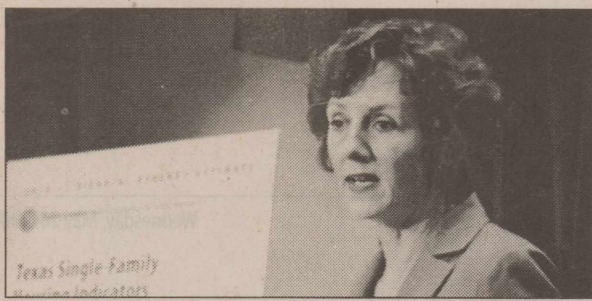


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## English, Spence lead the Class of 2009

Ethan English has been named the Valedictorian for the Ozona High School Class of 2009. English finishes with a 100.8750 grade point average.

The Salutatorian is Chelsea Spence with a 100.1600 GPA.

These two will lead their classmates at the commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. on May 29 at Lion Stadium. Baccalaureate will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at the high school auditorium.

English is the son of Ben and Cathy English. He plans on attending and graduating from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. and studying mechanical engineering. His ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a United States Marine Corps officer.

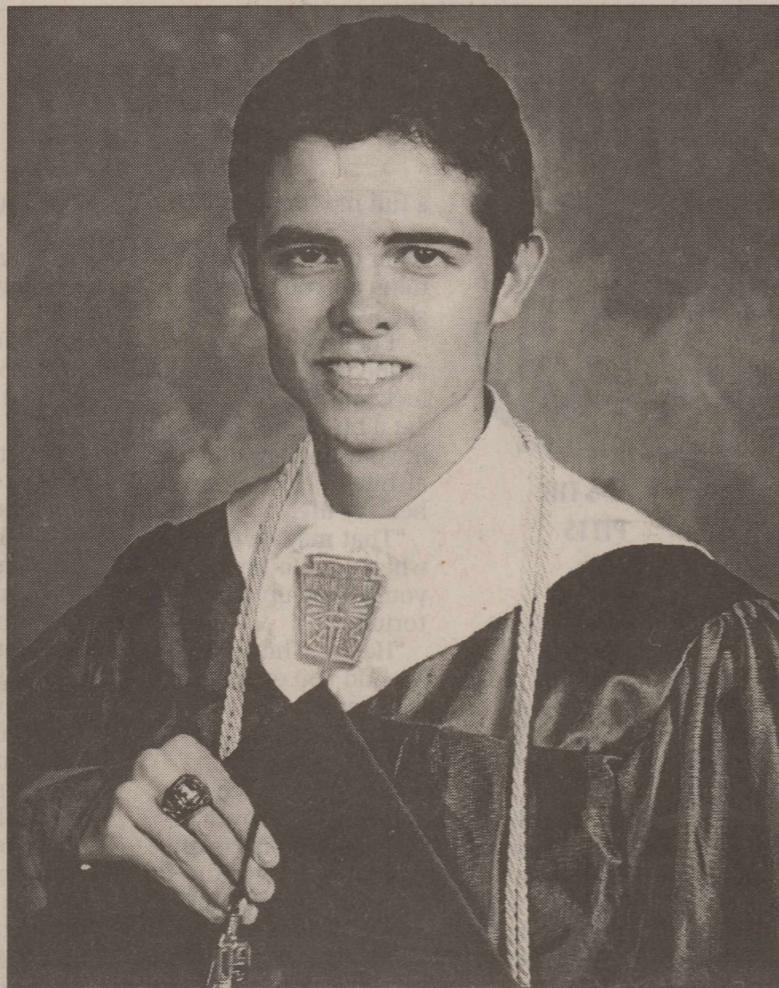
During his high school career, English has competed in University Interscholastic League computer science, where he won a state championship and runner-up state championship. He also participated in number sense, science, L-D debate, math, headline writing, current events and ready writing.

English could also be spotted on the track field and running cross country. He is a regional qualifier in both events, was named Cross Country MVP his junior year and won the Track Fighting Heart Award his junior and senior year.

English is a member of the National Honor Society and the OHS Student Council. He was also very active in Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout Award, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Ozona.

Spence is the daughter of Ted Spence and Gail Spence. She plans on attending Texas A&M at Corpus Christi and majoring in secondary education.

During her high school career, Spence participated in UIL current events, literary criticism and spelling.



**VALEDICTORIAN  
ETHAN ENGLISH**

Spence was also seen participating with the OHS Band all four years, including being on the Colorguard and Drum Major her last two years. She was named Outstanding Senior Girl at this year's Band Banquet.

She was vice president of the National Honor Society, Student Council Vice President, Student Council Representative for two years and Junior Class Vice President.

Heather Thompson is the third magna cum laude graduate with a 98.9322 GPA. She is the daughter of Brad and Janet Thompson.

Daniel Anderson is the next magna cum laude graduate with a 98.3846 GPA. He is the son of Tom and Diane Anderson.

Magna cum laude graduate Nathan Knox has a

97.3461 GPA. He is the son of Bobby Knox.

Amber Lewis is a magna cum laude graduate with a GPA of 96.222. She is the daughter of John and Diana Lewis.

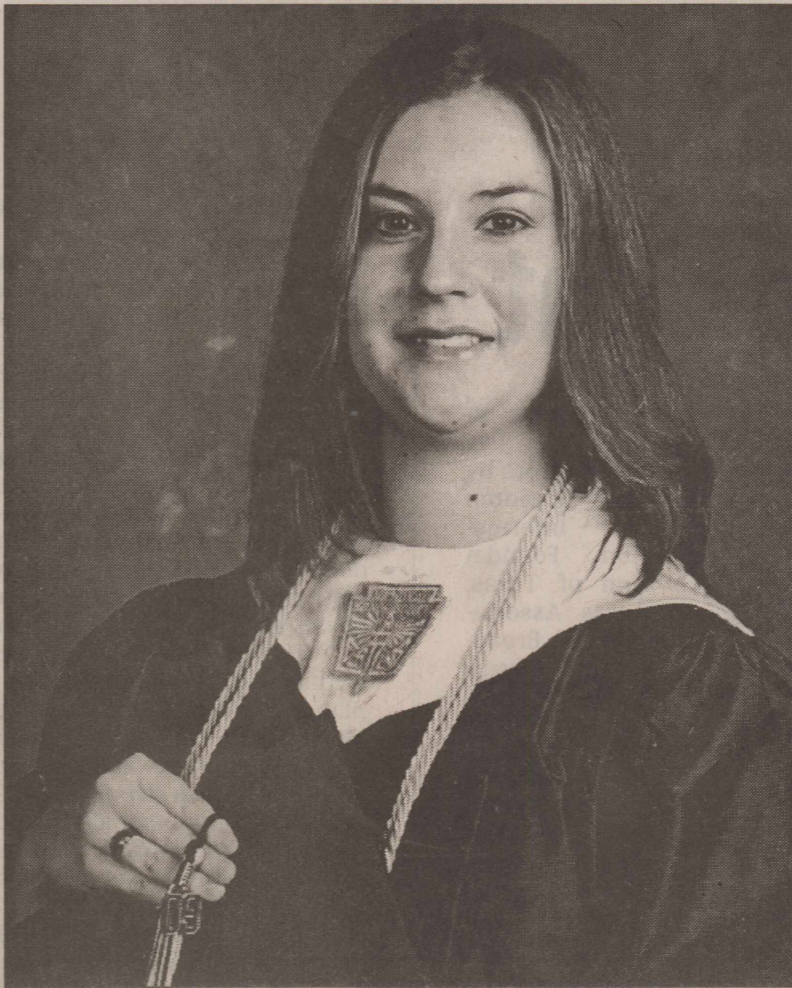
The final magna cum laude graduate is Kara Bird with a 95.4107 GPA. She is the daughter of Richard Bird.

Cum laude graduate Alysha Lara is the daughter of Abel and Anna Lara. She is graduating with a 94.4107 GPA.

A 94.2500 GPA was earned by cum laude graduate Ruben Rivas. He is the son of Miguel and Rosie Rivas.

Matthew Komechak is the son of Cindy Reavis Komechak and Gil Komechak. He graduates cum laude with a 94.0384 GPA.

Cum laude graduate Barbara Caperton has a 94.0000 GPA. She is the daughter of



**SALUTATORIAN  
CHELSEA SPENCE**

Barbara E. Caperton and Josh Caperton.

Earning a 93.5892 GPA is cum laude graduate Melissa Miller. She is the daughter of Jill and Ronald Koerth and Mike Miller.

Rebecca Rueffer is graduating cum laude with a 92.8076 GPA. She is the daughter of Sharon and Eddie Martin and Jack and Sally Rueffer.

Wilson White is the next cum laude graduate with a 91.2916 GPA. He is the son of Jim and Vicki White.

Cum laude graduate Felix Venegas Jr. is the son of Felix and Maria Venegas. He is graduating with a 90.6666 GPA.

Jesse Ramos Jr. is graduating with a 90.6607 GPA. He is the son of Michelle Ramos and Jesse Ramos.

Earning a 90.3571 GPA is cum laude graduate Ben Flores. He is the son of Omero Flores, Lissa Benson and Rosie Ochoa.

Josh Smith is the final cum laude graduate with a 90.0600 GPA. He is the son of Johnny and Nancy Smith.

Other candidates for graduation for the Class of 2009 are: James Caldera, K.C. Carson, Cheyene Coy, Devon Diehl, Latham Ducote, Billy Elston, Eric Gabbhart, Desiree Galan, Matias Gandar III, Matthew Garza, Silvia Hernandez, Nick Hill, Christopher Lara, Thomas Longoria, Sarah Lott, Miranda Munoz, Fabian Onate, Felix Perez, Cristina Rodriguez, Isaac Rodriguez, Stacy Silva, Steven Silva, Preston Tebbetts, Veronica Valdez and Iris Vergara.

## School board names finalist for superintendent

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees named Chris duBois, assistant superintendent of finance at Grape Creek, as the lone finalist for superintendent during a special meeting Monday night.

Out of the 31 applications received, the board selected duBois out of four finalists interviewed during special meetings on May 13 and Monday night.

"This decision was made by the consensus of the board throw the interview process that was done and his experience at previous schools," said Dr. Marcus Sims, board president.

DuBois, 45, has worked at Grape Creek ISD for six years. Prior to being an assistant superintendent he was high school principal at Grape Creek. Before that, duBois said he worked for the San Angelo Independent School District.

"We are really excited. We have been looking for a community to be part of, more than just a school system," he said. "We are certainly anxious to meet everyone in town. I express my invitation to everyone to come by and say 'hello.' I will be making the rounds as early as I can to get established in the community."

With duBois current financial role at Grape Creek and the Texas Legislature still in session, negotiations are being made as to when duBois will start in Ozona. State law requires a 21-day waiting period for finalists before the

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## Weather siren guidelines being set by emergency officials

BY STEVE KENLEY  
CROCKETT COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

Crockett County Emergency Management is currently working with the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department to set up guidelines as to when and under what conditions the weather sirens are sounded.

Most importantly, additional methods are being studied on how best to keep the residents informed of hazardous weather information.

The goal will be to set a set of guidelines as to conditions and timing relating to the sounding of the fire sirens for weather emergencies. Once established, when the conditions meet the guidelines established, the sirens will be sounded.

These conditions will be published weekly in The Ozona Stockman during the severe

weather season. Hopefully, residents will know that when the sirens are sounding, what conditions are present, and have planned ahead on the actions they need to take.

By knowing that a set of conditions have been met, this will hopefully decrease the number of people calling 9-1-1, and on sheriff's office and fire department phones. Flooding the phone lines only increases the likely hood that critical information will be delayed.

An example would be that the following conditions have been met to activate the sirens: 1. National Weather Service is tracking a severe storm that shows rotation or hook formations; 2. A weather spotter has observed a funnel cloud or 3. The storm is estimated to cross over Ozona with 15 minutes. This should give the citizens

the 15 minutes to implement their severe weather plan. It does not mean that something bad will happen. These storms are known to sometimes move in erratic patterns, thus going around the town.

We realize that people need reliable and correct information. The first part of achieving this is to set a list of conditions as to when the sirens will be sounded.

These guidelines will be published weekly in The Ozona Stockman during the severe weather season. In addition ways are being considered on how best to use the Reverse-9-1-1 system.

Officials have the ability to send a recorded message to every phone in Ozona within a few minutes. Currently the timing and the number of times messages will be sent are being con-

sidered.

An example would be that when the National Weather Service notifies emergency officials of a severe storm that "could" affect Ozona, the message would be relayed to citizens through the reverse 9-1-1 system. This would give you a very early cautionary warning, so that you could start thinking about your personal severe weather plans. This could possibly solve another problem, that being that there are homes and businesses inside of which the warning siren cannot be heard.

There are certain things that we cannot provide during or proceeding a storm. We are not able to give specific information as to which specific part of town is to be affected or will be affected. By sounding the warning siren, we are doing just that warning.

## Memorial Day services Monday, Stockman to be closed

The annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Wall located between Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries.

The hour-long event will include presentation of outstanding student awards; the President's Memorial Day message; recognition of fallen veterans; playing of "Amazing Grace," "Taps" and a 21-gun salute.

After the ceremony, those in attendance may help place U.S. flags on veterans graves at both cemeteries.

Flags will be provided at the ceremony.

If we have flags on all of our veterans graves, our

cemeteries would be a sea of United States Flags waiving in the air signifying the sacrifice and the freedom our veterans gave for our country," said Frank Tambunga, ceremony coordinator. "I hope everyone takes the time on this special day to remember our fallen veterans."

Along with county offices, banks and the U.S. Postal Service, The Ozona Stockman will be closed Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The deadline for the May 27 edition is 4 p.m. Friday, May 22.

Ozona schools will not be closed and regular classes will be held that day.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to sheriff's office for checking business

Dear Editor:

On behalf of J. Cleo Thompson, I would like to publicly thank to Crockett County Sheriff's Office for their hard and dedication to the citizens and businesses of Crockett County.

Upon getting to work Monday morning, we were surprised to find a notice on our door stating that our facility had been checked in the early morning

hours of Saturday. Our facility was found to be secure. With field personnel coming in and out during the weekend and after hours, it could have easily been accidentally left unsecured.

It is very comforting to know that we have these fine individuals on our streets night and day looking after us and our business.

J. Cleo Thompson  
James Dalby, District Supt.  
Ozona, Texas

### Is the sheriff's office harrassing or doing their job?

Dear Editor:

I, like Mona Sanchez, am a felon for things I've done in my past. Although I find myself incarcerated, and somewhat in the same shoes, I'm of my own mind. Like those before me as those after me, our opinions will differ.

I cannot agree or disagree with her, but understand where she is coming from, I can. Like many of Ozona's citizens, I've been following closely all the letters sent to the paper, some speaking good and some speaking bad, of the Crockett County Sheriff's Of-

fice. I can understand how some of the citizens of Ozona might feel as though the Crockett County Sheriff's Office is harassing them.

In this also, I cannot agree or disagree, but express my understanding because I've not seen with my own eyes what is going on, only what I read can I go off of.

Here is an issue I find myself compelled to give my opinion on, if Joann V. Galindo feels the Crockett County Sheriff's Office is harassing her or her family address that issue. There is no reason why a person should

find themselves addressing the Crockett County Sheriff's Office one week and the next criticizing and slandering another person for being incarcerated, just because that person gave her opinion on how she felt about the local law enforcement.

Furthermore, the statement made on "90 percent of the people who go to prison for selling drugs come out doing the same thing they were doing before."

Whether those are true statistics or a judgement of your imagination, I don't know. I do know that statements, as well as opinions,

like those cause people to view a person like Mona or myself in a bad manner.

Though we've made mistakes it does not mean we cannot change. As you say, "you understand everybody makes mistakes," well instead of just saying and writing about it "expound" on your statement and give way to true understanding.

We are not bad people, just because we are locked up and not all of us will go back to doing the same bad things.

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## 'Good Hair' did something right

I don't always agree with Gov. Rick Perry.

In fact, most people who know me have heard me mention how much I generally loathe "Governor Good Hair."

However, I have to admit that Perry does deserve some thanks for a bill he signed last week.

Perry signed House Bill 670, adding Texas to the ranks of 36 states and the District of Columbia that have a "shield law" to protect journalists' confidential sources and whistle-blowers.

Also deserving thanks are state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, the author of the bill, and state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, the Senate sponsor, and the House and Senate lawmakers who approved this landmark legislation.

The Texas effort to enact a shield law has been going on since the 1970s. Four years ago, the Senate sponsor of the legislation - Ellis - pulled down his bill after it had been watered down.

Two years ago, a similar measure passed the Senate, but was killed by a point of order in the House during the legislative session's final week.

What is formally called the Free Flow of Information Act takes effect immediately. Newspaper and television groups have worked hard for this bill for many years.

Under the new law, a reporter may be compelled to testify if the prosecutor proves to a judge all reasonable efforts to get the information elsewhere have been exhausted.

The law also requires that a subpoena not demand more information than necessary and stipulates that in generating a subpoena, the state's interest in obtaining the information must outweigh the public's interest in protecting journalists' sources.

Journalists are also required to identify a confidential source in a criminal case if the source was observed by the journalist committing a felony, confessed to the journalist that he committed a felony, or if there is probable cause to believe that the confidential source committed a felony and the prosecutor has exhausted all efforts to obtain the source's identity. The journalist could also be made to reveal the source if disclosure is necessary to prevent certain death or substantial bodily harm.

Online bloggers and authors not employed by a recognized media news outlet are not protected by the Free Flow of Information Law.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

effort culminating in passage of the bill.

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Why is the new law important?

Say a person has information that county commissioners award contracts for a public project to a company that is providing secret payments or bribes. Perhaps, a person has information that a school superintendent is taking money that should be used for classroom instruction or athletic competition. Maybe an employee of a nonprofit agency learns that the executive director is taking money meant for charitable purposes. We're not saying any of this is happening here, but if it does, the public needs to know about it.

Many times, people with that kind of information are afraid they will be retaliated against for coming forward. They fear for their jobs and, in some cases, their safety and the safety of their families. Sometimes, governments or desperate individuals will go to great lengths to keep such damaging information from becoming public.

Brave people turn to the news media to get their information out. Journalists sometimes offer their sources anonymity, but do everything they can to verify the information before printing or broadcasting it.

In the Austin-American Statesman, the governor summed up the situation well: "This was a complex issue that required thoughtful consideration, and I am pleased that lawmakers were able to strike a balance between protecting the rights of the people and the press."

The governor has taken his lumps from the media and no doubt will take more. But in signing the shield bill into law he placed the public interest above his own.

The work on this bill has taken effort by The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association committed to a multi-legislative session

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## Knock On Wood



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Kids these days sure do have a lot to learn.

An entire generation is being raised with all the knowledge in the world right at their fingertips and yet they remain largely uneducated.

They can Google, text and e-mail and yet they step on cracks in the sidewalk and continue to walk under ladders.

They may be the smartest generation in history and yet they do not know that a black cat brings bad luck.

I found out that young people today don't know their superstitions when my niece asked, "Uncle Lee, why are there circles and quarter-circles on this calendar?"

"They are the phases of the moon," I explained. "Many farmers and ranchers plan their schedules around the moon. They castrate and dehorn animals when the moon is in its waning phase and fence posts are always stronger if set when there is almost no moon at all. Farmers believe their crops will grow better if planted in the first phase and some even bury a cow's horn filled with quartz and water for luck."

"How was this suspect data acquired," my intelligent niece asked.

"Everybody has known these things for years," I replied.

"I've never heard such nonsense," said my niece. "It sounds like voodoo to me."

"No, no, for your own health and safety I'd suggest you learn these superstitions or you might eat a mushroom that was dug in

a full moon and die."

"That's crazy. What other silly superstitions do you believe in?" she asked.

"I believe that singing at the table will bring bad luck and that you should eat a bit of gun powder in your oatmeal once in awhile to lead a long and healthy life."

"That may be true but when you do finally die you'll blow up the crematorium!"

"Ha, ha. This is no laughing matter. How do you expect to have a good marriage and be successful in business if you continue to live in darkness?" I asked.

"You can't be serious Uncle Lee? Has any of this been scientifically proven?"

"Oh sure. Just ask any rodeo cowboy. They always put their right foot in the stirrup first, don't carry loose change in their pockets and never wear yellow."

"That's not scientific. It's baloney. Do you have any better proof?"

"Sure do. There's the old superstition that if a wild bird flies into your house someone close to you will die. Sure enough, we had a wild bird fly into our house and 34 years later my dad died."

"Pretty convincing," said my sarcastic

sis. "You said it would affect my marriage. How?"

"For one thing, if you see a pig at a wedding hire a divorce lawyer immediately."

"I don't go to many weddings where there are pigs," countered my niece. "I thought you were smarter than this, Uncle Lee."

"Let's just say that with my luck I can't afford to take any chances. Once I was a nonbeliever like you but I found out the hard way. I didn't spit on the white horse that came to a branding for luck and the branding fire got out of control and burned down the old outhouse."

"Is there anything else that you think brings good luck?" asked my niece.

"Sure. If you accidentally put your underwear on backwards that can be lucky."

"But I'd imagine that would create other problems," said my astute niece, no doubt thinking about the outhouse.

After witnessing my niece's sarcastic attitude towards these time-tested superstitions I'm terribly concerned about the future of the younger generation. I bet there's not a lucky penny, rabbit's foot or four-leaf clover between them.

Hopefully they still have enough time to come to their senses and nail up a few horseshoes, separate their sheep from their goats and throw some salt over their shoulders.

Knock on wood.

## Adults riding in back seat would have to buckle up under proposed law

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate on May 14 approved legislation that requires automobile passengers of all ages to buckle their seatbelts, no matter where they sit.

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, author of SB 1028, said, "This is about safety; it's about making sure that people don't end up dying or in the hospital."

Watson said Texas Department of Transportation figures show that in 2006 there were nearly 400 traffic fatalities that could have been prevented by wearing a seatbelt, and that passengers not wearing seatbelts are twice as likely to be hospitalized after a crash.

Texas would join 35 other states that mandate seatbelts for all passengers if the bill is approved by the House and signed by the governor.

### SALES TAX HOLIDAY SET TO EXPAND

The House on May 13 passed HB 1801, legislation that would expand the Aug. 21-23 state sales tax holiday to include school supplies. Current law limits the sales tax holiday to clothing and shoes.

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"School clothes and sneakers are already eligible for tax-exemption and we think crayons and paper ought to be too," said Rep. Trey Martinez-Fisher, D-San Antonio. "We have been working since 2005 to make school supplies more affordable for Texas families, and I am pleased that through a bi-partisan effort we are about to make that a reality." Rep. Dwayne Bohac, R-Houston, is coauthor of the bill.

The state comptroller's office estimates that those who purchase clothing and school supplies during the upcoming sales tax holiday would save a total of \$9.5 million in sales taxes if HB 1801 passes.

### SENATE PASSES STEM CELL MEASURE

The state Senate on May 14 approved a bill intended to help lawmakers determine the extent of stem cell research being performed by state agencies.

SB 2573 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, would require all state agencies involved in biomedical research to submit a report

detailing any research involving stem cells or human cloning.

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOSPITALIZED

Rep. Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, was found collapsed in a state Capitol elevator on May 12, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Rep. John Zerwas, R-Houston, a physician, and Texas Department of Public Safety officers, rendered first aid on the spot. Kuempel was transported to an Austin hospital where he was put into a medically induced coma as part of ongoing treatment.

Kuempel, 66, is chairman of the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedure.

### TEXAS REMEMBERS FALLEN OFFICERS

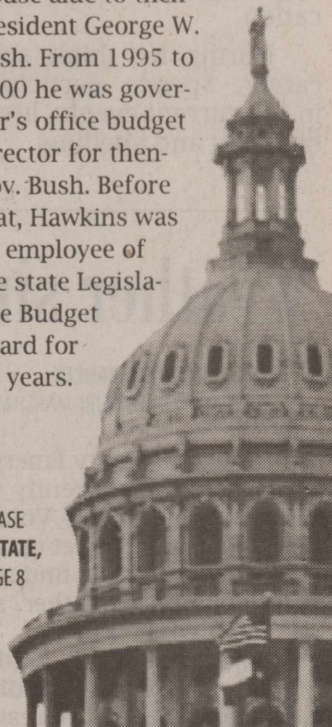
On May 15, Peace Officer Memorial Day, state Capitol Complex flags were flown at half staff in memory of fallen police officers. The day is part of National Police Week.

### HUMAN SERVICES CHIEF RETIRES

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins announced his retirement after a 35-year career in state government.

Hawkins, head of the agency since January 2003, earlier served as a senior White House aide to then-President George W. Bush. From 1995 to 2000 he was governor's office budget director for then-Gov. Bush. Before that, Hawkins was an employee of the state Legislative Budget Board for 16 years.

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### CORRECTIONS

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

## State Comptroller to visit Ozona Friday

Texas State Comptroller-Susan Combs will be visiting Ozona at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Conference Room.

Combs visit is open to the public. She will talk to residents about the statewide economic outlook, the latest news from the comptroller's office, Texas workforce needs, economic development and issues impacting Texas taxpayers.

"Although this is the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, residents are encouraged to stop before they begin their weekend plans," said Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director.

Combs will start her day at 8:30 a.m. in Junction, followed by a 10:30 a.m. visit in Sonora and then Ozona.

Combs was elected in 2006 to the office of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The comptroller is the chief steward of the state's finances, acting as tax collector, chief accountant, chief revenue estimator and chief treasurer for all of state government.

As comptroller, Combs was one of only three women named to Government Technology's 2009 list of the Top 25 "Doers, Dreamers and Drivers," recognizing leaders who



SUSAN COMBS

use technology to solve problems, meet evolving expectations and operate more efficient government operations.

In recognizing the demand for improved services, Combs' efforts to reengineer the comptroller's office propelled the state to analyze expenses and use electronic tools to offer a transparent look at government spending.

She brought the agency into the 21st century, and by leading the charge with transparency, she's now helping other state agencies and local governments open their books and identify ways to spend smarter.

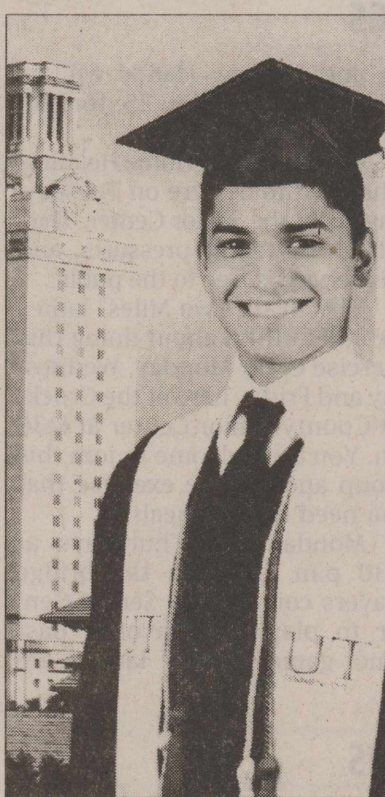
Combs won back-to-back elections in 1998 and 2002 to serve as Texas Agriculture Commissioner, taking the reins as the first woman elected to the office.

For more on Combs, and the comptroller's office, visit [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## Fierro graduates from UT

The Regents, Faculty and Graduating Class of the University of Texas at Austin announce that Derek Ross Fierro is a candidate to receive a bachelor of arts degree in history with minors in business administration and Spanish on Friday, May 22.

He is the son of Gilbert and Santa Garza and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Castro Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Maclovio Fierro Jr., all of Ozona.



## Castro receives masters degree

Erin Yvonne Castro received her master's in environmental science from the University of Texas at San Antonio on May 9.

She received her bachelor's in chemistry/mathematics from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2006 and is also a 2002 Ozona High School graduate.

Erin will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station in the fall of 2009 to pursue her doctorate in environmental sciences.

She was one of three recipients that were awarded the Graduate Diversity Fel-



lowship from Texas A&M University, which will completely fund her studies for three years.

She is the daughter of Lupe and Elaine Castro, granddaughter of Eleno and Esmie Moran and Inocente and Olivia Castro, all of Ozona.

## Community Calendar

### Wednesday, May 20

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Track Team at the Regional Meet in Odessa.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

### Thursday, May 21

- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Diabetes Support Group, 5:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- OHS Academic Awards, 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium.
- Chamber of Commerce board meeting at the Visitor Center.

### Friday, May 22

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Senior Class Trip.
- State Comptroller Susan Combs visit, 12:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

### Saturday, May 23

- OHS Prom at the Civic Center.

### Sunday, May 24

- OHS Baccalaureate, 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

### Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day ceremony, 10 a.m. at the Veterans Wall at the cemeteries.
- UIL State Academic Meet in Austin.

### Tuesday, May 26

- UIL State Academic Meet in Austin.
- Methodist Church High School Senior Hamburger Supper, 5:30 p.m. at the rodeo park.

### Wednesday, May 27

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K through Second Grade awards, 9 a.m. at the intermediate school.
- Ozona Head Start Graduation, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Eighth Grade Promotion, 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

## Happy Birthday

May 20 - Rosie Ochoa, Abel Campos, Zachary Pena, Rudy Martinez, Robert Torres and Dillen Ramirez

May 21 - Alan Lozano, Sandra Perez, Gwin Jamerson, Pauline Bentley, Leticia Ortiz, Jordan De Hoyos and Diane Hernandez

May 22 - Connie Crenwelge, Dianne Lott, Derek Webb, Slate Williams, Margarita Rodriguez, Jasmine Talamantez, Terrie Mar-

inez, Valicia Vargas and Iris Vergara

May 23 - Jenny Breitschopf, Marco Sandate and Rebecca Ramos

May 24 - Susana Chavez, Mia Gutierrez, Raul Rico, Barbara Savala, Abelika Estrada and Isabell Santiago

May 25 - Makenah Villarreal and Teresa Cervantez

May 26 - Alex Borrego Jr. and Wilda Ramos

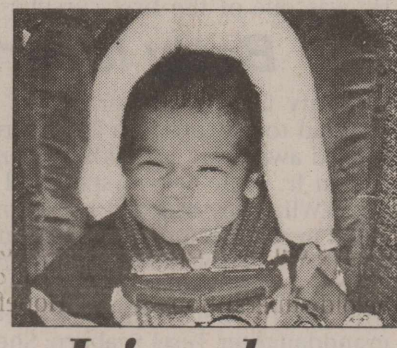


### It's a girl

Wyatt Weston is a proud big brother to Makenzie Lynn born May 7, 2009. She weighed eight pounds, five ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Wess and Kelli Wall of Rocksprings and two other brothers Hunter and Roper. Grandparents are Roland Lori De Hoyos of Ozona and Fred and Paulette of Rocksprings.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Jackie Seale of Rocksprings and Thomas and Alda De Hoyos of Ozona. Also welcoming her are her uncles Nate and Chase De Hoyos.



### It's a boy

Proud parent Kayla Pratt wishes to announce the arrival of her precious bundle of joy.

Ariston Jordan Pratt was born on April 26, 2009 at 11:23 a.m. in Shannon Medical Center. He weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces. Welcoming him home is his grandparents Brenda Ramos of Ozona and Ronnie Pratt of Grantsville, Utah. His great-grandparents are Belia and Bob Darling of Ozona. He is truly a gift from heaven.

### Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 22, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We saw Al Fields out and about this past weekend. He was celebrating his 90th "something" birthday. We are always happy to see Al and Betty.

Our Bingo Social last Thursday was good. We had about 40 guests that attended and the food was very good. Everyone had a good time and is looking forward to our next Bingo Social on June 11.

Dorothy Friend is on her way to Ruidoso. Dorothy, we wish you a really good summer and know all of your friends here will miss you.

Crockett County Senior Cen-

ter and Helping Hands will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Concho Valley Home Health is scheduled to be here on Tuesday, May 26, at the Senior Center. They will check blood pressures and this service is free to the public.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still faithful about doing this exercise every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 am. You are welcome to join this group and get the exercise that you need to keep healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are

faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

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

We have recently added to our activities a new projector with stand and a screen.

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

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

**OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

**Installation ceremony conducted for new officers**

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL  
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Thirteen members of the Ozona Garden Club met May 11 at the Crockett County Museum. Carmen Sutton and Jan Van Shoubrouek were hostesses for the meeting. President Jerri Lynn Pierce conducted the business meeting. Secretary Charlotte Harrell read the minutes from the April 13 meeting, where were approved. She also read thank you notes from the flower show judges Doris Purcell and Irene Meitzen who informed us that the three judges gave their gasoline stipends to the International Water Lily Collection Fund in San Angelo. A thank you note was also read from West Texas Rehab, thanking the club for its recent donation.

Jerri Lynn Pierce reported that the foundation in the Butterfly Garden project is nearly finished. Members were asked to consider further contributions to the project in order to buy flowering shrubs at the appropriate planting time. She also thanked everyone for a great flower show, which was held April 29 at the Civic Center.

Carmen Sutton discussed several possible homes to receive the Garden of the Month award, and the Ozona Garden Club agreed to send a contribution to Project Graduation. Pamela Maresch volunteered to work with the Boy



**OZONA GARDEN CLUB members conducted the installation ceremony at their May 11 meeting. Pictured are (left to right) Jerri Lynn Pierce, outgoing president; Jan Van Shoubrouek, president; Jeannine Henderson, vice president and Diane Phillips, secretary. Not pictured: Arlene Clayton, treasurer.**

Scouts on a joint project next year.

Jerri Lynn Pierce conducted the installation ceremony for next year's officers: Jan Van Shoubrouek, president; Jeannine Henderson, vice president; Diane Phillips, secretary. Arlene Clayton will be installed as treasurer at the next meeting. Jerri Lynn presented each new officer with a lovely potted orchid.

Louise Ledoux brought a large assortment of cacti potted in antique containers for the plant auction, and Vivian Childress brought a couple of interesting vases to be auctioned, which made \$233 for the club.

After the installation of new officers, Jan Van Shoubrouek immediately began discussing programs and plans for 2009-2010.

It was decided that we will give District Life Memberships to our honorary members, as well as to our outgoing club presidents. The Ozona Garden Club will host the 2010 spring District VIII convention in Ozona April 9-10, 2010. The club will not mount a flower show. Many suggestions for programs and trips were made, and Jan Van Shoubrouek and Jeannine Henderson will be working on the plans and the yearbook in the next few weeks.

Members in attendance were: Marolyn Bean, Vivian Childress, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Louise Ledoux, Pamela Maresch, Barbara Meador, Dorothy Montgomery, Diane Phillips, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek and Esther Williams.

**OBITUARIES**

**Hector Orona DeHoyos Sr.**

SAN ANGELO - Our beloved Hector "El Chiloso" Orona DeHoyos went to be with our Lord on Monday, May 11, 2009.

Hector leaves behind many fond memories, children and grandchildren.

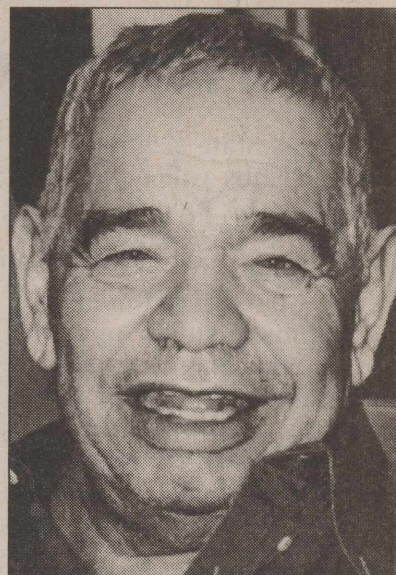
Rosary was Wednesday, May 13, at the Catholic Church in Ozona followed by the funeral service on Thursday, May 14.

Hector was a fierce competitor and fighter in every aspect of his life. As a young man, he fought to remove obstacles or injustices that confronted him, his family or his community. He earned his nickname "El Chiloso" (Hot Pepper) when he refused to back down from a challenge. Hector was a community activist and he fought for equal representation for all.

He fought as a plaintiff in the only gerrymandering case in Ozona's history that allowed more minorities to be elected into offices. He was a political activist and was a master at organizing grass root efforts in politics. He led a voter registration drive for Precinct 1 in Crockett County that resulted in 99 percent of the eligible voters getting registered to vote. The one voter that was not registered was out of the country. He was active in the American G.I. Forum and Lulac.

Hector recognized the importance of an education in a person's life. He encouraged his children to obtain a high school education and at least four of his children attended college. Hector lived his life keeping a positive outlook regardless of the trials and obstacles he encountered. He taught those around him never to give up when pursuing their goals.

The last few years of his life, he courageously fought to overcome his physical handicap and he kept a positive outlook although his body was failing him. He was one of the first cursillis-



tas from Ozona. On his last day, he remained true to his character and his faith, when he fought to pray the rosary as he was having trouble breathing.

Hector was born to the late Thomas and Sapopa DeHoyos of Ozona, Texas.

He is survived by his spouse, Adela DeHoyos and their three children, Luis and his wife Liza Robles, John Adrian and his wife Lupita DeHoyos and Yvette DeHoyos. He is survived by his brother, Thomas Jr. and his wife Alda. He had eight children from his former marriage to Avelina DeHoyos; the late Fannie Sanchez, Hector DeHoyos, Ricky and Johanna DeHoyos, Brenda and Arturo Carrillo, Randy and Jill DeHoyos, Vera Porras and Danny DeHoyos. He had 29 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were be Jeremy Jordan, Eric, Roland and Terry DeHoyos, Santiago Vargas, Kendall Porras, Frank Tambunga and Chris Sanchez. Honorary pallbearers were Ernesto Olvera, Martin Rivera, Romeo Perez, Sam Vargas Bobby Vargas and Rosa Montez.

Thanks to Hospice and Sterling County Nursing Home attendants for their services.

**Betty Isherwood Martin**

Betty Isherwood Martin was born Dec. 29, 1922 in Warrington, England to the late Sam Henry and Nellie (Moulsdale) Isherwood. She passed away May 15, 2009 in Converse, Texas. She met James Terrell Martin Jr. while he was stationed at Burtonwood AFB in England during WWII. They married in Nixon, Texas, Aug. 10, 1946. Betty cherished her homeland and loved America and her many travels.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years Jimmy Martin, daughter Jill Seahorn and husband Pon of Ozona, grandson Will Seahorn and wife Mindy, their children Kaylee, Weston, Schraeder and Luke and granddaughter Terel Seahorn. She is also survived by one sister Peggy Sanson of Warrington, England.

She will be greatly missed by her family and numerous special friends.

Funeral services were Monday, May 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Nixon with the Rev. Clint Harris and the Rev. George Bradley officiating. Interment followed at Nixon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church in Nixon 410 N. Franklin, Nixon, Texas 78140 or Universal City United Methodist Church, 90 Winn Ave., Universal City, Texas 78148.

You are invited to sign the online guest book at www.finchfuneralchapel.com.

Arrangements by Finch Funeral Chapel-Nixon 308 E. Third St., Nixon, Texas 78140.

**LIBRARY NEWS** By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

**Summer reading program begins June 4**

The Crockett County Public Library, in cooperation with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is sponsoring the 2009 Texas Reading Club this summer. The theme is "Libraries: Deep In The Heart Of Texas!"

Programs and activities are planned to promote reading as a leisure activity, stimulate curiosity, and encourage children to use library resources.

The Texas Reading Club is self-paced and fosters reading success by encouraging children to record titles of books that they read or the length of the time they spend reading each day. A beautiful certificate created by renowned illustrator and Texas native Joy Fisher Hein and signed by the Texas governor will be awarded to each child who attends. All library programs and activities are free.

CCPL is celebrating "Libraries: Deep In The Heart Of Texas!" at the library this summer during our Summer Children's Programs every Monday and Thursday morning in June.

There will be two age groups. Children 6 to 12 years come from 10-11 a.m. and children 3 to 5 years come from 11 a.m.-noon.

This summer beginning Thursday, June 4, Friends of

the library volunteers will be reading stories, doing crafts and playing games with the kids.

The books and activities invite children to explore the marvelous cultural heritage of our state and country.

Texas librarians translated this theme into Spanish also: "Bibliotecas: En Lo Mas Profundo Del Corazon de Tejas!"

The theme encourages librarians to celebrate summer reading by hosting programs that include children's books, music and dance, toys and games, food, activities, and films from the Lone Star State.

CCPL Librarian Louise P. Ledoux reports, "We will be bringing the theme to life with special storytimes, exciting speakers and programs, reading certificates, and much, much more. Friends of the Library volunteers will be reading stories and sharing activities with the children. Over 300 children enjoyed the programs last summer, and this summer promises to be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars now and don't miss a minute of the 2009 Summer Reading Programs at your public library. Every Monday and Thursday morning in June your library is the place to be this summer."

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Next Monday will be Memorial Day and we are planning a special service at our local cemetery to honor those who have given their lives in war for our country. It was originally called Decoration Day and started after the American Civil War. In 1886, May 30 was designated as the day to honor them but in 1971, then it was changed to the last Monday of May. Flowers or wreaths were placed on the graves of loved ones and then finally to any soldier that had given their life while serving. We celebrate it nationally by the placing of a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC at 3 pm, Eastern Time. Flags will be flown at half-mast from dawn until noon and small flags or red flowers will be placed on the graves. Many wear a red poppy that day to honor them. I overheard someone say that, "the color of freedom is red". I was given many rights and privileges and enjoy many freedoms because of those who died for our country. I also enjoy many spiritual blessings now and look forward to a wonderful future because of the one who died on the cross many years ago. It is Jesus Christ, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Revelation 5:9 & 10). Let us not forget those who served and sacrificed for us and pray for those serving today. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan &amp; Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 6 p.m. Tues., Thurs. &amp; Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. &amp; Sun. Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 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><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Kun Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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## Ozona Royals win first game

The Ozona Royals Baseball Team won their first game in the double-hitter Sunday against the San Angelo Legends.

The Royals won 7-5 in the first game. They lost in the second game.

Player Albert Talamantez said the community turnout was great, especially in the concession stand.

A special thanks goes to

Roland and Lori De Hoyos for the help with the announcing.

The Royals next game will be against Sonora at 1:30 p.m. on May 31 at the north baseball field off of State Highway 163.

"We look forward to playing Sonora and hoping for a bigger crowd for the game," Talamantez said.

Also, Nabors Well Service is a sponsor for the Royals.



NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK FESTIVITIES ended at the Care Center Friday with "Carnival Day," Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and National Nurses Week were included as well as events celebrated.

## Answers on Aging May 28

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County.

AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, May 28, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services? Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Home Modifica-

tions), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Health & Human Services Information).

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Lindsey M. Elliott, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley.

### OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS

#### Pre-order Krispy Kreme donuts through June 1

BY MELISSA PERNER  
OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Members of Ozona Woman's League held a business meeting on May 12 at the Crockett Room.

The Krispy Kreme donut committee passed out order forms to each member. League members are taking orders for donuts through June 1. Cost is \$7 per dozen.

Donuts will be delivered and sold on the town square from 7-9 a.m. June 8.

Members also voted to increase the donation to Karen Huffman's fund as the school nurse.

The Breakfast with Santa Committee reported that there will be three meetings this summer: June 24; July 15 and Aug. 19 all at 3:30 p.m.

The location of these meetings will be announced

at a later date.

The actual event is Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Kayla Davidson conducted the installation ceremony for the 2009-2010 officers. They are: President Heather Claburn; Vice President Kimber Childress; Treasurer Jody Upham; Secretary Rachel Bean; Publicity Chairman Melissa Perner and Parliamentarian Kayla Davidson.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the Crockett Room.

Members present: Lacey Magness, Susan Pentecost, Heather Claburn, Andie Richardson, Stacy Mecke, Kimber Childress, Rachel Bean, Kayla Davidson, Melissa Perner, Lindsey Bean, Melissa Hokit, Marie Barrett, Jessica Luckie, Breann Hale, Haley Forehand and Ann Fowler.

#### Diabetes support group meets Thursday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This support group is a good continuation of the "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes"

class, but is open to anyone.

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

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

## BOARD: Change orders for new school on tonight's agenda

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board can, officially offer a contract.

DuBois and his wife Carolyn have three children: Kirsten, 22, who is graduating from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., Brook, 18, who will be a junior this fall at the University of Missouri and Jared, 15, who will be a freshman this fall.

Current CCCSD Superintendent Abe Gott resigned April 2 to take the position as superintendent at Blackwell ISD.

The search for the new superintendent was conducted by John King. King said he appreciated the board's diligence throughout this search.

Other candidates that were interviewed were Kevin Noack, superintendent at Crawford ISD, Robert Sanford, superintendent at Fort Davis ISD, and Dr. Rodney Schneider, superintendent at O'Donnell ISD.

Interviews with each finalist were conducted in closed/executive session.

The board will meeting in its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (May 20) at the

Administration Building.

On the agenda is a series of change orders up for discussion and approval for the new elementary school.

These orders include masonry costs for revision of two drawings; all 11 multi-station lavatories with electronic faucets; gas heating tabled from the April 15 meeting; provide card access system for classroom doors; revise sewer line size and routing and provide a honed fact to the thin panel stone.

Other agenda items:

- Approve employment of elementary school teachers.
- Re-discussion on baseball field improvements.
- Advertising for proposals on gasoline products, athletic supplies, cafeteria products, workers compensation and band instruments all for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Student insurance.
- Board policy update #85.
- Approve ESC Region XV contracts.
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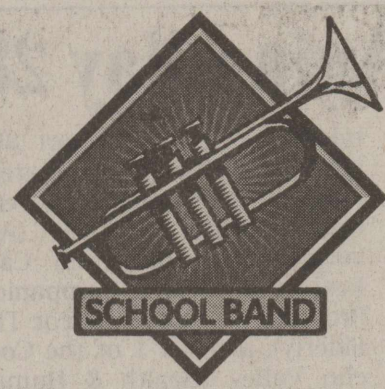
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**OUTSTANDING FRESHMEN:**  
Isabel Ybarra and Javier Otamendi



**MOST IMPROVED:**  
Liliana Camarillo and Javier Otamendi



**SENIORS:** (left to right) Chelsea Spence, Rebecca Rueffer, Sarah Lott and Chris Lara.



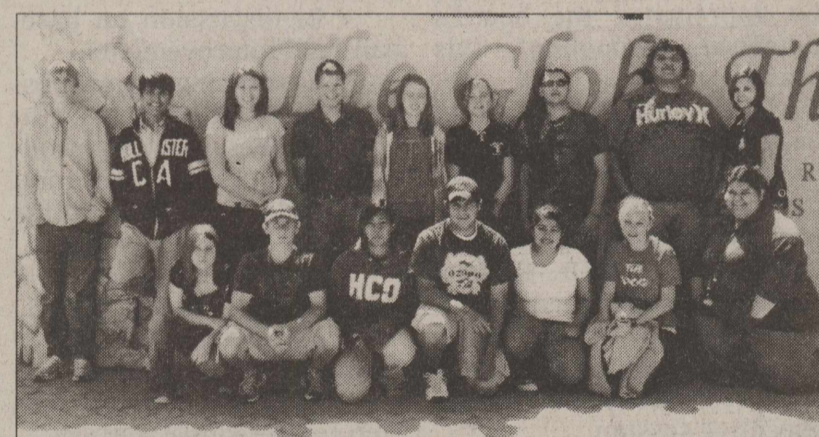
**COLOR GUARD:** (left to right) Jadyne Poindexter, Sarah Lott, Alex Macias (captain), Roxanne Talamantez and Gabriella Gutierrez



Performing at the OHS Guitar Class Concert held May 11 are: (L. to r.) Austin Whitten, Jesse Ramos and Jordan Martinez.

## End of School Events Calendar

- May 20 - Regional Track Meet in Odessa.
- May 21 - OHS Academic Awards, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- May 22 - OHS Senior Class Trip.
- May 23 - OHS Prom at the Civic Center.
- May 24 - OHS Baccalaureate, 8 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- May 25-26 - State Academic Meet in Austin.
- May 26 - Methodist Church High School Senior Hamburger Supper, 5:30 p.m. at the rodeo park.
- May 27 - PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Awards, 9-10:30 a.m. at the intermediate school gym; Eighth Grade Promotion, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium; Ozona Head Start Graduation, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- May 28 - Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Awards, 9-10:30 p.m. at the intermediate school gym.
- May 29 - OHS Graduation, 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- June 5-6 - State Track Meet in Austin.



OHS STUDENTS in the pre-AP ninth and 10th grade English classes, as well as the theatre class traveled to Odessa on May 12 to The Globe of the Southwest to see a performance of "Romeo and Juliet." Seventeen students, along with Vanessa Gutierrez and Dottie Deleon, had a wonderful experience. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Jayce Logan, Javier Otamendi, Emalee Hamilton, Duncan Knox, Rebecca Pierce, Jennifer Allen, Chris Lara, Ruben Rivas and Kara Bird; (front row, left to right): Raquel Wester, Lane Hale, Clarissa Burciaga, Austin Suddreth, Kelsie Ramirez, Kayla Fuller and Moniqua Fernandez. Not pictured: Cristy Rodriguez.

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DEL'S LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE held their annual graduation on May 15. Graduates are Matthew De La Garza (left) and Haleigh Moran.

## Boys athletic physicals Saturday

Boys pre-participation physicals will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at the Family Health Center of Ozona.

Physicals will be \$10. All incoming 7th, 9th and 11th grade athletes must have a physical prior to participating in the 2009-2010 sport season.

Physical forms can be picked up from campus coaches prior to Saturday, May 23.



OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER held their annual St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon on Friday. Students rode around on bicycles, tricycles and other cycles.

## Fort Lancaster contest winners

Fort Lancaster held a coloring contest for grades pre-K through second.

First place winners in each grade were Monserrat Blanco, pre-K; Roslynn Mendez, first and Bryan Salinas, second.

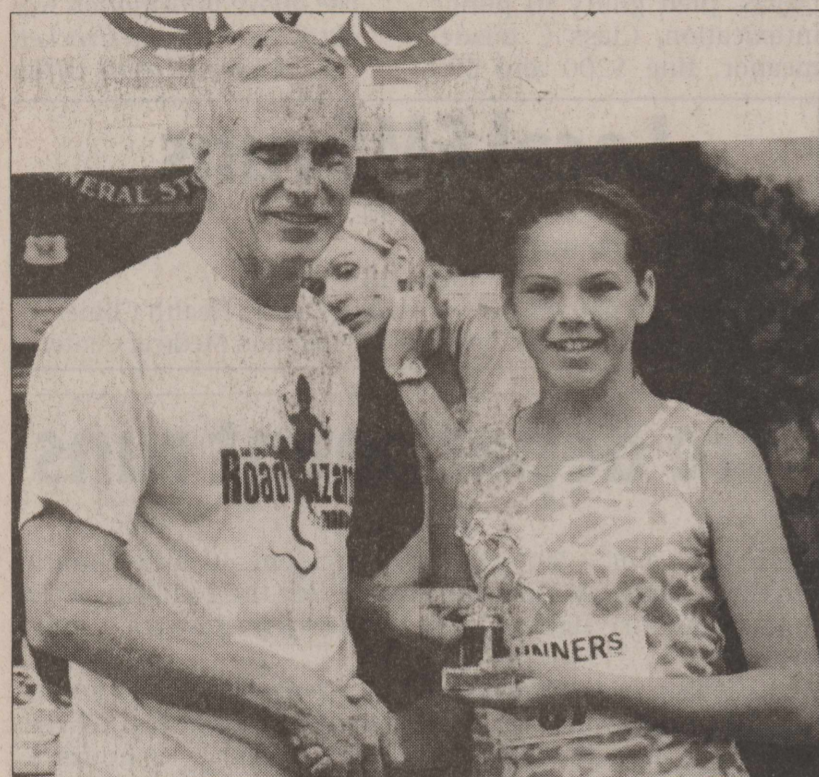
Pre-K and kindergarten participants: Cobran Hernandez, Kaleigh Thomas, Roxana Camarillo, Paul Ramirez, Leena Sanchez, Kayelyn Mata, Siria Rodriguez and Brianna Garcia.

First grade participants: Gina Garcia, Justin Yeager, Laney Galindo, Kristy Rodriguez, Raynee Payne, Torralba Manuel, Esmeralda Castillo, Osiel Hernandez and Lexi Montgomery.



FORT LANCASTER coloring contest winners (left to right) Monserrat Blanco, Roslynn Mendez and Bryan Salinas. Also pictured is Cheryl Dowell with Fort Lancaster.

Second grade participants: Mark Anthony Hernandez, Dillion McGrath, Jazmin Hernandez, Alyssa Perez, Zackery Polk, Dylan Mendoza, Christian Valdes, Ebony Ramirez and Hilaria Valdez.



LEXI POINDEXTER finished third in one-mile category of the Vita Sports Run in the Sun in San Angelo Saturday. She was the second female with a time just barely over seven minutes.

### Youth Center Calendar of Events

- May 23 - Closed for OHS Prom
- May 25 - Closed for Memorial Day
- May 26 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
- May 29 - Closed for OHS Graduation
- OMS Pool Tournament - May 12
  1. Christian Perez
  2. Michael Molina
  3. Michael Perez
- OMS Ping Pong Tournament - May 12
  1. Jason Badillo
  2. Noah Tambunga
  3. Robert Hernandez

### Youth Center Scholarship Donations Being Accepted

The Youth Center Scholarship Fund is currently accepting donations. Donations can be made in memory of or in honor of friends or loved ones. Donations made to the account at Ozona National Bank. For more information, call Allen Williams at 392-3266 or Annalu Gonzales at 392-1300.



OHS STUDENTS in the pre-AP 10th grade English class and Tammy McWilliams's AP English class traveled to Austin on May 14 to the State Capitol. The class was able to watch both the senate and house conduct business and were recognized in the House by State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran. The class met with Hilderbran's office staff and toured the capitol and visitor center. Eleven students along with McWilliams and Dottie DeLeon had a wonderful and educational experience that will not soon be forgotten. Students pictured by the portrait of David Crockett: (back row, left to right) Rebecca Pierce, Lane White, Chelsea Spence, Duncan Knox, Ethan English and Jayce Logan; (front row, left to right) Taylor Newton, Jennifer Allen, Clarissa Burciaga, Alex Macias and Julie Gutierrez.

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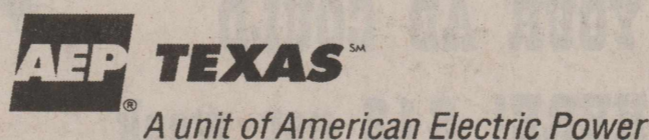
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The trainings will be from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. on June 6 and June 13 or more information, call Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827

## LETTER: 'I only mean to clear the air'

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About being in the same shoes and saying the same thing, I think not.

That is why throughout life so many conflicts arise. We are all different. No two people are alike. I hope my letter did not offend or in any way, form or fashion, slander anyone's name or image. If so, I honestly apologize. Those were not my intentions.

I only mean to clear the air before people get carried away criticizing and slandering others when the point of the matter and question still is: are the citizens of Ozona being harassed or are the Crockett County Sheriff's Office just doing their job?

Steven Lozano  
Amarillo, Texas

## STATE: Telemarketing firms charged in scheme

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**PARKS & WILDLIFE CANCELS EXPO**

Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, announced that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo scheduled for Oct. 3-4 has been canceled and plans for the 2010 Expo have been suspended.

Smith said costs of putting on the events previously were underwritten by sponsors, but sponsorship has been adversely affected by the economic downturn.

**AG CHARGES TELEMARKE- ING FIRMS**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 14 charged three telemarketing firms with participating in an illegal scheme to sell vehicle service contracts that were falsely marketed as extended warranties.

Two California-based telemarketing firms, SCM Media Inc. and On Point Media Inc., along with a Nevada company, Pacific Guard Warranty LLC, are named defendants in the state's enforcement action.

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**BAIL BONDS** court costs.

5-12-09

- Abelardo Rodriguez, Ozona, assault causing bodily injury family violence, misdemeanor, \$5,000.
- 5-17-09
- Douglas Scott, Los Angeles, Calif., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Eugena Aslin, Lamesa, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000; driving while intoxicated with open container, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
**Judges Pedro Gomez Jr. and Brock Jones presiding**

- Johnathan Lee Munoz, 24, Ozona, amended community supervision due to medical problems, along with complying with the original terms of probation. Munoz pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated on April 8.
- Maribel Castillo Rodriguez, 36, Ozona, pled guilty to two counts aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, five years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, 240 hours of community service and \$304 court costs.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**

5-10-09

- Carmelo Rodriguez, 29, Dallas, pled guilty to public intoxication, Class C misdemeanor, fine \$200 and \$65

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

**Local EMS runs**

MAY 14

- Local run no transport.

MAY 15

- Local run patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
- Transfer patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

**Fire department runs**

MAY 19

- 5:23 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident 30 miles south on State Highway 163, one vehicle left the roadway. Two units, four fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 2 minutes.
- 5:42 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident eight miles south on State Highway 163, one vehicle off roadway. Three units and five fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 5 minutes.

**CORRECTION**  
 MAY 10

- 9:50 p.m. - Search/Rescue Missing juvenile, located. Seven units, nine fire fighters. Crockett County EMS, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, THP and CERT. Time in service 2 hours 10 minutes.

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**DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY**

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