arrangements by G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, of Del Rio LTD, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas 78840.

Health Fair to be held April 19

The Crockett County Senior Center and the Ozona Wesley Nurse Program are hosting a Spring Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the Senior Center.

Services are expected to be available include Area Agency on Aging - information on Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents and benefits counseling; MedWay - blood pressure and blood sugar screens; Prevent Blindness Texas - glaucoma screens; Wal-Mart of Midland - vision screens; West Texas Rehab - hearing screens; Susan Trial R.N. - nutrition information; Angelo Department of Rehab - information on job training; Crockett County EMS; Las Esperanza Clinic; Hospice of San Angelo, 911; American Cancer Society and Crockett County Care Center.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060 or Lynn English at 392-9094.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank County Commissioner Randy Branch for coming out to senior apartments to check on some problems we are having here. That may have been part of his job as commissioner, I don't know. But I do know that I had been taking cold showers for a long time, and he took the time to fix my shower for me. That could not have been part of his job.

My nice warm shower that night was wonderful. Thank you Randy, I will keep you in my prayers

Jonny Johnson

THE WALNUT CHEST

Last week I noticed boxes stacked out in front of some storage units. I went over and started talking to a man standing there. As we talked I noticed a small wooden chest sitting by the door. He said he was going to throw it away because of water damage and termites. He said it was made of solid walnut, very old and cost him a lot of money years ago. As I looked at the chest you could see the beautiful craftsmanship. Evidently the wood had been carefully selected, cut and then fitted. Every thing very exact and with purpose. The hinges and locks and were of the highest quality. That little chest reminds me of planet we live on and the universe it is in. It was good and perfect when God originally made it, (Genesis 1:10,12,18,21,25,31). But something happened just like that little chest that was allowed to sit in water and not protected from the termites. Sin entered the world by Adam and Eve's disobedience and God put a curse on it, (Genesis 3:17-19). Our world still has beauty but it is fallen and has problems just like that little chest. God is not going to restore this world but He is going to make a totally new one, (Revelation 21:1). Those who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior will be allowed to dwell there, (2 Peter 3:7-14). 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>
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<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. Serafin Avenido 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>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 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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School board, facilities committee to hear from bond expert at tonight's workshop

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

A bond expert will address the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees and the School Facilities Committee at a workshop tonight, April 11.

The workshop is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona High School Library.

Jeff Robert from First Southwest Company is scheduled to speak to the group about how a bond works.

Also, Ralph Harris of DK Haney Roofing and Brandon Brasher of the Garland Manu-

facturing Company to answer questions and give estimates regarding the roof on the primary school.

The meeting stems from the facilities committee's tour two weeks ago of the high school and primary school campuses.

After the workshop is concluded, the board of trustees will reconvene in the board room of the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D for their regular meeting.

Items on the agenda include:

- Reports - maintenance and transportation, principals

and directors, financial, technology and superintendent.

• Approval to place the name of Melissa Perner, editor and publisher of the Ozona Stockman newspaper, and KHOS Radio on the statewide Media Honor Roll, calling attention to the ongoing responsibility and exemplary nature of reporting on this community's public school system.

• Substitute teacher daily pay rate.

• Textbook committee recommendations.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5700.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The children of the world are precious gifts, each one with their own unique talents.

Just like all of us, children have needs and they depend on adults to meet those needs.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to bring awareness to those children whose needs are not being met.

WHAT IS CHILD ABUSE?

There are four main types of child abuse: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse.

Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs.

Physical abuse is physical injury (ranging from minor bruises to severe fractures or death) as a result of punching, beating, kicking, biting, shaking, throwing, stabbing, choking, hitting (with a hand, stick, strap, or other object), burning, or otherwise harming a child. Such injury is considered abuse regardless of whether the caretaker intended to hurt the child.

Sexual abuse includes activities by a parent or caretaker such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials.

Emotional abuse is a pattern

2006 Child Protective Statistics from Crockett County

County child population	1,073
Initial intakes alleging abuse/neglect	38
Child abuse/neglect reports assigned for investigation	28
Confirmed victims of child abuse/neglect	13
Children in Department of Family & Protective Services	19
Children entering (in 2006) substitute care	6
Children in foster care	16
Unduplicated paid foster care clients	17
Children receiving in home services	14
Foster care expenditures	\$111,932.11

-Source: Crockett County Child Welfare Board

of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth. This may include constant criticism, threats, or rejection, as well as withholding love, support, or guidance. Emotional abuse is often difficult to prove and, therefore, CPS may not be able to intervene without evidence of harm to the child. Emotional abuse is almost always present when other forms are identified.

RISK FACTORS and WARNING SIGNS

Child abuse and neglect occur in all segments of our society, but the risk factors are greater in families where parents:

- Abuse alcohol or drugs.
- Are isolated from their families or communities.
- Have difficulty controlling their anger or stress.
- Appear uninterested in the

care, nourishment or safety of their children.

• Seem to be having serious economic, housing or personal problems.

Some of the warning signs of child abuse and neglect are:

- Nervousness around adults.
- Aggression toward adults or to other children.
- Inability to stay awake or to concentrate for extended periods.
- Sudden, dramatic changes in personality or activities.
- Acting out sexually or showing interest in sex that is not appropriate for his or her age.
- Frequent or unexplained bruises or injuries.
- Low self-esteem.

LOCAL RESOURCES

The Crockett County Child Welfare Board serves as liaison between the county commissioners and the children in need in Crockett County represented by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The board consists of Karen Huffman, Sylvia Lara, Art Roane and Napoleon Vitela.

For more information, suggestions, ideas or if anyone would like to serve on the board, contact any of the above members.

For more on child abuse and neglect prevention, visit www.childwelfare.gov.

COURT: Library receives additional grants for shelves

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Road Superintendent Eddie Moore said cost is estimated at \$50,000 to put in a 200-foot field with lights and a sprinkler system. More bleachers would be an additional \$8,000.

Moore said he would like to see the field rearranged because the smallest children play on the field that is located next to the highway.

Frank said maybe it could be a project the county looks into putting in the 2008 budget.

LIBRARY REPORT

Librarian Louise Ledoux presented a video on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation dealing with the continuous need for funding public libraries, especially in providing Internet service to the community.

Ledoux said grants and funding from foundations like the Gates Foundation is desperately needed in public libraries.

The Crockett County Public Library received \$2,000 from the Gates Foundation which went toward two new computers at the library.

"These grants to just upgrade what we already have are what we need right now," Ledoux said.

This month the library has received \$500 each from J. Cleo Thompson, Patterson Drilling and Bill and Mary Jo Mason.

Along with a \$500 donation from Devon Energy, received last month, the new library shelving project will be paid for through donations.

MUSEUM REPORT

The museum received a \$25,000 grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The grant is a challenge grant. The museum still needs to raise money to meet the challenge for the grant.

The grant money is to go toward building a new elevator in the museum.

Museum Director Patsy White said the museum is applying for additional grant monies as well.

Mary Sellers has also donated some of her Mexican art pieces to be on display at the museum. They will be in the Mexican Exhibit Room.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

County Agent Miles Dabovich tendered his resignation effective at the end of April.

The commissioners approved a change in the county pay for the new county agent from \$19,500 to \$13,500 starting May 1. This change is for six months due to state funding.

After six months, the pay will go back to \$19,500 for the county's portion.

The commissioners accepted a motion to table any action on providing electricity to the work building at the cemetery due to wanting to study the matter further.

They also tabled any action on upgrading the drug and alcohol policy in dealing with random drug testing in order to pursue more information about what other counties and municipalities are doing.

Agenda items approved:

• TxDOT County Road Inventory for 2007 Mileage Certification with the addition of a road extension.

• Advertising for bids for a street sweeper.

• Advertisement for bids for county depository for the public funds of the county of Crockett, Texas and the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, Ozona, Texas to be opened May 14.

• Proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

• High speed Internet service for the airport.

• Not to amend the Personal Policy regarding the Extended Illness Benefit Pool.

• Satellite service for homeland security satellite phones to be paid out of the courthouse security fund.

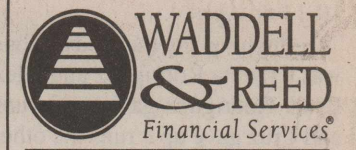
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One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUC's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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THE OZONA SEVENTH GRADE BOYS WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRACK in Kermit last week at the district meet.

7th Grade Lions are district champions

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Lions won the District 7-AA track meet last week in Kermit. The Lions had 156.5 points to win the meet. Other team totals

– 2. Crane 133; 3. Kermit 132; 4. Alpine 90; 5. Reagan County 77 and 6. Van Horn 26.5.

Results are:

Long jump – 1. Aguilera, 16-3.

High jump – 4. Gallardo, 4-6.

Discus – 4. Gallardo, 81-1.5.

Triple jump – 1. Aguilera, 34-8.75; 3. Zamarripa, 33-5.5 and 6. Mendez, 30-4.25.

2,400-meter run – 2. Trevino, 9:39.67.

400-meter relay – 5. Perez, Trevino, Hall, Lozano, 59.37.

800-meter run – 1. Fluth, 2:40.99 and 6. Carrizales, 2:49.11.

110-meter hurdles – 2. Aguilera, 19.7 and 4. Zamarripa, 20.87.

100-meter dash – 5. Gallardo, 13.47.

800-meter relay – 1. Hale, Aguilera, Mendez, Gallardo, 1:50.55.

400-meter dash – 1. Zamarripa, 1:02.51 and 6. Fluth, 1:11.02.

300-meter hurdles – 2. Fluth, 52.98 and 3. Hale, 53.08.

200-meter dash – 2. Gallardo, 28.22 and 3. Mendez, 28.27.

1,600-meter run – 3. Trevino, 6:14.61.

1,600-meter relay – 1. Hale, Mendez, Aguilera, Zamarripa, 4:09.87.



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THE SEVENTH GRADE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS in the mile relay were undefeated this year. Team member are: (l. to r.) Aron Aguilera, Alejandro Mendez, Lane Hale and Adriel Zamarripa.

Lady Lions lose close game to Reagan County

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions lost to the Reagan County Lady Owls 10-13 on April 4.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Cristina Rodriguez and Alex Cruz. Rodriguez gave up 3 runs and Cruz gave up 3 runs the other runs coming on errors.

“Both pitchers did a great job of putting the ball in play. We just had too many errors in the field that could have changed the game. Offensively we just couldn’t get our bats going until late in the game, but when they did we were able to score a bunch of runs,” said John Esparza. “Being down 3-10 going into the bottom of the six we could have hung it up, but the girls came together and wouldn’t go without a fight, scoring seven runs and tying the game up. I could not be prouder of the way they responded and the fan support that we had was amazing. We may not have won the game but we sure put on a show and showed how much heart this girls have. Again I could not be prouder of the way the girls played.”

Playing for the Lady Lions were Alysha Lara (0-3 with 2 walks and 1 run scored) Morgan Glosion (1-3 with 2 walks and 1 run scored) Peyton Fenton (1-2 with 2 walks, 2 runs scored and 2 RBIs) Megan McDaniel (0-4) Brandi Glosion (0-3 with 1 walk and 1 run scored) Cassandra Salazar (1-3 with a walk and 2 runs scored) Amber Lewis (2-4) Lauren Najar (0-0 with 4 walks and 1 run scored) Cristina Rodri-

guez (1-3 with 1 run scored) Alex Cruz (0-0 with a walk and a run scored), Brooke Kelly, and Sarah O’Hearn.

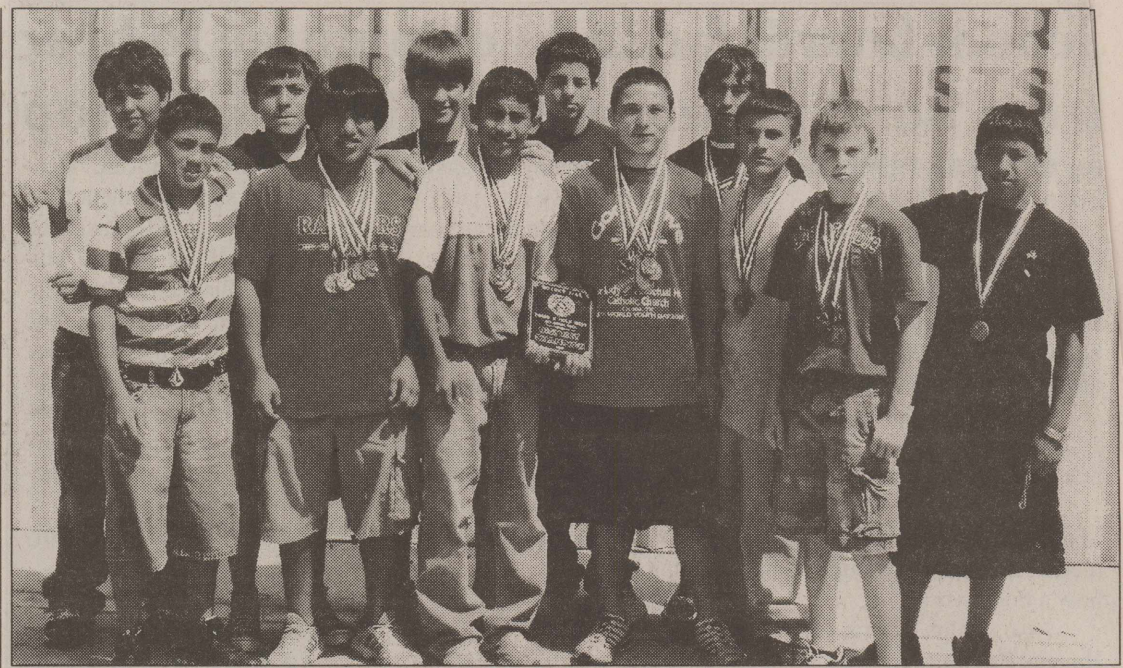
The Ozona Lady Lions lost to the Kermit Lady Jackets 1-15 on April 3.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Cristina Rodriguez, going three and 1/3 innings allowing 11 runs, and Alex Cruz pitched 1 and 2/3 giving up no runs.

“We just made to many errors in the second inning and it was hard to recover, the little things are still hurting us. We played a great game over all if we could just get rid of that one bad inning. Defensively we made so great plays turning a few double plays one of them coming, when Megan McDaniel caught the ball in center and through a girl out at home after the catch,” Esparza said. “Offensively we were able to get people in scoring position in each inning we just couldn’t get them across the plate. We played well and have continued to show improvements we are a very young team and the future is bright for our program.”

Playing for the Lady Lions were Alysha Lara (0-2 with 1 walk) Morgan Glosion (0-2) Peyton Fenton (0-2 with 1 walk and 1 RBI) Megan McDaniel (0-2) Brandi Glosion (0-1 with 2 walks) Cassandra Salazar (0-2) Amber Lewis (0-1) Lauren Najar (0-0 with 2 walks and 1 run scored) Cristina Rodriguez (0-1 with 1 walk) Alex Cruz (0-0 with a walk), Brooke Kelly, and Sarah O’Hearn (0-0 with a walk).

The Lady Lions are now 2-5 in District 4-18-1 Overall.



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THE OZONA EIGHTH GRADE BOYS WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRACK at last week’s district meet held in Kermit.

8th Grade Lions win district track meet

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions won the District 7-AA track meet last week in Kermit.

The Lions had 180 points for the win. Other team totals – 2. Kermit 110; 3. Crane 101; 4. Van Horn 93; 5. Alpine 87 and 6. Reagan County 39.

Results are:

Shot put – 4. Gonzales, 34-10.5.

Pole vault – 1. Komechak, 10-0.

Long jump – 1. Gonzales, 18-4 and 4. Rendon, 16-3.

High jump – 4. Talamantez, 4-8.

Discus – 5. Komechak, 104-3.5.

Triple jump – 1. Gonzales, 34-8.

2,400-meter run – 3. Wilson, 8:58.39 and 6. Vergara, 10:04.11.

400-meter relay – 4. Dean, Talamantez, Aguilar and Rendon, 51.10.

800-meter run – 1. Lara, 2:23.05 and 2. Dean, 2:23.25.

110-meter hurdles – 1. Komechak, 17.71 and 6. Suddreth, 20.54.

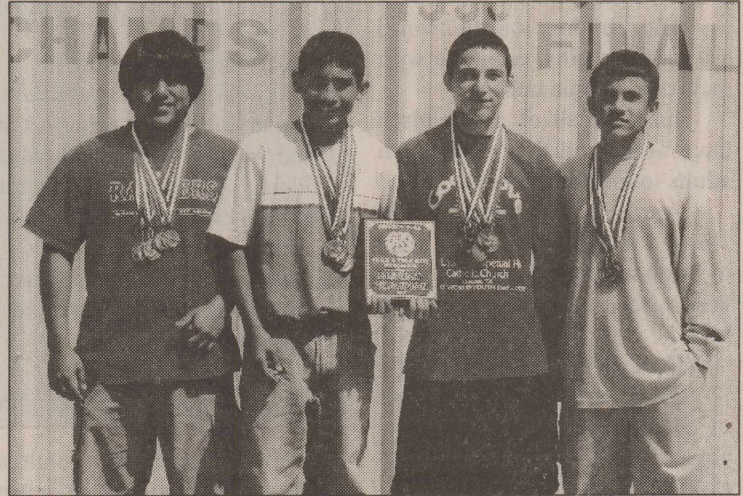
100-meter dash – 2. Gonzales, 12.98 and 6. Rendon, 13.36.

800-meter relay – 1. A. Gonzales, Lara, Rendon, J. Gonzales, 1:44.46.

400-meter dash – 3. Talamantez, 1:00.96 and 6. Aguilar, 1:05.28.

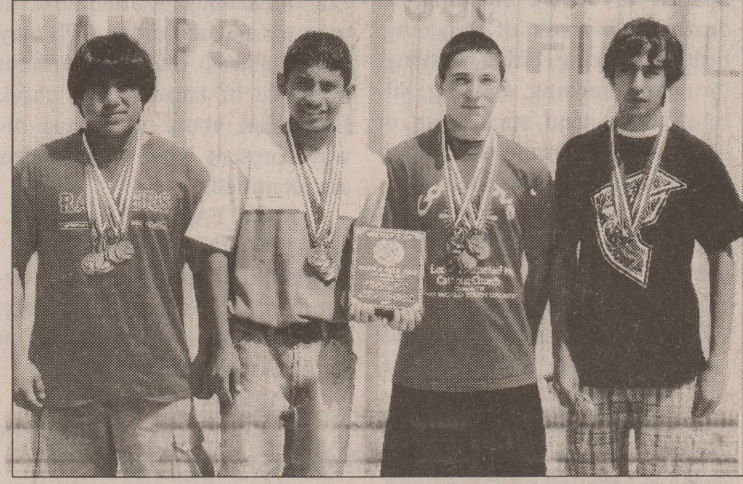
300-meter hurdles – 1. Komechak, 45.86 and 4. Suddreth, 51.96.

200-meter dash – 2. Gonzales, 24.91 and 6. Komechak,



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THE EIGHTH GRADE 800 METER RELAY TEAM won the district championship. Team members are: (l. to r.) Anthony Gonzales, Abey Lara, Josh Gonzales and Chris Rendon.



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THE EIGHTH GRADE MILE RELAY DISTRICT CHAMPS team members are: (l. to r.) Anthony Gonzales, Abey Lara, Josh Gonzales and Eric Talamantez.

27.42. 1,600-meter relay – 1. Talamantez, Lara, A. Gonzales, J. Gonzales, 3:56.83.

OHS Band Booster Meeting will be April 17 at 6 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Topics include band trip, band banquet, concession stands

Youth Center Calendar of Events

April 12 - OHS Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

April 16 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

THE CROCKETT COUNTY YOUTH CENTER IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club is taking bids for the annual sports banquet to be held the first week in May.

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Eighth Grade Lady Lions take district championship

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions won the District 7-AA track meet last week at Kermit.

The Lady Lions had 180 points to win the meet. Other team totals - 2. Crane 142; 3. Kermit 129; 4. Alpine 96; 5. Reagan County 55 and 6. Van Horn 21.

Two of the relay teams set records as being undefeated throughout their seventh and eighth grade track seasons.

The 400-meter relay team of Melanie Miller, Rebecca Ramos, Brenda Venegas and Chelsea Moore won with a time of 53.11.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Miller, Ramos, Kaylee Perez and Moore won with a time of 4:33.65.

Other results are:

Shot put - 3. RaeLynn Arredondo, 30-1.75 and 5. Britni Mitchel, 28-2.75.

Long jump - 1. Moore, 15-1; 2. Badillo, 14-1.25 and 4. Perez, 14-0.

High jump - 3. Miller, 4-6



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THE OZONA EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS WON DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP IN TRACK held last week in Kermit.

and 6. Badillo, 4-2.
Discus - 1. Gallardo, 73-0;
3. Arredondo, 69-0 and 6. Mitch-

el, 65-3.
Triple jump - 1. Moore, 31-4; 4. Miller, 30-1.75 and 6. Perez, 29-3.5.

2,400-meter run - 4. Rodriguez, 10:59.32 and 6. Mitchel, 12:14.96.

800-meter run - 1. Ramos, 2:37.74.

100-meter hurdles - 1. Miller, 17.46.

100-meter hurdles - 3. Venegas, 14.37.

800-meter relay - 1. Makayla Badillo, Perez, Mitchel and Venegas, 2:03.23.

400-meter dash - 1. Moore, 1:04.79 and 5. Perez, 1:11.80.

200-meter dash - 4. Badillo, 31.03.

1,600-meter run - 4. Rodriguez, 6:56.35.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions place fourth at district

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

31.46.

1,600-meter run - 1. Rodriguez, 6:07.24.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions placed fourth at the District 7-AA track meet in Kermit.

Ozona had a total of 54 points. Other team totals - 1. Kermit 250; 2. Crane 199; 3. Alpine 65; 5. Reagan County 15 and 6. Van Horn 15.

Results are:

Long jump - 3. Rodriguez, 13-7.

2,400-meter run - 5. Gutierrez, 12:24.27 and 6. Renfro, 12:48.29.

400-meter relay - 3. Alex Ramos, Johnna Pullig, Stacie Quiroz, Maria Villarreal, 58.47.

800-meter run - 4. Villarreal, 2:58.24.

100-meter dash - 6. Emalee Hamilton, 15.05.

800-meter relay - 2. Villarreal, Hamilton, Quiroz, Pullig, 2:08.14.

400-meter dash - 4. Rodriguez, 1:08.63.

200-meter dash - 5. Quiroz,



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THE GIRLS' EIGHTH GRADE MILE RELAY TEAM remain undefeated for two years as they took the district championship for the second year in a row. Team members are: Chelsea Moore, Rebecca Ramos, Melanie Miller and Kaylee Perez.

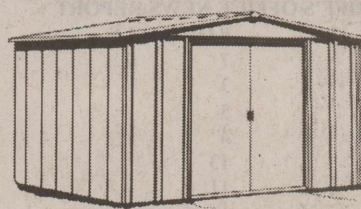


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EIGHTH GRADER CHELSEA MOORE won five gold medals in the eighth grade girls' district track meet. She is pictured with her track coach Dale Mayfield.



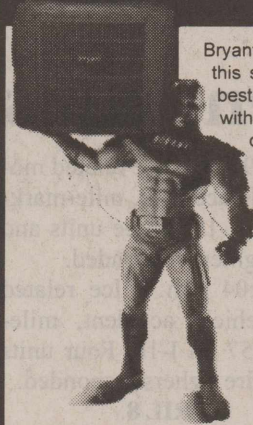
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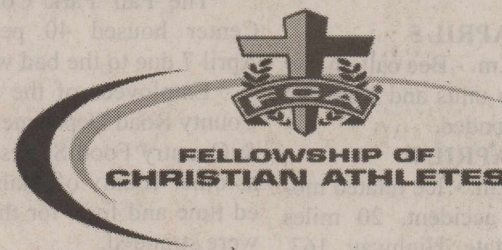
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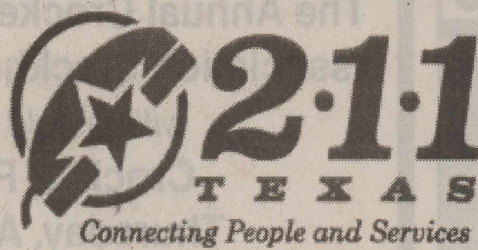
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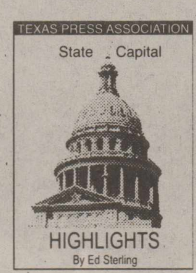
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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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. Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona- Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor. Fernando Nino Fernandez, of Ozona/Midland-Attorney General's warrant for failure to appear/child support. Darrel Jesse Caldera, of Mason County - 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.

Senator proposes increase in state college funding



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Higher education continues as a top issue for Texas. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he wants more state funding to help more kids from low and middle income families get into college. In an April 8 Houston Chronicle copyright story, Ellis said he wants to double state funding for the Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) grant program to \$1 billion. Ellis said if action isn't taken Texas will be in crisis.

Fire department runs

The following is the list of runs made by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department from April 2-8. APRIL 2: 8:46 p.m. - Compressor fire, Vaughn Field. Five units (two were cancelled) and 12 fire fighters responded. APRIL 3: 8:52 a.m. - Mutual Aid to Pecos County for tank batteries fire in the Bakersfield area. Two units and four fire fighters responded. APRIL 5: 7:45 p.m. - Bee call on Avenue D. Two units and eight fire fighters responded. APRIL 7: 4:12 p.m. - Ice related motor vehicle accident, 20 miles north on State Highway 163. Three units and five fire fighters responded. 4:41 p.m. - Ice related motor vehicle accident, 15 miles south on State Highway 163. Three units and five fire fighters responded. 5:30 p.m. - Ice related motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 348 on Interstate-10. Three units and eight fire fighters responded. 5:58 p.m. - Ice related motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 348 on I-10. Two units and four fire fighters responded.

INCIDENT REPORTS. 4-3-07: Local business owner on Avenue E, filed a criminal mischief report - unknown person(s) damaged business property. 4-4-07: Citizen on Santa Ana Street, filed a criminal mischief report - unknown person(s) damaged vehicle, sometime overnight. 4-5-07: Local ranch owner on Taylor Box Road, filed a missing/stolen livestock report. A bull was missing overnight.

ARREST REPORT. 4-5-07: Eric Lee Ramirez, 25, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy from page 1.

CITIZENS: Ybarra chased suspect on foot from page 1. From there, Long was able to identify Stephen Harold Easley and Willie Eugene O'Dell and get arrest warrants for them, Fincher said. Easley and O'Dell were arrested and convicted of the crime. Jimmy Ray Ybarra was honored for chasing down Jesus Cordova Saavedra, a man who wanted for stealing several vehicles. Ybarra saw Saavedra attempting to break into some vehicles at the truck stop, tried to stop him and then chased him until law enforcement officials caught up and arrested Saavedra.

The Chronicle reported that about 70,000 students lost their tuition grants in the past two years, and according to U.S. Department of Education statistics, the Lone Star State is 41st in the nation in producing college graduates. About 158,000 families are enrolled in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, formerly called the Texas Tomorrow Fund. Enrollees locked in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at "today's prices." Plan benefits are protected by a constitutional guarantee from the state. The fund debuted under then-Comptroller John Sharp in the booming economy of 1996. Waco economist Ray Perryman in early April published a 72-page report, "Thinking About Tomorrow, The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan: An Economic Assessment of Recent Evidence and Options for the Future."

Perryman says reopening enrollment makes sense when coupled with improved financial markets and a slowdown in tuition hikes. Those elements working together could return the strength to the fund, he said. Major things the bill would do include: Restore continuous 12-month eligibility; Eliminate the 90-day enrollment waiting period; When calculating family income include child-care expenses; Determine eligibility based on net income, not gross; Create outreach programs to inform families about the availability of CHIP and children's Medicaid.

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The Annual Crockett County Fair Association Stockholders Meeting will be held at the Crockett Room Thursday, April 12 2:00 p.m.

Rig Locations. This report provided by RIGDATA. For a complete report, call (800) 627-9785. As of April 6, 2007. *Crockett County, *Sutton County, *Reagan County, *Schleicher County, *Terrell County. Table with columns: OPERATOR, PTD, LEASE, CONTRACTOR/RIG, ACTIVITY/DEPTH.

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POOL MANAGER AND LIFE-GUARDS WANTED: Crockett County will be accepting applications for the positions of Lifeguards and Pool Manager. Individuals who are eventually employed by Crockett County for these positions must participate in Lifeguard Certification classes which will be scheduled. Applications may be picked up from and returned to the Crockett County Road Department. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. All applicants for Lifeguards must be at least 16 years of age. All applicants for Pool Manager must be at least 18 years of age. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 6c08

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LOOKING FOR TRUCK DRIVERS to work in the Sonora area. Dump truck drivers preferred with a minimum of a Class B CDL. Contact David at 206-2265. 2p11

OZONA WEED WASH is now hiring weed wash hands. Call 325-226-0740. tfc11

Public Notices

NOTICE OF NO ELECTION EMERALD UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
In 1995, the Texas Legislature amended the Election Code to permit the cancellation of an election if the candidates on the ballot are unopposed and no write-in candidates have filed to challenge them and if no proposition is to appear on the ballot. This new law is Section 2.051-.054 of the Election Code. On March 20, 2007, the District Manager of the Emerald Underground Water Conservation District certified to the Board of Directors that Paul C. Perner III and George Bunger Jr. had no opposing candidates for the positions of Director of the Emerald Underground Water Conservation District. No write-in candidates had filed to be placed on a list of write-in candidates. No proposition was to appear on the ballot. Therefore, by any action of the Board of Directors at their regular meeting held on April 2, 2007, the above-named unopposed candidates were declared elected to office. The Certification of Election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors, will be posted at the polling places on May 12, 2007.

LA NOTA DE NINGUNA EL DISTRITO SUBTERRANEO ESMERALDA DE LA CONSERVACION DE AGUA
En 1995, la Legislatura de Tejas enmendó el Código de la Elección para permitir la cancelación de una elección si los candidatos en la balota son sin oposición y ningunos candidatos inscritos han archivado para desafiarlos y si no hay asunto aparecer en la balota. This new law is Section 2.051-.054 of the Election Code. El 20 de marzo de 2007, el encargado de distrito del distrito subterráneo de la conservación del agua de la esmeralda certificó a la junta directiva que Paul C. Perner III y Jr. de George Bunger. no tenía ningún candidato de oposición a las posiciones del director del distrito subterráneo de la conservación del agua de la esmeralda. Ningunos candidatos inscritos habían archivado para ser colocados en una lista de candidatos inscritos. No hay asunto aparecer en la balota. Por lo tanto, celebrada el 2 de Abril de 2007, cualquier acción de la junta directiva en su reunión regular declararon los candidatos sin oposición susodichos eligieron a la oficina. La certificación de la elección, firmada por el presidente y la secretaria de la junta directiva, será fijada en los lugares de la interrogación el 12 de mayo de 2007

Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission by RRMJ PEREZ, Inc. DBA "Twist Off" for a Private Club Registration Permit to be located at Int. SW corner of 15th and Pine, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas. Robert Perez, Pres., Javier Perez, Vice-Pres., Bertha Rivera, Secretary/Treasurer. 2p10

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BID NOTICE
The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will be taking bids for the roofing of the High School Library, Band Hall, Wood Shop, Ag Shop Classroom area, Girls Field House, two apartment units and roofing repairs to the High School Main Building, Fitness Center Building and Ag Shop Metal Building. Bids will be accepted until Monday, April 9, 2007 at 3 p.m. at the Administration Office located at 797 Avenue D. The bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 400, Ozona, TX 76943 or faxed to 325-392-5177. The bid award announcement will be opened on April 11, 2007, and approved at the April board meeting. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids as they may appear advantageous to the district. For more information, contact RAY DON MYERS, Crockett County Common School District, P.O. Box 400, Ozona, TX 76943, Telephone 325-392-5501 Extension 5710.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. **CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6161-06-001 for YARD MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS FACILITIES IN TOM GREEN County, etc** will be received on April 26, 2007 until 1:00 pm and opened on April 26, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$260,027.50. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 23198 State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) San Angelo District District Engineer 4502 Knickerbocker Rd San Angelo, Texas 76904 Phone: 325-944-1501 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

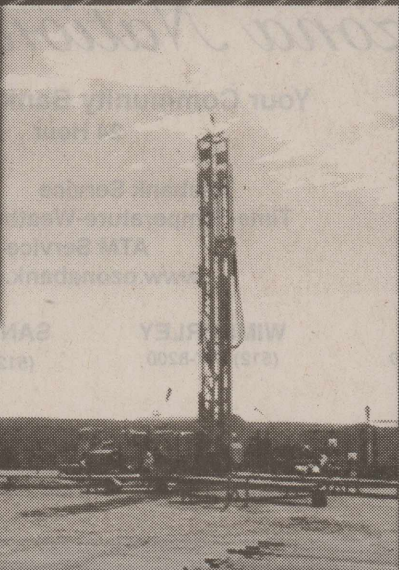
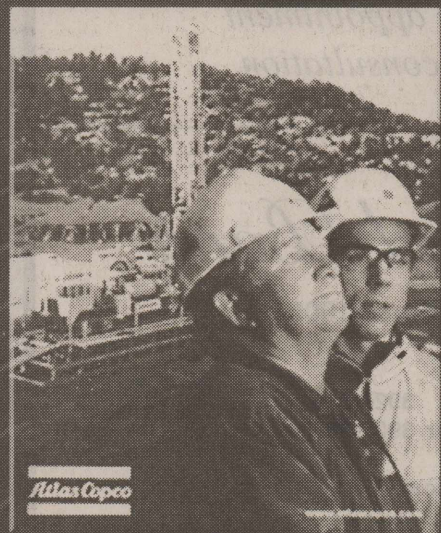
To the registered voters of the County of Crockett, Texas (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Crockett, Texas): Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 12, 2007 for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2007, para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 80ª Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES
PRECINCT ONE - CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE (PRECINCTO UNO - CASA DEL CORTE DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT)
PRECINCT TWO - CROCKETT COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING (PRECINCTO DOS - EDIFICIO DE LOS CIUDADANOS DE MAYOR EDAD DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT)
PRECINCT THREE - CROCKETT COUNTY CIVIC CENTER (PRECINCTO TRES - CIVICO CENTRO DEL CONDADO DE CROCKETT)
PRECINCT FOUR - OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL (PRECINCTO CUATRO - ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE OZONA)
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: (La votación adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en): Crockett County Courthouse Annex (Anexo del Casa del Corte del Condado de Crockett) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. beginning April 30, 2007, (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 de Abril, 2007), and ending on May 8, 2007 (y terminando el 8 de Mayo, 2007). Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:) Debbie Puckett, PO Drawer C Ozona, Texas 76943
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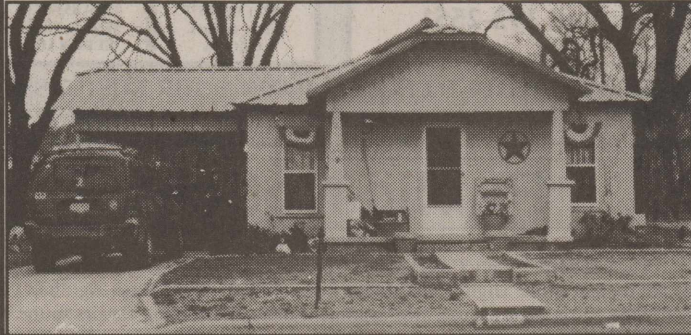
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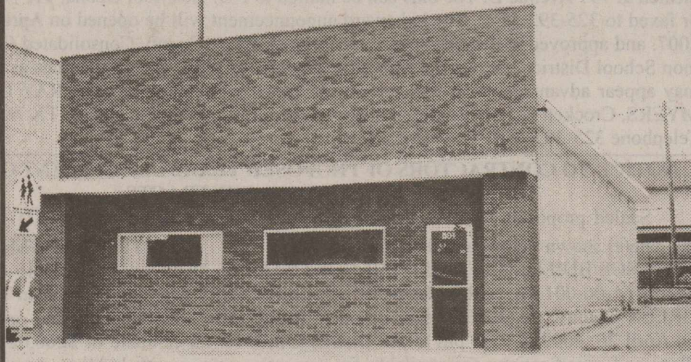
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