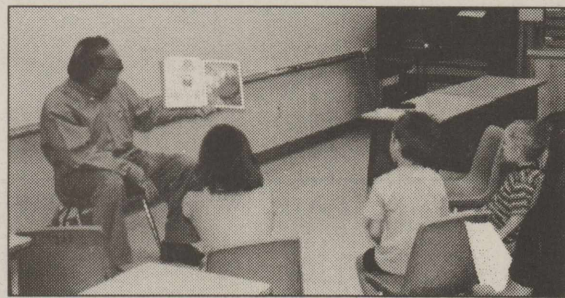
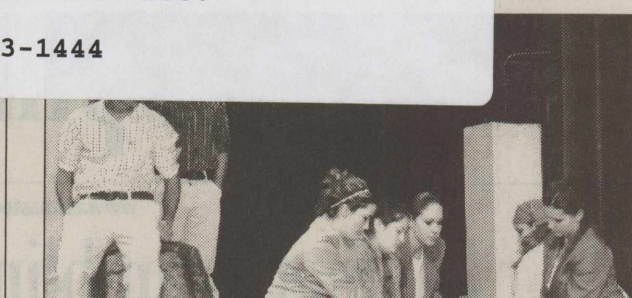


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School board makes public statement on athletics, academic programs

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

After two hours in executive/closed session during the March 11 special meeting, the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees issued the following statement:

"We the Board of Trustees of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District affirms unanimously our belief and support of the following: that

- the school district was founded to provide an education to all students based on the state-mandated curriculum - the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills;
- our district is judged and accredited by student performance on state-mandated tests, graduation rate, and attendance rate;
- student involvement in extra-curricular activities, both school sponsored and non-school sponsored, have

the potential to enhance the educational process;

- participation in both school sponsored and non-school sponsored activities is encouraged, but no law provides the district the avenue to mandate student participation in these events;
- high expectations for student academic performance can only be achieved through requiring a strong, unwavering enforcement of respect for authority and student adherence to a rigorous and consistent discipline management plan;
- success in both UIL academic and athletic programs can also only be achieved

through a commitment of high expectations for respect and obedience to policies, rules, and procedures;

- teachers and coaches have full and unrelenting support in the implementation of these high disciplinary expectations;
- students who fail to meet these expectations should not be allowed to remain a participant or team member in school sponsored, extra-curricular activities;
- if the district is unable to field a team due to lack of the members adhering to the expectations for discipline, then that is a necessary consequence;

the board will not allow the lack of discipline and/or disciplinary expectations to be an excuse for failure; above all, we are an educational institution and therefore fully support all personnel employed by the district as they adhere to laws, policies and procedures in order to provide a quality academic and athletic program; "

CCCCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

the board will not allow the lack of discipline and/or disciplinary expectations to be an excuse for failure;

- above all, we are an educational institution and therefore fully support all personnel employed by the district as they adhere to laws, policies and procedures in order to provide a quality academic and athletic program;
- finally, success cannot come from sole dependence on employees and curriculum - success can only be fully achieved through community and parental support and involvement in the students' academic and extra-curricular

endeavors."

"The purpose for the public statement is that the board wanted everyone to understand they support our teachers and coaches 100 percent," said Superintendent Abe Gott.

During the executive/closed session, the board met with all three campus principals and all members of the district's coaching staff.

The board also approved the hiring of two elementary teachers for first and second grade.

The regular board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 25 at the Administration Building.

Superintendent to leave for position in Blackwell

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Superintendent Abe Gott will leave Ozona at the end of the school year.

Last week, Gott said he informed Dr. Marcus Sims, school board president, of his resignation as Superintendent of Crockett County Schools, which will take effect June 1.

Gott has accepted the position of Superintendent for Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District.

"They offered me a deal I could not turn down, and it will make us closer to family," Gott said. "This was an extremely difficult decision. We have good people here."

Blackwell is a town of around 360 people located about 30 miles south of Sweetwater. The school district's enrollment is around 160 students.

Gott was named CCCCSD Superintendent three years ago, prior to that he was the superintendent in Cherokee.

Sheriff Q&A: 'I want to make a positive difference'

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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

Today's article features Crockett County Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton.

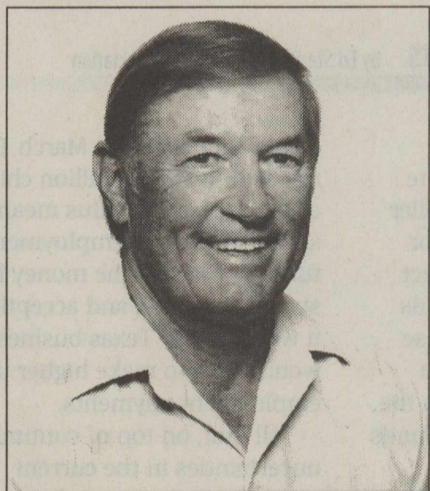
A county sheriff is the county's top lawman. Along with law enforcement, the sheriff often assists with disaster response and serving warrants or other legal papers.

Sheriff Sutton responded to these questions.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

I wanted to make a posi-

Crockett County Sheriff



ROY GLENN SUTTON -
 68 days in office

Long respected as the county's top lawman, the sheriff has a range of duties that include criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, operation of the jail and other responsibilities.

Duties of the sheriff include:

- Providing security for the operation of county and district courts;
- Enforcing traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws;
- Service of process;
- Accepting bail for prisoners in his custody;
- Conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties; and
- Taking charge of and responsibility for the county jail and prisoners.

- Source: Texas Association of Counties

tive difference in the sheriff's office. I knew that being a sheriff would be a challenge that I was willing to take.

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

Bachelor of science in criminal justice from Texas A&M International University; associated of applied science in law enforcement from Laredo Junior College; supervisory special agent for 16 years and special agent for 15 years.

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

Serving and protecting

the public.

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

I do not enjoy seeing children separated from their parents when the parents criminal behavior impacts the children.

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

The sheriff has authority over the county where a dangerous wild animal is kept when the county does not have an animal control officer.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES

THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

Civil law.

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

I would not change anything.

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

1. First and foremost, provide a safe environment for the citizens.
2. Provide a jail that gives adequate protection for inmates and the public.
3. Create a drug-free environment in Crockett County.

Early fine payments to Irion County will prohibit arrests

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Irion County has issued arrest warrants for the following named individuals.

A two week grace period has been set up for these individuals to contact Irion County and set up payments for their fines.

If no attempts have been made with two weeks starting Wednesday, March 18, 2009, those individuals will be sought and arrested.

Contact information to pay these fines through Donna Smith, Justice of the Peace, Irion County Courthouse, Mertzon, Texas (325) 835-4141.

Warrants of arrest:
 • Valentino Castillo - no valid driver's license, \$309.
 • Joanna Mata Dominguez - fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$335; no valid vehicle inspection certificate, \$194.

• James Adkins Jr. - no valid driver's license, \$340; fail to appear, \$241.

• Stephanie Jo Castro - speeding, \$160; fail to display, \$170; permit unlicensed person to drive, \$230.

• Jim R. Etheridge - speeding 6-9 mph over in 65/70 mph zone, \$229.

• Clifton C. Ford - issuance of bad check, \$627.

• Michelle Gonzales - speeding, \$165.

• Richard R. Gonzales - speeding 6-9 mph over in 65/70 mph zone, \$203.

• Daniel Gonzales - speeding, \$165; allow child under 4 years to ride not secured in seat belt, \$235.

• Romulo Lopez Lozano Jr. - speeding, \$205.

• Molly Munoz - issuance of a bad check, \$627; ride not secured by safety belt, \$165; fail to appear, \$227; no valid driver's license, \$305.

• Lucinda Ann Ortiz - expired driver's license, \$115.

• Emilio Flores Porras - speeding, \$205.

• Cynthia Lucile Hodges - display expired license plates (10-03), \$165; display expired vehicle inspection certificate, \$185.

• Beatriz Valencia-Ellison - allow child under 4 years to ride not secured, \$274.

• Maria Perez - no liability insurance, \$335.

• Stephen Michael Perez - speeding, \$205.

• David Torres - speeding, \$161; fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$347.

• Olga Ortiz Borrego - speeding, \$205.

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DARYL COPELAND (center) cuts the ribbon, his wife Myna Kay to his right, surrounded by family, friends, partners and local citizens for the grand opening of Ozona Body Shop on March 13. The business is located at 598 State Hwy. 163 south. Ozona Body Shop opened for business on Monday, and will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 392-3700 or (325) 453-2980.

Mitchel graduates from training

Caleb Mitchel graduated from U.S. Naval training in Great Lakes, Ill. on March 13. He graduated as an E3 earning the National Defense and Sharp Shooter ribbons. He will be returning to Ozona on Wednesday, March 18, and he and his wife, Anna, will be moving to Charleston, S.C. where he will be attending Nuclear Engineering School.



Tambunga makes UTPB Dean's List

Jasmine Tambunga has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa. This recognition is accorded to those students who have attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the fall 2008 semester. Jasmine is a 2006 graduate of Ozona High School and is the daughter of Jimmy and Janell Tambunga, of Ozona.

Census bureau seeking workers

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for 2010 Census Takers. A representative will be at the Crockett County Civic Center at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Pay is around \$9 an hour. Census Takers locate households, update address lists, explain the purpose of the census, conduct interviews with respondents, record responses on paper forms and meet with the crew

leader every day to turn in completed work and payroll forms, and to discuss your progress. Census Takers usually work in their own neighborhoods or communities and must work varied hours, not exceeding 40 hours per week. Some operations occur during regular daylight hours. Others, which require personally interviewing respondents, mean Census Takers must

work when people are typically at home, including evenings and weekends. Census Taker assignments generally last up to several weeks. Other opportunities may include Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants, Recruiting Assistants and Census Clerks. For more information, call 1-800-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Fort McKavett to host Star Party Saturday

Fort McKavett State Historic Site will host a free Star Party starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the fort. The public is invited to bring flashlights. A presentation called "Mars, the Red

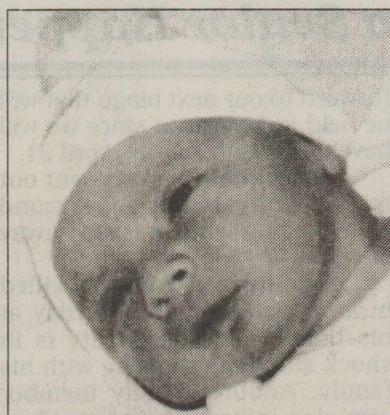
Planet," will be housed in the fort's schoolhouse. Amateur astronomers from Johnson Space Center will be on hand. For more information, call (325) 396-2358.

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Sara Richie bride-elect of Chris Fambro
Lacey Bollman bride-elect of Shane Albers
Amy Elliott bride-elect of Tommy Conner have made selections at **Petals & Pearls** 701 1st St.



It's a boy

Dempster Ken Campbell was born March 2, 2009 at 4:24 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21-inches long. Proud parents are Jason and Robin Campbell, of Floydada. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner Jr. Great-grandparents are Mrs. William Dempster Jones and the late William Dempster Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raleigh Conner. Paternal grandparents are Ms. Pollianna Campbell of Floydada and the late Ken Vance Campbell.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, March 18**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, March 19**
- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board meeting at the Visitor Center.
- Friday, March 20**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, March 21**
- OHS Track Teams at the Cactus Relays in Iraan.
 - Lions Baseball vs. Presidio, 4 p.m. at the baseball field.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
 - Fort Lancaster Turkey Fest, 6 p.m. at the Fort Lancaster State Historic Site.
- Monday, March 23**
- OHS Golf Teams at the Christoval meet.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS One-Act Play Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Tuesday, March 24**
- OHS JV Tennis Team at the Reagan County Invitational at Big Lake.
 - OMS Track Teams at Big Lake.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at Kermit.
 - Lions Baseball vs. Kermit, 7 p.m. at Kermit.
- Wednesday, March 25**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCCCS Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Happy Birthday

March 18 - Linda Vitela, Marie Pierce, Breann Hale and Lesley Mendoza
March 19 - Mike Preddy, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jadynd Poindexter
March 20 - Cesar Villarreal
March 21 - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores
March 22 - Abel Rodriguez, Stella Rodriguez, Sevastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jeanine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley
March 23 - Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Sabastian De La Cruz and Tyra Branch
March 24 - Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Angela Moore and Austin Borrego

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Pecos River Water Authority legislation not taking place

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

IRAAN - Legislation to create a Pecos River Authority will not take place this year.

At a March 12 meeting in Iraan, Patrick Tarlton, chief of staff for State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, addressed a multi-county crowd.

Tarlton said that no legislation for a Pecos River Authority will be moving forward this year.

"We apologized. We filed a public notice without holding public meetings. This is really a huge private property issue," Tarlton said.

A Feb. 18 article from the Pecos Enterprise stated that Gallego announced his plans to file a bill on Jan. 29, and a legal notice was published in the Enterprise and other newspapers in the affected areas last week. The Ozona Stockman did not receive the notice.

The plan was to create a new authority that would control water usage rights along the Pecos in the 17 Texas counties that make up the river's watershed.

The article also mentioned that Gallego's office was having disagreements with the Red Bluff Authority. Pecos River water usage is currently controlled by the Red Bluff Water Power Control District board, which was created following the construction of Red Bluff Lake in 1936. The district sells water to the seven sub-districts in Reeves, Loving, Pecos and Ward Counties, which operate from the lake south to Girvin. From Girvin to Amistad Lake, there is currently no over-

sight authority.

Tarlton said the information in the Pecos Enterprise article was "inaccurate" and that "more open governance" is needed in the Red Bluff Authority.

"The legislation you have seen is not going to be pursued," Tarlton said. "The local papers put out information that was false."

Many at the meeting questioned why Gallego's office placed the notice in the first place, and if the representative plans on pursuing this legislation in the future.

Tarlton said a draft of the bill was drawn up but not filed. According to the Texas Legislature Online, nothing has been filed pertaining to a Pecos River Water Authority.

"Come to find out this is not needed. Pete (Gallego) is an honest, genuine person. I don't think he would ever push for any legislation against your will," Tarlton said. "In a way I am very happy this process is happening. We are willing to help you do the right thing, but you have to be able to tell me that."

Tarlton said that before any future Pecos River is pursued, public meetings will be held to discuss the matter.

"You all live on this river. This is your livelihood. If there is a concern, you've got to let me know," he said. "We want to have an open line of communication."

Gallego's office can be reached at (512) 463-0566 in Austin or (432) 837-7383 in Alpine. Tarlton's email is patrick.tarlton@house.state.tx.us.

The Texas Legislature can be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

'Benefits of a diversified workplace' at March 26 Chamber luncheon

"The Benefits of a Diversified Workplace" will be the topic of the March 26 Ozona Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Cost is \$9 for the lunch catered by Ozona Chatter Box.

Chamber members and non-members are welcome to attend.

The speaker will be Marcie Perlman has over 21 years experience working in the disability field.

Perlman has worked at Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley for the past 5 years.

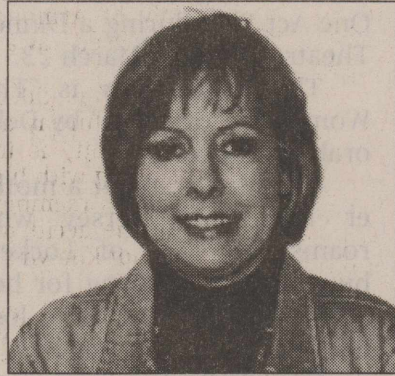
As the Disability Program Navigator, she develops linkages and collaborates with employers to facilitate employment for persons with disabilities, conducts outreach to agencies/organizations that serve people with disabilities, serves as resources on programs that impact the ability of persons with disabilities to enter and remain in the workforce and develops partnerships to achieve integrated services, systemic change, and expand the capacity to serve customers with disabilities.

While working for Workforce Solutions, she has presented at Texas Workforce Commission conferences on topics including: "Connecting with Employers-Support for a Diversified Workplace", "Creating Employment Solutions-A Learning Disability Story". She has also provided training (via web ex) to other Workforce Centers on "The ADA and Serving Customers with Disabilities."

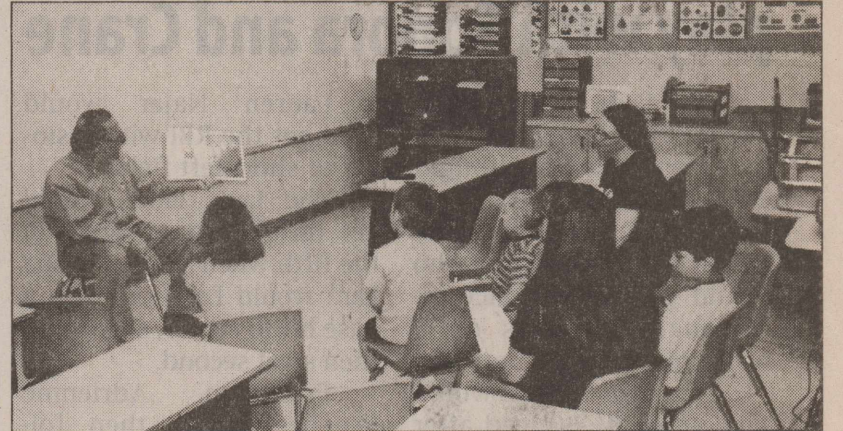
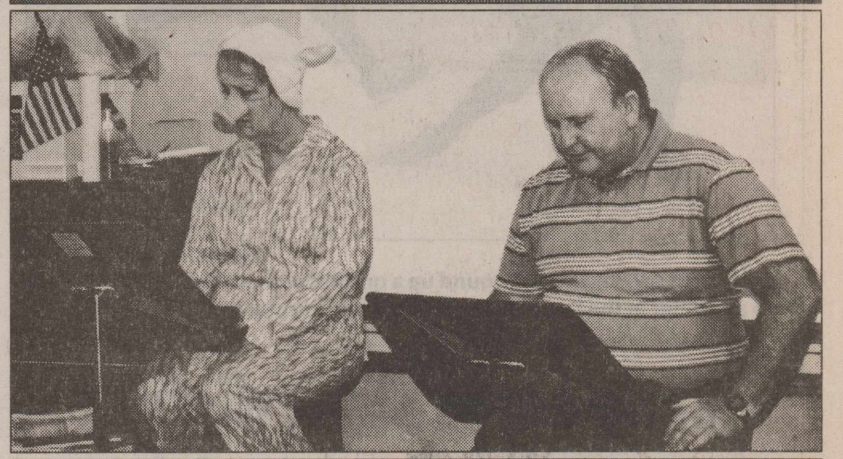
Perlman has coordinated and provided employer seminars on: "Substance Abuse in the Workplace", "Identifying Reasonable Accommodations" and "How to Increase Retention & Productivity" through learning about hidden disabilities.

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley is an equal opportunity employer/program.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the chamber office at 392-3737.



MARCIE PERLMAN



PAUL C. PERNER IV / THE OZONA STOCKMAN

READ ACROSS AMERICA took place March 10 at Ozona Elementary School. Debbie Gaskill (top) read "The Spider in the Shower," David and Dena Porter (middle) performed "Peter's Song" and Mack Richie read "Knock, Knock Who's There" and "No Jumping on the Bed."

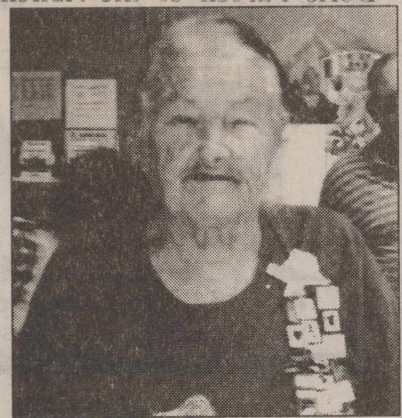
Levis & Lace Square Dance News

BY TINA JARVIS
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Saturday night club members Carol Adcock, Lucy Hinde, Nell Wester, Jim and JoAnn Couch, Raul De La Rosa, Tammi and Danny Monzingo, Frank and Debra Fred and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass.

Bill's wife Elia danced with us tonight. Our guest tonight was John and Nora Geen from San Angelo, Carol's daughter Tracey Swindle and my daughter Sherry Martinez. Bill always has new calls and new records and we have a great time dancing to him.

Lucy Hinde's birthday was



celebrated tonight. Bill will also be calling our festival on April 17-18 at the Civic Center. Everyone is invited to join us.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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Christy Rodriguez leans to round up a ground ball as Alysha Lara moves in to assist her in the Lady Lions game against Sonora on March 10.

Lady Lions Start district play with Sonora and Crane

The Lady Lions faced district rival Sonora coming up short in a hard fought 2-5 loss on March 10.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Alex Cruz, who would go the distance allowing three runs on 8 hits and walking 7 batters.

The Lady Lions would take an early 2-0 lead after Senior Alysha Lara would get on with a hit and be driven home by Rae Lynn Arredond, Britni Mitchel would also score on a hit from Lauren Najar.

"We started the game off great and made some good plays early. We had one bad inning and it cost us the momentum and Sonora was able to get back in the game. We were able to get runners on late and in scoring position, but were unable to produce runs," said Coach John Esparza. "I am very proud of the way the girls played they never let up. Anytime we play Sonora we never want to lose."

After a delay of the game on Friday, due to the rain, the Lady Lions traveled to Crane and took home a hard fought 3-1 victory.

Alex Cruz would again take the pitchers circle for the Lady Lions allowing no runs on three hits and walking two for the complete game win.

Crane would send out their ace pitcher and it was a pitchers dule with the game being scoreless until the forth inning.

The Lady Lions would get their first run in the fourth when Raelynn Arredondo would get on with a base hit to left Rebecca Ramos would then follow with her second double of the game moving Arredondo over to third.

Lauren Najar would then get the RBI with a single to short left field.

The Lady Lions would get on the board again in the fifth when Senior Alysha Lara would Lead off with a base hit to center, she would then steal second.

Freshman Adrienne Sanchez would then follow with a single advancing Lara to third, Britni Mitchel would then get an RBI on a feilders choice that would score Lara Sanchez would also score after an illegal pitch by Crane.

The Lady Lions would take a 3-1 lead into the sixth, with only one out and bases loaded the Lady Lion defense came up big. Cruz would force a short pop fly to first and then strike out the batter.

"I was proud of the way the Ladies would handle themselves in the sixth. We had some errors that allowed them to get runners on base but they never hung their heads they came together, made some big plays and didn't give up any runs," Esparza said.

The Lady Lions would then make three big plays in the seventh to seal the victory.

The first being Lara from her second base position nabbing a line drive that could have been extra bases.

Brtini Mitchel would then make a great stop at third and throwing out the runner, and for the last out Cruz would get a ground ball and throw out the runner at first.

"This was a great win for us the girls played one of their best games. I am so proud of them they have worked really hard this year," Esparza said.

OHS Drama Club to host dinner theatre on March 23

The Ozona High School Drama Club will perform their One-Act Play during a Dinner Theatre at 6 p.m. March 23.

This year's play is "The Women of Lockerbie" by Deborah Brevoort.

The play is about a mother from New Jersey who roams the hills of Lockerbie, Scotland, looking for her son's remains that were lost in the crash of Pan Am 103.

She meets the women of Lockerbie, who are fighting the U.S. government to obtain the clothing of the victims found in the plane's wreckage.

The women, determined to convert an act of hatred into an act of love, want to wash the clothes of the dead and return them to the victim's families.

"The Women of Lockerbie" is loosely inspired by a true story, although the characters and situations in the play are purely fictional.

Written in the structure of a Greek tragedy, it is a poetic



THE CAST of "The Women of Lockerbie" (left to right) Johnny Kolster, Lalo Longoria, Melissa Miller, Kara Bird, Julie Gutierrez, Adrianna Tijerina and Rebecca Rueffer. The cast will host a Dinner Theatre on March 23.

drama about the triumph of love over hate.

Winner of the silver medal in the Onassis International Playwriting Competition and the Kennedy Center Fund for New American Plays award.

"The students have been working very hard, due to the fact that we had to change plays in February. Their dedication has been unwavered by the adversity of getting a late start," said Coach Dottie De Leon.

Cast members are: Kara Bird, Melissa Miller, Rebecca Rueffer, Julie Gutierrez, Adrianna Tijerina, Lalo Longoria and Johnny Kolster; Michael Medina, Clarrisa Burciaga and Ben Flores are alternates and Duncan Knox, stage manager,

Jayce Logan, lights, Sarah Lott, sound and Erik Carrizales, deck crew.

Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10, at door. Tickets are available from any cast or crew member.

The cast is also raffeling off an "Every Step Lion Pride" handmade quit. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The group will be competing at District at 1 p.m. March 26 in Big Lake.

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Anthony Gonzales pitches for the JV Lions against the Sonora Broncos.



Ryan Mayfield steps up to the plate for the JV Lions in their March 10 game.

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Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 23 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

March 24 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

OMS Pool Tournament March 10

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OMS Track Teams compete at Sonora Relays

The OMS Lady Lions and Lions track teams competed at the Sonora Relays last week.

Due to the rainy weather, no field events were held.

Results:

Seventh grade girls

2,400-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 9:38.38; 4. Lexi Poindexter
 800-meter run - 3. Nancy Rodriguez; 5. Lexi Poindexter
 400-meter relay - 2. Angelina Ramos, Lisa Dorrrough, Kyann Hernandez, Savannah Rivera
 100-meter dash - 6. Jennifer Marquez
 200-meter dash - 3. Angelina Ramos
 1,600-meter relay - 4. Lazarae Rodriguez, Lexi Poindexter, Nancy Rodriguez, Daisy Guerra
 800-meter relay - 3. Angelina Ramos, Lisa Dorrrough, Kyann Hernandez, Savannah Rivera
 1,600-meter run - 1. Daisy

Guerra, 6:13.59.
Eighth grade girls
 2,400-meter run - 2. Mayra Rios; 3. Sabrina De La Garza
 800-meter run - 2. Arleen Castillo; 6. Kodi Glosson
 400-meter relay - 4. Natalia Ortiz, Brianna Certanez, Kodi Glosson, Arleen Castillo
 100-meter hurdles - 5. Sierra Trevino; 6. Tesla Caperton
 400-meter dash - 6. Jessica Borrego
 800-meter relay - 3. Natalia Ortiz, Kodi Glosson, Tesla Caperton, Brianna Cervantez
 1,600-meter run - 1. Mayra Rios, 6:26
Seventh grade boys
 2,400-meter run - 3. Josiah Juardo
 800-meter run - 1. Saul Benson, 2:30.55; 5. Jaylynn Vargas
 400-meter relay - 3. Daniel Gonzales, Tyler Galindo, Erik Duenes, Eli Monantez
 100-meter dash - 2. Erik Duenes; 4. Tristan Alvarez

200-meter dash - 3. Tristan Alvarez
 800-meter relay - 1. Daniel Gonzales, Tyler Galindo, Erik Duenes, Eli Monantez, 1:56.48
 1,600-meter run - 1. Saul Benson; 5. Josiah Jurado
 1,600-meter relay - 3. Saul Benson, Tyler Galindo, Eli Montanez, Daniel Gonzales
Eighth grade boys
 2,400-meter run - 6. Hector Gonzales
 400-meter relay - 3. Tres Perez, Jeffery Sanchez, Cuatro Jones, Jon David De Hoyos
 800-meter dash - 6. Hector Gonzales
 200-meter dash - 4. Blake Morrow
 800-meter relay - 3. Alex Borrego, Blake Morrow, Cuatro Jones, Jon David De Hoyos
 1,600-meter run - 6. Jason Badillo
 1,600-meter relay - 2. Alex Borrego, Blake Morrow, Cuatro Jones, Jeffery Sanchez



Ozona Cub Scouts participated in the District Pinewood Derby on March 7 at the Davidson Gymnasium. Scouts pictured are: (left to right) Josh Knaack, Justin Yeager, Murray Logan, Austin Moran, Marc Flores, Marcus Perez and Kabir Shah. Leaders are: Travis Knaack, Gary Yeager, Benny Logan and Roberta Tanguma, district executive.

District Pinewood Derby held March 7

Cub Scouts gathered at the Davidson Gymnasium on March 7 for the District Pinewood Derby.
 Thirteen Cub Scouts from Ozona and area towns participated.
 In Division I, it was an Ozona sweep with Austin Moran winning, followed by Marcus Perez in second and Marc Flores in third.
 In Division II, Martin Wright of Junction came out on top, followed by Clayton De La Rosa of Big Lake and Kabir Shah in third of Ozona. Rodrigo De Leon of Big

Lake won Best in Show. Austin Moran won Best Detail, Murray Logan was Most Futuristic, Best Paint Job Kodee Warriner and Most Patriotic Jacob Peddicord.

Lady Lions take third, Lions sixth at Sonora

The OHS Lady Lions Golf Team placed third at the March 10 Sonora meet. Winning the meet was Iraan, followed by Christoval, Brackett, Rocksprings and McCamey. Individual results for the Lady Lions were: Melissa Miller - 126; Jady Poindexter - 114; Kelsie Childress - 124 and Kelbie Renfroe - 129. Jady placed ninth as an individual.

"The girls tournament was tough going early on due to rain. It was very wet for the first couple of hours and then things dried up. I am very proud of the girls for placing third," said Coach Benny Granger.

The Lions placed sixth at Sonora. Individual results: Josh Smith 81; Matthew Garza 81; Stefan Wilson 103; Trey Fierro 109 and Ben Flores 117.

Josh and Matthew tied for fourth place as individuals.

"The boys have also been improving. Our short game is much better than at the beginning of the season. Both teams have a lot of room for improvement and our goal is to be in contention for an ad-

vanced spot to the regional golf tournament," Granger said.

Josh and Matthew competed in the two-day San Angelo tournament this past Friday and Saturday.

Friday was miserably wet and cold at Bentwood, Granger said.

Josh shot a 90 and Matthew shot a 91.

Saturday the Lions played Riverside and it was cold early, then warmed up some-

what, Granger said.

Josh shot an 88 and Matthew shot an 80.

"We go back to Bentwood on March 23 and that will be our final tune-up before district play," Granger said.

4-Hers place at Houston Stock Show

Several Crockett County 4-Hers traveled to the Houston Livestock Show last week.

Allie Black placed third in the medium weight finewool

lamb show and fifth in the medium weight market goat show. Murphey Black was sixth in the heavy weight finewool lamb show and seventh in the light heavy weight market goats.

Kelbie Renfroe placed third in the light heavy weight medium wool lamb show.

Also traveling to Houston were Taylor Newton, Abby Newton, Latham Ducote and Kramer Hall.

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Texas cattle trichomoniasis program adopted, rules take effect April 1

BY CARLA EVERETT
Texas Animal Health Commission

Beginning April 1, breeding bulls entering Texas from any other state must be either 24 months of age or younger and certified as a virgin, or be tested negative for cattle trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry.

The entry requirements are part of a regulatory package adopted by the commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Feb. 24 to address trichomoniasis, a venereal disease of cattle that causes infertility and abortions, and results in extended breeding seasons and diminished calf crops, which costs livestock producers valuable income.

Cattle trichomoniasis is not a human health issue. The second phase of the program, which will address in-state movement of Texas breeding bulls, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2010.

"Industry members had significant input into the development of these regulations," said TAHC Commissioner Coleman Locke, who represents the beef industry on the commission and headed the Trichomoniasis Work-

ing Group. "The 74 comments we received from associations and individuals regarding the proposed regulations were reviewed carefully, and adaptations to the proposed rules were made in the adopted regulations to make the program workable for the producers."

"We have worked for months with industry members, veterinarians and the working group, to gather information, develop the proposed regulations, and following the conclusion of the comment period, considered all comments to develop a viable, cost-effective program to address this disease that can drain a cattle producer's profits," added Dr. Bob Hillman, executive director of the TAHC. "At least 15 other states in the western half of the United States have developed similar trichomoniasis programs to address the disease in their states."

Under the new regulations, Trichomoniasis also becomes a reportable disease in Texas, which will give us more information on where and how much infection already is in the state Hillman said.

"There is no effective treatment or vaccine for bulls, and as they age, the surface

of their organs becomes more hospitable to the protozoa, perpetuating the infection," he said.

The majority of infected cows will clear the infection, if they are given 120-150 days of sexual rest.

A vaccine also can be administered to infected cows to help control the disease in the cow herd, Hillman said.

"Producers with infected herds should consult with their veterinarian to determine the most appropriate measures to employ to eliminate the disease from their herds," Hillman said.

The interstate, or state-to-state movement, phase of the trichomoniasis regulations will begin April 1.

Breeding bulls entering Texas must be officially identified, and may come certified as virgins, provided they are 24 months of age or younger, and have not commingled with female cattle.

A breeder's certificate must accompany the virgin breeding bull, signed by the breeder, and the information also must be included on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Routine documents also are required, including the

certificate of veterinary inspection, and other applicable tuberculosis or brucellosis entry requirements must be met, depending on the state of origin, or if the bull is a beef or dairy animal.

Non-virgin breeding bulls or bulls older than 24 months of age entering Texas on and after April 1 must be tested negative for trichomoniasis within 30 days prior to entry.

During the test period and prior to shipment, the bulls must have no contact with female cattle. Like virgin bulls, the non-virgin bulls must be officially identified with a breed registry tattoo or brand, a USDA metal ear tag, official RFID tag, official trichomoniasis ear tag from the state of origin, or other official identification. The animal must be accompanied by a completed trichomoniasis test document, certificate of veterinary inspection and other routine health documents.

The second phase of the Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Program will begin Jan. 1, 2010, and will require that Texas breeding bulls offered for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise change possession for breeding within the state be certified as virgin bulls or

be tested negative prior to selling, loaning, exchanging, giving or otherwise changing the possession of a breeding bull. (No test or certification is required for bulls shipped or sold directly to slaughter.)

When the program is implemented, Texas breeding bulls undergoing change of possession must be officially identified with a USDA ear tag, official RFID tag, or breed registry tattoo or brand.

The animals may be certified by the breeder to be virgins until the age of 24 months, as indicated by the presence of the animal's two permanent central incisors in wear, or more simply, by the birth date recorded on the animals' breed registry papers.

The bull's virgin status can be extended to 30 months, which was requested by commenters, provided the breeder and the herd's accredited veterinarian certify on a breeder's certificate that the bull facility is sufficient to prevent contact with female cattle.

Hillman said that samples for testing must be collected by accredited veterinarians certified to conduct cattle trichomoniasis work, and tests will be run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL).

"Seminars will be offered around Texas for accredited veterinarians to become certified, to ensure that the collection methods, paperwork completion, sample submission, disease reporting and management of infected bull herds are uniform throughout the state," Hillman said. "Payment for sample collection and laboratory costs will be the responsibility of the producer."

Bulls of unknown status may be sold for breeding with one negative RT-PCR test or three negative culture tests,

each conducted not less than one week apart. The breeding bulls must remain separated from female cattle during the testing.

Negative test results will be valid for 30 days, but only if the tested breeding bulls continue to be separated from heifers or cows.

"Infected bulls will be restricted to movement for slaughter only, as there is no effective treatment for this disease," Hillman said. "The remaining bulls in the herd will be held, isolated from female cattle, until they are tested, at least once more by PCR test, or twice more by culture, each culture conducted at least a week apart. If the remaining bulls test negative (each non-virgin bull in an infected herd must have at least two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests or at least three consecutive negative culture tests in order to be classified as negative), they are free to move."

"Producers who have encountered cattle trichomoniasis in their herd know how devastating this disease can be to their calf crop and production," Hillman said. "This program is directly in response to producer and association requests for help to stop the spread of this insidious disease, and to stop the importation of infected bulls into the state. It is important to note that since this is an industry-requested program, input from the cattle industry is critical to the effective functioning of the program. To this end the rules contain provisions for the program to be reviewed annually by a broad-based Trichomoniasis Review Working Group, which can make recommendations on changes or even abolishment of the program."

For more information, call the TAHC at (800) 550-8242.

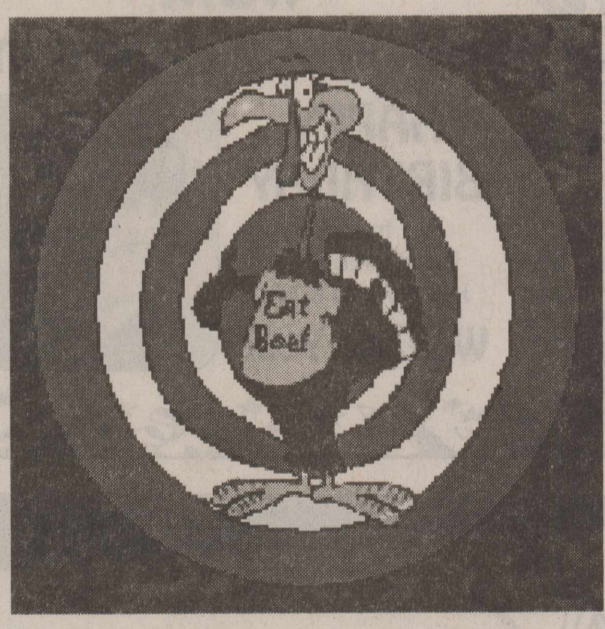
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USDA Celebrates National Ag Day Thursday

BIG LAKE - American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, and even fuel. That's the message of National Ag Day, which is celebrated March 20.

According to Jed W. Hruska, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County - producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America will gather to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture on this first day of spring.

"The National Ag Day program is committed to increasing public awareness about American agriculture," said Hruska. "As the world population soars, there is even greater

demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources that the United States produces."

The Agriculture Council of America, organizers of National Ag Day, says that every American should understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.

Consumers should appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

National Ag Day will focus on educating Americans about the industry, so they may also acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industry.

"Today's farmer feeds more than 130 people in the

United States and abroad," said Hruska. "In 1960, that number was 25. Today, more than 15 percent of the U.S. population is employed in farm or farm-related jobs."

Each year, the National Ag Day program gathers members of the agricultural industry in an effort to promote American agriculture.

Focused on sharing how agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, the National Ag Day program helps educate millions of consumers each year.

Join this effort to promote American agriculture to everyone during National Ag Week, March 15-21, 2009.

For more information contact your local USDA Service Center or the Agriculture Council of America.

TSGRA meeting Tuesday in Mertzon

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association members in District 2 will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Community Building in Mertzon. There will be a business meeting, followed

by the noon meal hosted by Bob and Peggy Steger and David and Peggy Wilson. Bob Steger is district chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

District 2 is made up of the

counties of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Crockett, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, Scurry, Sterling, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

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SUNSHINE: Obama has committed himself to transparency, accountability

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lic, and makes it all available at their site, www.VoteSmart.org. The Center for Responsive Politics tracks donations to presidential and congressional candidates as well as national party committees at www.OpenSecrets.org. Many others are looking at government subsidies and contracts, earmarks and corporate influence.

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President Obama has committed himself to transparency and accountability: He was co-sponsor

of a 2006 federal law that created USASpending.org, which provides detailed federal spending lists, and the Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Federal Spending Act of 2008 that addressed problems at USASpending.org.

That's a start. And it only makes sense. If we're going to promote democracy around the world, shouldn't we also promote its health at home?

EDWIN BENDER is executive director of the National Institute on Money in State Politics, Helena, Mont.

STATE: Voter ID bill up for debate

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who would submit falsified voter registration applications and receive voter registration certificates.

Under SB 362, before casting a ballot, each voter would have to present an election clerk working at the poll with an acceptable government-issued identification card and their voter registration certificate. A list of acceptable forms of official identification would be posted at each poll.

Floor debate on March 10-11 took 23 hours, with Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock as chair. Democrats challenged the bill on parliamentary and constitutional grounds to no avail.

Some Republican members who spoke in favor asserted that evidence of widespread voter fraud

exists in Texas and in other states. Democrats said there was no proof of widespread voter fraud.

They alleged the bill was part of a nationwide voter suppression effort and that if passed SB 362 would discriminate against older Texans, the poor, Hispanics and African-Americans, and in general, against Texans who do not have a driver's license.

An estimated 100 witnesses testified, some in favor, some against, and some neutral, as resource witnesses.

Current law only requires a citizen to present their voter registration certificate to vote.

SB 362 is certain to pass the full Senate and then will move to the House, where voter ID bills passed

in 2005 and 2007, when Republicans enjoyed more of a majority.

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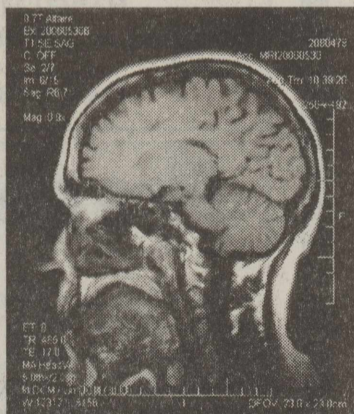
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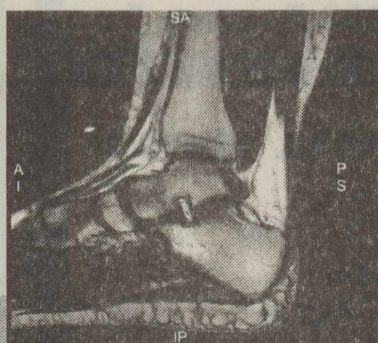
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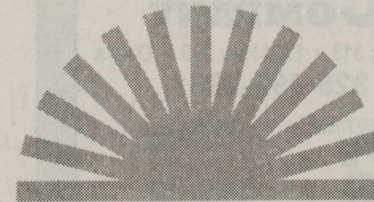
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