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## Former OHS graduates hired as new teachers

*School board also approves bus purchase, hears elementary construction update*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

New teachers were approved during the July 15 regular meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees.

The board voted unanimously to approve Misty Ramos, of Midland, for fourth grade reading, Kimberly Kerr, of Wall, for pre-kindergarten, Butch Gonzales, of Midland, as high school physical education, inclusion and health teacher and Ray Ramos, of Midland, as middle school science teacher and coach.

Ray Ramos and Gonzales are graduates of Ozona High School.

The district is still looking for an athletic trainer. Superintendent Chris duBois said even though this time of year can be challenging to find people, the district does have some prospects.

### GRIEVANCE HEARING HELD

The board met in executive/closed session for around 90 minutes to dis-

cuss a Level III Appeal Complaint Hearing on a disciplinary matter involving school district employees and a student.

Along with the board members and duBois, also included in the closed hearing was the district's attorney Sara Leon, local attorney Orlando DeHoyos, Mike and Grizz Medina and their son Michael Medina Jr. and OHS Dean of Students Matt Gutierrez.

After reconvening in open session, the board voted unanimously to deny the grievance and that the student's punishment will stand. Board member Grizz Medina was ineligible to vote due to her being a party to the Level III Grievance.

### NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Five approved proposal requests for the new elementary school were presented to the board. They include volleyball court equipment, changes to finish hardware, change to the gymnasium

floor and basketball goals and the addition to a bathroom in the special education room.

These requests did not change any cost or time for the school. The total from the school is around \$11.98 million.

Officials from Waldrop Construction presented a report to the board that stated the concrete work is progressing with preparation to pour footings and slabs at the remainder of the library and gymnasium areas with concrete work expected to be completed this week.

The plumbing and electrical underground work is continuing in the library and gymnasium areas, and demolition work is continuing on existing buildings, the report stated.

Masonry work is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 27.

Structural steel deliveries are scheduled to begin around the first week of August and steel erection will begin immediately.

### STADIUM CHANGES

The board discussed looking into making some changes to Lion Stadium, which includes more handicap parking and seating and removing the walls that separate the reserve section.

Willie Vargas, maintenance and transportation supervisor said he would look into the changes.

### DRUG TESTING REPORT PRESENTED

duBois presented the annual statistical data report for the 2008-2009 Student Drug Testing from Southwest Consortium.

According to the report, 248 students were tested during the school year and six of the students tested positive for marijuana.

### BUS PURCHASED

The board approved purchasing a new school bus from Thomas Bus Gulf Coast GP Inc. for \$90,855 with the addition of \$2,600 to \$3,000 to re-seat the 77 passenger bus to less seats for increased leg room.

The bus will be used on a school bus route. The 2009 Saf-T Liner Conventional bus with 220 HP Cummins diesel, air rear suspension, underbody and interior storage, dual 126,000 BTU air, air ride driver seat, air stop arm and door, cruise and 100 gallon fuel tank.

### OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Cafeteria products bids for 2009-2010 from Gandy's Dairies, Binbo Bakeries USA, Ben E. Keith and Decoty.

- Workers Comp Insurance from Deep East Texas Self Insurance Fund for three years at \$19,980.

- Board members Harvey Sanchez and Veronica Fierro as official delegates for the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards convention Oct. 2-4 in Houston.

The board will have a budget workshop and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 and then their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 26. Both meetings will be at the Administration Building.

## County Commissioners will meet at noon today

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will have a special called meeting at noon today (July 22) at the courthouse annex.

On the agenda:

- Discussion and action on Juvenile Probation Budget for 2009-2010.

- Discussion and action on assisting the Kerr County Juvenile Facility.

- Discussion and action on assisting the Census Committee with funds for printing.

- Discussion and action on assisting the Crockett County C.E.R.T. Program with funds to purchase items for trailer.

- Discussion and action on allowing adult softball field to be used for baseball and softball games.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be at 9 a.m. Aug. 10 at the courthouse annex.

## Library, Historical Commission selling Crockett County History DVD

The Crockett County Public Library and the Crockett County Historical Commission have produced a DVD copy of the 1976 Crockett County History Book, which is no longer in print.

The DVD costs \$50 and can be purchased at the library. Payments need to be made to the Crockett County Historical Commission.

"This is primarily a county history told through the lives of individual families. The Crockett County Historical Society chose to publish this book as its part in celebrating the American Revolution Bicentennial. If we are to build for the future, it is essential to know something of the past." - from "A History of Crockett County"

The DVD is a digital format of "A History of Crockett County" and includes the complete contents of the original book produced as a joint project of the Crockett County Historical Commission and the Crockett County Public Library Genealogy Archive.

The DVD contains a 592-page Adobe pdf file that can be read easily.



LIBRARIAN LOUISE LEDOUX displays the new Crockett County History DVD that is on sale for \$50 at the library. The DVD is a copy of the Crockett County History Book that is no longer in print.

The DVD covers all parts of the book, which includes the land, the first settlers, how Crockett County was established, political development of the county, law and order, elected officials, ranching, economic development, public service, transportation, public schools, religion, veterans and culture.

The DVD also contains the biographies that were submitted by Crockett County families.

Proceeds from the DVD sale will go toward the possible printing of a second volume of Crockett County History.

For more information, call the Crockett County Public Library 392-3565.

## Stockman wins national, regional awards

*Perner named president of West Texas Press Association*

The Ozona Stockman has been named winners in the National Newspaper Association and West Texas Press Association newspaper contests.

In the National Newspaper Contest, Stockman photographer Joe Hernandez won first place in Best Feature Photo for his photo at last year's Davy Crockett Days of Krysian Fierro and a camel.

Susan Calloway, ad director, won first place in Best Advertising Idea with the radio station voting ad.

Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner won honorable mention in Best Breaking News story with her coverage of the Alfredo Tobar trial.

There were 1,713 entries in the National Newspaper Better Newspaper Contest and 356 entries in the Better Newspaper Advertising Contest for a total of 2,069 entries. A total of 639 awards were won by 143 member newspapers in 42 States.

At the 79th annual West Texas Press Association Convention held last week in San Angelo, the Stockman won several awards including three first place prizes.

Competing in Division D, which is small weekly papers, the Stockman won first place in the Sweepstakes category as the best small weekly newspaper in West Texas.

Perner won first place in the News Writing category for once again the coverage of the Tobar trial and coverage of the late Fred Fierro's



THE OZONA STOCKMAN STAFF MEMBERS won National Newspaper Association and West Texas Press Association newspaper contest awards. Pictured are (left to right) Melissa Perner, Joe Hernandez and Susan Calloway.

funeral.

Perner also won second place in Editorial Writing and third in Feature Writing.

Calloway won first place in Special Sections for the 2008 Hunting Guide.

Hernandez won third place for Photography and was honorable mention for Photographer of the Year.

The paper also won third place in the Community Service award for the coverage of the 2008 School Bond Election.

Perner was also named president of the West Texas Press Association at the convention. Perner has served on

the WTPA board since 2006.

"I am proud of my staff and all of our accomplishments," Perner said. "I feel honored to be selected president of WTPA. This is a great organization to represent."

WTPA is considered the "world's largest regional association" because of its vast geographic area.

The Association is composed of weekly, semi-weekly and small daily newspapers in the great West Texas area with Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Hondo, Gatesville, Peryton, Vernon, Burkburnett, Decatur and Dallas being the fringe area cities.

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## Guidance: rules and regulations on using cell phones at work

I was in another city and I pulled into a business parking lot, well aware that there was a landscaping crew re-doing a series of flower beds. I watched in amazement as a teenage employee handled digging with a shovel in one hand and texting on his phone with the other. I thought, how can a business allow employees to have their cell phones with them at work?

Sure the employee may have been texting a friend on company time or he may have been texting his boss requesting some integral item necessary for the completion of the landscape project. Either way, it caused me to think about cell phone

usage in the workplace.

So how do you, as a business owner, handle your employees and their personal cell phones? Let us explore some aspects of cell phone usage at work: restrictive, structured, and utilized.

Some employers view the cell phone only one way, as a distraction causing a reduction



**BUSINESS TIPS**

PEGGY HODGES

in productivity. The direct opposite is true of some employees who believe they can answer their personal cell phone any time during the work day. Texas Workforce Commission reports an increasing number of phone calls to the Employer Commissioner's toll free hotline (1-800-832-9394) concerning cell phone use. As stated in Texas Business Today, "First and foremost, there is nothing in any federal or state law forcing Texas employers to allow their employees to bring personal cell phones onto company premises at any time."

Considering a policy based on complete prohibition of cell phones might be too harsh for

your particular work environment

Texas Business Today provides some guidance.

You can allow employees to have phones at work,

but they must be left on silent in desks or purses. Incoming calls will go to voice mail, allowing the employee to return the call during breaks and during the lunch break.

if an employee is personally responsible for the well-being of a loved one, allow that employee to carry their cell phone in a vibrate mode in case of an emergency that may require their immediate attention.

as long as they self-restrict

their usage during business hours.

The affordability of cell phones equipped with cameras presents an additional policy for the employer to implement. If your business handles proprietary information, deals in research and development, or has confidentiality commitments, a strict policy would be in order.

Camera phones should be prohibited in all areas of the business from which traditional cameras are prohibited. While a cell phone with a camera might be allowed in the work environment, the use of the camera would be strictly prohibited. And it should be understood that use

of a camera phone be prohibited in all areas where co-workers have a reasonable expectation of privacy such as company restrooms, dressing rooms or locker rooms.

The employee's cell phone can also be viewed as a business utilization tool. With the advent of unlimited calling and unlimited texting, an employer and employee can develop a winning alliance. If the employee is away from the office and the employer needs to relay some pertinent information, a quick call saves time.

If an employer wants to produce a list of tasks for an em-

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## Wellness Center could benefit community

During last week's commissioners' court meeting, the idea of a community wellness center was proposed.

While this idea is just in the planning stages, it's not a bad one, especially when 20 women show up to the Monday meeting in support of the center.

A place where the people of Crockett County could go for exercise, physical therapy, water therapy and other healthy activities would benefit the young and older citizens of our community.

Just down the road in Sonora, a facility like this has been in operation for four years. Granted, the facility was funded by their hospital district but it's not out of reach for Ozona.

In Eldorado, fund-raisers, grants, donations and other funding was raised to complete their center.

Yes, it took time and effort and it wasn't something that was accomplished "overnight." However, with the same time and effort we believe the same can be achieved here.

Our economy is not the best at the moment, but that doesn't mean money is not still available out there.

The people of Crockett County are also a generous bunch, even during tough times. All those nickels and dimes can add up in a hurry.

Ozona already has some things in its favor. We have weight-room facilities currently available through our high school and we are privileged to have the West Texas Rehab Center in our community.

These two areas already give our community a boost in the right direction.

A wellness center with a swimming pool could also provide water therapy for rehab patients, residents at the Care Center and others who need it without the drive to San Angelo and back.

The possibilities are endless of what potential this center can bring. Yes, this dream is just in the planning stages, but it is a dream and an idea that does not need to die.

To build this center will take time, effort and hard work. However, if we look around our community we will find a Senior Center, a Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, a Civic Center, the Convention Center and many other community buildings that went through the same process.

These buildings did not spring up overnight, and this wellness center will have to be approach in the same manner. It will take planning, fund-raising and dedication from those citizens that showed their interest last week during that meeting.

In the end, if all is successful, there will be a building where Crockett County residents will reap the benefits.

Everyone, including myself, can use a little wellness in our lives to make us healthier.

Not only will this center benefit all of us physically, but also spiritually.

People like to socialize. What a better way to get to know your fellow citizens than water aerobics, or lifting weights?

To the women who attended and are supporting this venture, we applaud you.

Good luck and don't give up.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She believes everyone needs a little wellness in their lives.

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## Fair Game



**IT'S THE PITTS**

LEE PITTS

One of the funnest times of my life was when I took my "show string" of four heifers to a junior show about seven hours from home. I went with a buddy who showed two Holstein heifers. Normally I would not lower myself to fraternize with a dairyman but he had one good quality about him: his father hauled us there and back.

Because we'd be showing in the junior and open shows, which were a week apart, we'd be living for two weeks without parental supervision on a fairgrounds! For a kid it just doesn't get any better than that! Except on show days, all we had to do was feed and muck out our heifers and the rest of the time we explored every inch of the fairgrounds. Our favorite spot was the dairy pavilion where every two hours they'd herd three Holstein cows into a stage-like milking parlor. During each milking they gave away 10 milk shakes to the folks who came closest to guessing the milk production of each cow. And let me tell you, these were the very BEST milk shakes EVER!

It was at this point in my life when I learned the importance of good record keeping. Because they were rotating the same 20 cows through the milking parlor it soon became obvious to us that by writing down the neck chain of each cow and her production we could estimate their milk production with a high degree of accuracy. This was a far better system than the one used by the vast majority of fairgoers who

would try to estimate the pounds produced by looking at the cow's udders. Stupid city people! We laughed at their ignorance as we drank the liquid nirvana. Soon we were drinking a big chocolate milk shake apiece every two hours. To any readers who would criticize our methods I would just remind you of the words of that great American, W.C. Fields: "A thing worth having is a thing worth cheating for."

Yes sir, we were a couple grinning teenagers until the dairymen running the exhibit got tired of feeding us milkshakes. They thought they'd fool us by switching the neck chains of the cows but by then our familiarity with the cows and their color patterns was pretty thorough and our winning streak at the milkshake pay window continued. Until they banned us completely from the competition, that is.

We missed those shakes so much that we considered taking the dairy officials all the way to the Supreme Court, if it meant we could get our milkshakes back. But they were not intimidated and told us that if we wanted the shakes we could buy them like all the other fairgoers. But that was against everything I stood for. It was, and still is,

against my principles to pay for something when I can get it for free. Besides, we didn't have much money, barely enough to afford the corn dogs and sticky cinnamon buns we were surviving on for the duration of the fair.

We moped around like a couple brothers whose pup had just been run over until they started another contest in the dairy barn. They put several soon-to-calve cows in a loafing shed and the 10 people who came closest to guessing when the next cow would calve got one of the milkshakes. The problem was that I could not see any way to cheat. Their calving was not as predictable as the cow's milk production and we suffered terribly as a result. We were having chocolate milkshake withdrawals.

Towards the end of our stay my buddy started winning a milkshake or two a day. Knowing his reputation (and lack of integrity), I just knew he'd found a way to cheat. Especially when he was separated from his two show heifers for extended periods. Come to find out, he had bribed the dairy herdsman for inside information about the pregnant cows by offering to muck out the loafing shed once a day.

My buddy not only would not share the inside scoop on the calvy cows, he wouldn't even offer me a scoop of the delectable milkshakes he won. This taught me a very important lesson early in my business career: Never partner with a person who doesn't cheat fairly.

## Drought pushes Perry to declare disaster areas

AUSTIN - A month-long weather system producing triple-digit temperatures and no rain has much of Texas suffering. The high-pressure system centered over Texas caused Gov. Rick Perry to declare 167 counties disaster areas because of the threat of wildfires.

Bastrop County in Central Texas lost 12,000 head of cattle to the drought, and Texas farmers are facing more than \$1 billion in losses this year. Officials with Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension Service said farmers who depend only on rainfall could lose up to 80 percent of their crops.

Farmers and ranchers looking for disaster relief from the federal government will have to wait until fall to receive payment for last year's losses. Aid for this year's losses won't be available until 2010.

Nearly 20 percent of the state is experiencing the most extreme drought conditions. Central and South Texas are suffering through the worst drought conditions in the nation. The worst drought in recent times was from 1950 to 1957, when

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rainfall was 40 percent below normal levels and 90 percent of the state was declared a federal disaster area.

**TEXANS TOLD OF SWEEPSTAKES SCAM** Attorney General Greg Abbott is alerting Texans to a clever sweepstakes scam. People are told by phone that they are being contacted by the Federal Trade Commission because they won hundreds of thousands of dollars in a sweepstakes contest. In order to collect, however, they must pay several thousand dollars in insurance costs.

The phone calls are followed by a letter with the FTC logo telling recipients where to send a check. The phone number on the letterhead directs callers to the scammers, who pretend to work for the FTC. In fact, the FTC never collects money from consumers.

Abbott said anyone receiving the scam calls and letters should contact his office at 1-800-252-8011 or the FTC at

1-877-FTC-HELP.

**PERRY NAMES NEW DPS CHIEF** Steve McCraw, 55, was named the new head of the Texas Department of Public Safety by Governor Perry. McCraw, a former member of the FBI, was Perry's homeland security chief for the past five years.

McCraw takes over an agency in the spotlight for recent problems, including its role in guarding the Governor's Mansion in Austin when it was burned in an arson fire in June 2008. He is the department's fourth director in less than a year.

**PANEL TO SEEK NEW A&M PRESIDENT** Texas A&M System regents have named a 15-member search committee to seek a new president for the College Station campus. Former President Elsa Murano, A&M's first female and first Hispanic president, resigned under pressure last month.

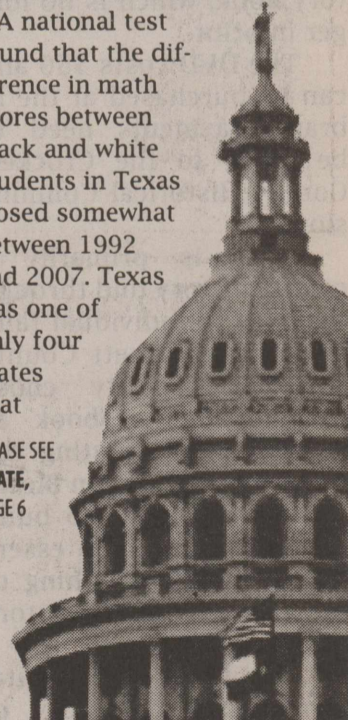
The search committee includes three regents, five

faculty members, two students and five other stakeholders. Regent Richard Box will serve as chairman. The committee will cull the applicants to three finalists and recommend one to the board next February.

**TEXAS STUDENTS NARROW MATH GAP**

A national test found that the difference in math scores between black and white students in Texas closed somewhat between 1992 and 2007. Texas was one of only four states that

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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.

### Boys physicals Saturday

Physicals for all male athletes who did not receive their physical in May will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Family Health Center of Ozona.

Cost is \$10. This day is for all incoming seventh grade, freshmen and juniors who did not receive a physical in May. A physical is required before any athlete can participate in two-a-day practices, which start Aug. 3.

### Lion Football Camp next week

Ozona Lion Football Camp will be held July 29-31. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-noon each day at Lion Stadium.

All incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders are welcome to come. There is no charge for the camp.

## Happy Birthday

July 22 - Emmanuel Sarabia, Anthony Matos, Megan Nowell and Vicky Munoz

July 23 - Gabriel Johnson, Mikie Santiago, E. Jason Vitela II, Sara Alexis Fuentes, Glenda Henderson and Domingo Leal

July 24 - Charlie Bryson, Joshua Perez, Dana Moran, Jessica Moore, Chuck Preddy, Jonathan Carrasco, Mia Cruz, Bill Fuller, Nathan Hubbard, Wade Maness and Arlene Clayton

July 25 - Junior Arredondo, Christina Garcia, Karlien S. Tebbetts, Charles Preddy, Britni Buchanan and Diane Myers

July 26 - Loren Talamantez, Minnie Gandar, Mandy Munoz, Jesse Venegas, Chris Fierro, Candace Weddle and Levi English

July 27 - Travis Tebbetts, Tate Collis, Sid Hoover, Leticia Sanchez, Margaret Martinez, Kristen Weddle and Mike Edinburg

July 28 - Eric Garza, John D. Ramirez Jr. and Kristen Fleming

# Ozona couple, family spend anniversary in the Big Apple

### Group visits Brooklyn, Statue of Liberty, Atlantic City and attends 'Good Morning America'

Desidoro and Olivia Tijerina celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary early this year.

Both were treated to a week vacation to New York City. Welcoming them along with three of their six children was Ray Rivera, son of Gloria Rivera, who actually was the family's tour guide.

He took them to Brooklyn, Coney Island, Manhattan and, of course, a trip to Atlantic City, N.J.

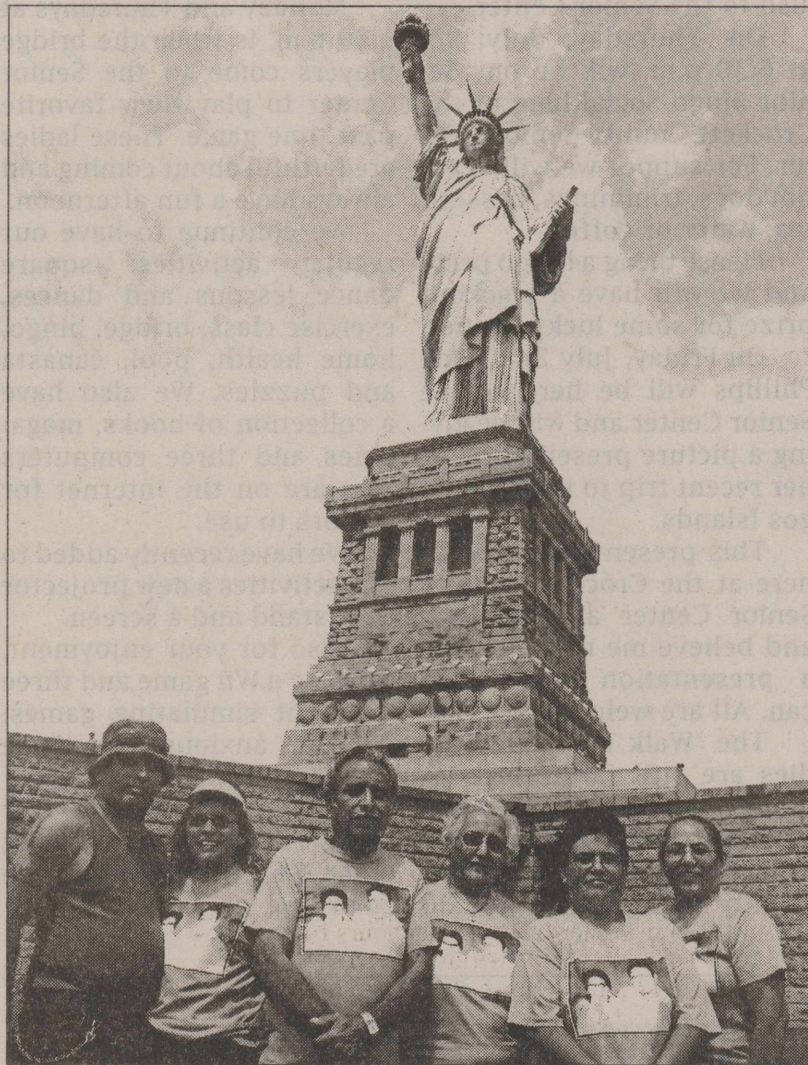
On the way home, the family stopped to visit Ray's sister Lydia Rivera in Virginia.

Along with Mr. and Mrs. Tijerina were children Marina Galvan, Veronica and husband Chen Fierro, Desi Tijerina Jr. and wife Lifa.

The family attended the "Good Morning America" TV show on July 7 and were standing right behind the famous Harlem Choir who was performing during a memorial for Michael Jackson.

The trip was long but lots of good memories.

The visit to the Statue of Liberty was the highlight of the New York trip.



### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, July 22

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' Court meeting, noon at the courthouse annex.
- Methodist Church VBS, 9 a.m.-noon at the church fellowship hall.
- Church of Christ VBS, 6:30-8 p.m. at the church.

#### Thursday, July 23

- Answers on Aging, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Methodist Church VBS, 9 a.m.-noon at the church fellowship hall.
- Church of Christ VBS, 6:30-8 p.m. at the church.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

#### Friday, July 24

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Galapagos Islands presentation, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Church of Christ VBS, 6:30-8 p.m. at the church.

#### Saturday, July 25

- Boys physicals, 9 a.m. at the Family Health Center of Ozona.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

#### Monday, July 27

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

#### Wednesday, July 29

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lion Football Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at Lion Stadium.

## Wadsworth named to McNeese State Honor Roll

Dean Temple Wadsworth has been named to the McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2009 spring semester.

The honor roll lists undergraduate students earning at least a 3.0 or B average while carrying 12 or more semester hours.

Wadsworth is a 2006 graduate of Ozona High School and the son of E.A. and Kenny Wadsworth of Ozona.

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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Bingo Social Thursday, Galapagos Islands presentation Friday**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

It is already the third week of July and we are looking forward to a busy week.

We were sorry to learn that Jess Marley had passed away over the weekend. I have known Jess for several years and it is difficult to know that he will not be here among us. Our condolences go out to his wife Charla, all family members and his friends.

Last Tuesday, the Chamber of Commerce and the Crockett County AgriLife Extension Office sponsored a group that visited our Senior Center. They seemed to enjoy their visit and we were happy to have had them. Please come and visit us again.

Connie Burrus and Cathy Williams were by the Senior Center and brought books that had belonged to their mother Liz Williams.

They are books on diabetes and we will share them with those of you who may need them.

I was happy to meet Connie and Cathy in person to tell them how much Liz had meant to me personally and also to the Senior Center.

On Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. will be our Senior Bingo Social here at the Crockett County Senior Center. For supper we will serve hot dogs, trimmings, dessert, tea, water or coffee.

Please bring a bingo prize and we will have a blackout prize for some lucky winner.

On Friday, July 24, Diane Phillips will be here at the Senior Center and will be giving a picture presentation of her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

This presentation will be here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. and believe me no one gives a presentation like Diane can. All are welcome.

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.

**LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS**

BY TINA JARVIS  
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Friday night club members Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Jim and JoAnn Couch, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Tammi and Danny Monzingo, Debbie Gaskill and Gina Hochreiter danced at the Care Center and then went to the Civic Center for plus lessons.

Tuesday night Frank and Debra Fred and I graduated from plus lessons at the Promenade Squares in San Angelo. We went over for 9 lessons and our review and graduation; we had a really good time.

Carol has started plus lesson here in Ozona. Basic and Mainstream lesson will start



PLUS LESSON GRADUATES (left to right): Tina Jarvis, Renee Padier, Larry Lopez, Sandra and Thomas Truitt and Frank and Debra Fred.

in September.

Saturday night at the Senior Building at 7 p.m. we will have a dance featuring caller

Tom Harrison from Abilene.

Everyone is invited to join us for the fun. Keep it square and happy dancing!

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Jess Carl Marley**

Jess Carl Marley, 70 died Sunday, July 19, 2009 in an Austin Hospital.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Charla Wooten Marley of Ozona; Two daughters, Jennifer Marley-Knox of San Angelo and Jacinda Sue Marley of Round Rock; Grandson, Spencer Knox of San Angelo.

**OBITUARIES**

**George Dixon Mahon**

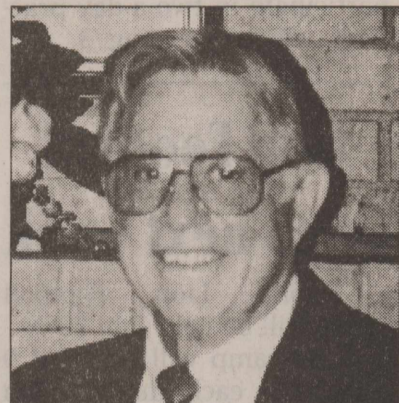
George Dixon Mahon, 81, of Granbury, Texas passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

He was born February 15, 1928 in Kerr County. He had ranching interests there and in Maverick County for many years.

He earned a doctor's degree in Jurisprudence at the University of Houston and then lived in Ozona where he was first County Attorney, then District Attorney for five counties in West Texas for 20 years. He was engaged in the oil and gas business. He was also a philanthropist for many charitable organizations.

He owned a home in Mexico for 30 years and became a Mexican citizen. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Eileen Mahon.

He is survived by his son, Scott Mahon and daughter-in-law Jane; a daughter Cynthia Griffin and son-in-law George; a sister Ann Mahon; two



brothers Lamar Mahon and Everitt Mahon; and a sister-in-law Joan Moore.

He also had four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He is interred in the Garden of Memories Mausoleum in Kerrville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers and because of his love of animals, donations may be made to Friends for Animals, 2885 Fall Creek Hwy., Acton, Texas, 76049, or to the Benevolence Fund, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3600 Fall Creek Hwy., Acton, Texas, 76049.

**Betty Grimmer Rosenberger**

Betty Rosenberger, long time resident of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico passed away this July 17, in El Paso, Texas, with her two sons, John Duane and Joseph Lee Rosenberger at her bedside.

Betty was born Nov. 10, 1924 in Ozona, daughter of William Jefferson and Nan Paloma Davidson Grimmer. She was the older twin by a few minutes of surviving brother, Dr. Billy Grimmer, of Houston, and the older sister of Edward Grimmer, of Winfield, Iowa (deceased), and Jeanette Grimmer Bailey of Ozona (deceased). Betty was the aunt of Ozona residents Jim Bob Bailey and Sally Oglesby-Harris and Nannette Bailey Thompson of Mission, Texas.

Betty's family moved to Winfield, Iowa, in 1935, to manage and later own the J.T. Davidson farm. She graduated from Winfield High School during WWII and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from the University of Iowa in 1948. She taught art at Fort Sumner High School from 1948 to 1951. She met a talented and handsome cowboy, Duane Rosenberger at Sprout's Café in 1950, and joined him in marriage on June 3, 1951. The next few years were spent on the rodeo circuit from Montana to Texas, adding sons John in 1952 and Joseph (Lee) in 1954. The family returned to Fort Sumner in 1958 where Betty taught third and fifth grade for many years, and helped Duane with the thoroughbred horse breeding, training, and racing business. She was a member of the First United Methods Church of Fort Sumner.

Betty retired from grade school teaching in the early 1970's and focused on her art career. With the help of friends, she located and painted 41 Catholic Parish Churches located along the Pecos River, from Fort Sumner to river's headwaters north of Las Vegas. The collection was displayed by the College of Santa Fe in 1973, where many viewed them for 27 years. Upon Duane's retirement in 1994, she became his devoted care giver until his passing on Oct. 8, 2000. She continued to paint landscapes and ranch subjects and completed an historical narrative of her ancestors based on family letters handed down from the early 18th century. Betty was a member of the Mayflower Society.

Betty completed her "final painting" in the form a territorial revival style home in the Fort Sumner valley, which now displays her church painting collection. She wishes "Dos Palomas" to be a special occasion gathering place for years to come.

She was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2004, which began a long and slow decline, ending in her quiet passing. Betty is survived by her son, Colonel (Retired) John Duane Rosenberger of El Paso and his sons Charles Hudson and Nathan Leavell Rosenberger of Orlando, Fla., and son Joseph (Lee) Rosenberger and wife Pam, of Shawnee, Kan., including daughters Tamara Joy and Hannah Lynn. Charles and Erica Rosenberger have two sons, Cole Hudson and Tripp Jacob.

There will be a celebration of her life at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Sumner, N.M. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to forward memorial gifts to the church.

**Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program July 31**

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, July 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in 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, RN at 392-3060.

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See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 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 Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 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: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></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>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>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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I would like to thank my family and friends from Ozona for your prayers and support for the last 18 years, especially this last year during my Senior Year. Thanks you for celebrating my graduation with me here in Ozona at the Senior Dance, Saturday May 30, and at my celebration luncheon on Sunday, May 31. I appreciated your many gifts and your presence.

Thanks You and God bless,  
Alex Ray Galvan,  
Kerrville Tivy High Graduate, Class of 2009

# Stokes duo brings home awards from shotgun shoot out

Sierra Stokes and Sol Stokes were two of the 119 4-H shooters from around Texas and New Mexico competed in six shotgun disciplines including American skeet, International skeet, American trap, International trap, 5-stand and sporting clays, each shooting 350 for

the competition.

Sierra Stokes competed in the Intermediate Division and placed first in trap, first high overall intermediate lady and seventh high overall intermediate division.

Sol Stokes was in the Senior I Division and placed first in skeet, second in inter-

national skeet, third in trap, fifth in 5-stand and third high overall senior I division.

At the event, \$29,000 in scholarships was given to 13 graduating seniors who participated in the shoot, 8 shotguns, gun cases, plaques and gift cards were also awarded to the winners.

## Youth Rodeo seeking entries for Aug. 22 event

The Crockett County Open Youth Rodeo hosted by the Crockett County 4-H club will take place Aug. 22 in conjunction with the Davy Crockett Festival.

Only 10 entries will be accepted in the Leadline competition (5 and under) other age groups include boys and girls 8 and under, boys and girls 9-12 and boys and girls events 13-19.

Events include Barrels, Poles, Goat Tagging, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping, Double Mugging and Team Roping. Cost is \$10 per event except all roping events which are \$15 per event.

Leadline will start at 2 p.m. that day, with the rodeo following at 3 p.m.

Non-riding events include a boot scramble and Stick

Horse Race for all 5 and under. Cost is \$1 per event.

There will also be Mutton Bustin' for all 8 and under. Cost is \$5 per event.

For more information, or to enter the rodeo, call Wendy Justiss at 226-2305 or Susie Bishop at 392-2721.

Entries must be post-marked by Aug. 11, late entries will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

## Answers on Aging Thursday

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, July 23, 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 Modifications), Caregiver Support (Re-

spite 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.

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## YMCA Football Registration Aug. 4

Ozona YMCA Football Registration for third-sixth grade students will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 4 at the town square gazebo.

A coaches' meeting will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the town square gazebo. The meeting will be for anyone interested in coaching youth football.

For more information, call Lalo Rodriguez at 226-0186 or Jerold Savala at 716-0256.

## Poindexter wins age division in San Angelo Triathlon

Lexi Poindexter won her age division of 14 and under in the July 12 Suddenlink Lake Nasworthy Triathlon.

Other Ozona residents participating were: Chad Poindexter, Tammy McWilliams, Kristie Williams and Raedene Mendoza.

The event involved a 300-yard swim, 10-mike bicycling and 2-mile run.

## OHS Summer Band starts July 29

Ozona High School will start their summer band program next week.

Below is a schedule of events:

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29:**  
· 9 a.m.-noon - Student Leaders.

· 1-4 p.m. - Percussion & Drum Major.

**THURSDAY, JULY 30:**  
· 9 a.m. - noon - Student Leaders, Freshmen, New Band Members.

· 1-4 p.m. - Percussion & Drum Major.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31:**  
· 9 a.m.-noon - Student Leaders, Freshmen, & New Band Members

· 1-4 p.m. - Full Band

· 5:30-8 p.m. - Full Band

**AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7**  
· 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Full Band.

· 1:30-5:30 p.m. - Color Guard

· 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Brass & Percussion

· 2:30-3:30 p.m. - Woodwinds

**SATURDAY, AUG. 8:**  
· All Day Student Leader Work Shop in Midland.

**AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14:**  
· 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Full Band

· 1:30-5:30 p.m. - Color Guard

· 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Brass & Percussion

· 2:30-3:30 p.m. - Woodwinds

**AUGUST 18, 19 & 20:**  
· 6-8 p.m. - Full Band

For more information, call OHS Band Director Gretchen Bloebaum at 656-8785.

**Youth Center Calendar of Events**  
**July 27 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.**  
**ATTENTION ALL OMS & OHS STUDENTS:**  
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### FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**  
7-14-09  
• Roy Lee Bars, Odesa, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, felony, \$10,000 PR Bond.  
• Jennifer Manzec, driving while intoxicated, class B misdemeanor, \$5,000.  
7-15-09  
• Eric Lee Ramirez, Ozona, assault causing bodily injury, misdemeanor, \$5,000.  
7-16-09  
• Jorge Aranda, Ozona, failure to register as a sex offender, felony, \$20,000.  
7-17-09  
• Judy Thompson, Odesa, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.  
7-18-09  
• Roy Luna, Sonora, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, misdemeanor, \$5,000.  
• Albert W. Barraza, San Antonio, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$1,000.  
7-19-09  
• Daniel Chavez, Ozona, driving while intoxicated with an open container, misdemeanor, \$2,000.  
• Jesus Perez Jr., Big Lake, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000; theft of property more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000, felony, \$10,000; driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

**DISTRICT COURT Judges Pedro Gomez Jr. and Brock Jones presiding**  
• Salvador Ramos, 29, Midland, pled guilty to motion to revoke probation, state jail felony, sentenced to 480 days in prison, \$1,163.25 fine and \$63 in court costs.  
• Billy Trevino, 38, Odesa, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony, sentenced to seven years community supervision, \$2,000 fine, 160 hours community service, \$429 court costs, 10 days in the Crockett County Jail and drivers' license suspended for two years.  
• Armando Arellano, 57, Del Rio, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony, sentenced to five years community supervision, \$750 fine, 160 hours community service, \$429 court costs, 10 days in the Crockett County Jail, drivers' license suspended for two years.

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

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

**JULY 13**  
• 8:37 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident on State Hwy 137 one mile west of State Hwy 163, worked traffic until EMS cleared. Three units, five fire fighters. Time in service 59 minutes.  
• 10:57 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 344 on I-10 in the center median. Worked traffic. Three units, five fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 3 minutes.

**JULY 16**  
• Noon - Motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 365 on I-10. Worked traffic. A unit with one fire fighter. Time in service 20 minutes.

## Office of Rural Community Affairs becomes Texas Department of Rural Affairs Sept. 1

AUSTIN — The state agency dedicated to rural Texas will have a new name as of Sept. 1, thanks to legislation authored by Representative Drew Darby and carried in the Senate by Senator Craig Estes.

The law changes the name of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). The agency's URL will become www.tdra.state.tx.us. The agency's duties and dedication to rural communities remain the same.

"The new name will make their status as an official state agency unmistakable," said Representative Darby. "HB 1918 supports the agency's ability to deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner."

The agency's acronym, TDRA, will replace the old acronym of ORCA, which often led to confusion about the agency's role.

"Rural communities and even other state agencies often mistook us for a non-profit organization," said ORCA executive director Charles S. (Charlie) Stone. "The new name makes our role as a state agency and provider of state and federal grants immediately clear to everyone."

Since its creation in 2001 by the 77th Legislature, the agency has awarded over 4,891 grants, totaling more than \$642 million. These funds have gone out to communities and counties for economic development, disaster relief, infrastructure, and healthcare, benefiting more than four million people in Texas.

"Rural communities are vital contributors to the prosperity of this state going well beyond agriculture with manufacturing and a growing renewable energy industry," said Senator Estes, chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs. "The newly named Texas Department of Rural Affairs emphasizes not only the value of this department, but the value of our rural areas to our overall state economy."

"We thank Representative Darby and Senator Estes for supporting rural communities and this agency during the legislative session," said Dr. Wallace Klusmann chair of the ORCA governing board.

ORCA is the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas and is a provider of rural-focused state and federal resources for community development, disaster recovery, economic development, housing and rural health.

The agency serves as the state's primary liaison with HUD and manages the federal disaster allocation for public infrastructure.

ORCA is the federally-designated State Office of Rural Health. For more information, visit ORCA online at www.orca.state.tx.us.

## TIPS: next article will explore cell phones and company use

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employee, a text message provides a written checklist for the employee's work day.

When developing a cell phone policy for your business, take all aspects into consideration.

Next article, we will explore another facet of personal cell phone use, driving company vehicles and talking during working hours.

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"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Ms. Peggy Hodges, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor II of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU - SBDC, contact her at Peggy.Hodges@angelo.edu

## STATE: Texas running out of unemployment money

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narrowed the math gap among eighth-grade students and one of 15 states that did so among fourth-grade students.

For eighth-graders, the difference in scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress math test was 26 points nationally. In Texas, the gap was 23 points. For fourth-graders, the national average was 31 points and the Texas average was 29 points.

The NEAP test also found that scores on the math test rose for students of all races in Texas over the 15-year period.

**TEXAS RUNNING OUT OF JOBLESS MONEY**

The Texas unemployment insurance trust fund is going broke quickly, and the state will have to borrow \$643 million from the U.S. Department of Labor soon. Those borrowed funds will cover unemployment claims through October 1, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

About 285,000 Texans remained on unemployment compensation through June 27, according to a commission official. That was triple the number receiving benefits during the same period last year.

Governor Perry rejected \$556 million in federal stimulus funds to expand unemployment benefits, saying too many strings were attached.

**HIGHER TOLLS IN NORTH TEXAS**

The North Texas Tollway Authority is increasing rates by 3.5 cents a mile on its toll roads. Drivers with TollTags will now pay 14.5 cents a mile to use the roads. A commute to Dallas from the city's far north suburbs will cost about \$8.60 for those with tags, according to the Dallas Morning News, and \$13 for those paying cash.

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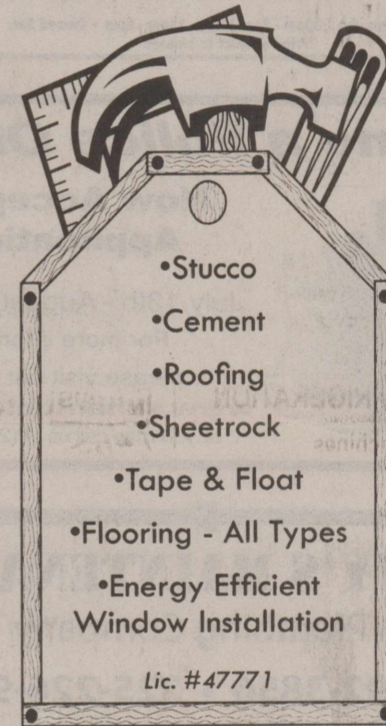


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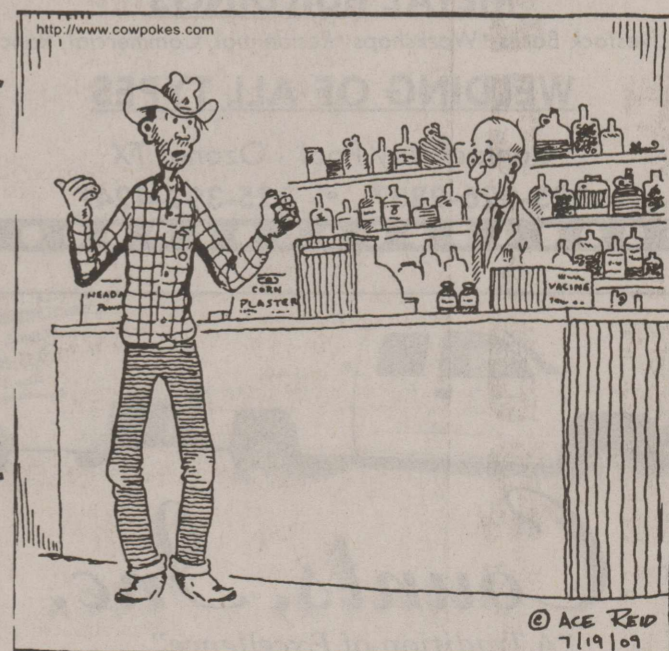


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