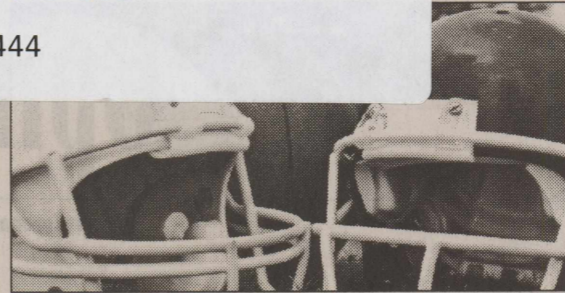


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Rain brings relief from heat

National Weather Service is predicting more moisture this week

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Relief in the form of rain fell on Crockett County last week and more is being predicted for this week.

According to the National Weather Service in San Angelo, Crockett County has a 20 percent chance Wednesday and Thursday.

In fact, rainfall for Crockett County has been relatively normal to higher than normal this year, a trend that counties to the south and east are not a fortunate to have.

To date, Crockett County has received nearly 14 inches of moisture. In 2008, the county received 14.54 inches total.

Normal rainfall for the Concho Valley is around 11 inches this time of year, said Mike Lacy, senior forecaster for the National Weather Service in San Angelo.

"It's good, we'll take it. July is typically a hot and dry month. We've had several good rain events. We've benefitted from a persistent northwest flow pattern which brings rain in the summertime," Lacy said.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Crockett County is not even listed as being in a drought.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is compiled by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Drought Mitigation Center.

However, to the south and southeast, Central Texas and the Rio Grande Valley are in heavy drought conditions. In fact, the U.S. Drought Monitor lists the south, central Texas area as "extreme" and "exceptional," which is around 77 of Texas' 254 counties.

"It's a pretty bad situation in south central Texas. Crockett County has lucked out several times, especially here lately," Lacy said.

With this rainfall, comes less grass fires for the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

"The rains have come at a time when the county was getting very dry. With the hot days, we are seeing a lot of grass turning brown, but the rains have come at the right time to green up again," said Fire Chief Bob Falkner. "As long as we continue to get rain our fire calls will slow down."

On July 16, Gov. Rick Perry issued a disaster proclamation for 167 counties in response to the significant

threat posed by wildfire conditions in those areas.

Since June 25, more than 10,000 acres have been burned by wildfires across the state, with nearly 150 homes threatened. State agencies and organizations including the American Red Cross, Texas Forest Service, Texas Military Forces and Texas Agriculture Extension Service have responded to the fires.

Fortunately, Crockett County was not included in this proclamation. In fact, the closest county listed was Tom Green.

To date, the fire department has only received 35 grass or brush fire calls this year, with five of them being mutual aid call to other counties.

"It should also be said that as ranchers start prescribed burns, the fire department should be called so we will not respond when someone reports the fire. At this time the county is not under a fire ban," Falkner said.

Despite all the rain, the summer heat keeps coming as temperatures have soared over 100-degrees for 25 days.

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Yearly rainfall totals for Crockett County:

2009 to date:	13.93
2008:	14.54
2007:	28.89
2006:	13.02
2005:	17.88
2004:	34.75
2003:	18.90
2002:	17.72
2001:	17.01
2000:	18.48

- Source: Crockett County Groundwater District

Commissioners approve juvenile probation funds

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved an additional \$10,000 for the juvenile probation budget during the July 22 special called meeting.

The money will be for the 2009-2010 budget.

Commissioners also approved a contract with the Kerr County Juvenile Facility.

In order to assist the 2010 Crockett County Census Committee, the commissioners approved \$500 to be used for printing flyers and information.

The commissioners also approved in allowing the adult softball field south of town to be used for both baseball and softball games.

There was some discussion on assisting the Crockett County C.E.R.T. program with funds to purchase items for their new trailer.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said he will be asking the EMS, fire department and the county road department for some things that they can use.

"Whatever I need after I collect everything from them, then I will have go back to the court and ask for the funding," Tambunga said.

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

New Mexico man dies after I-10 rollover

A man riding in the enclosed bed of a pickup died after a rollover Friday about nine miles west of Ozona in Crockett County, Department of Public Safety officials said.

Raul Vasconcellos, 73, was reportedly asleep beneath a camper shell in the bed of a truck when the crash occurred about 1:30 p.m., according to a DPS news release.

His wife, Margarita Vasconcellos, 70, was driving west on Interstate 10 when the 2002 Toyota pickup drove off the road and into the center median, the release says.

She overcorrected, and the pickup rolled about two times, coming to rest on its passenger side facing north.

According to the release, Crockett County EMS responded and removed Margarita from the truck.

She was taken by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center. According to the release, Margarita was wearing a seat belt. Both were from New Mexico.

Margarita was a patient at Shannon, a hospital spokesman said, but no information could be released about her status.

Raul was taken by helicopter to Shannon, where he was later pronounced dead by Tom Green County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Fred Buck, the release says. The body was taken to Gutierrez Funeral Home in San Angelo.

According to the release, fatigue was suspected as the



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CROCKETT COUNTY emergency officials and travelers work to help a New Mexico couple during an Interstate-10 rollover accident. Raul Vasconcellos, 73, died on the way to the hospital in San Angelo, while his wife Margarita, 70, was taken to Shannon Medical Center by Crockett County EMS. The accident occurred Friday afternoon at the 357 mile-marker.

main reason for the crash.

Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County Constable and Crockett County Sheriff's Office also responded to the accident.

New school immunization requirements effective Saturday

Changes to school immunization requirements for five vaccines take effect Saturday, Aug. 1, according to Texas Department of State Health Services officials.

"The changes were made to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements to more closely match recommendations by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices," said Jack Sims, DSHS immunization branch manager.

Changes affect mainly students entering kindergarten and seventh grade.

All immunizations must be completed by the first day of attendance at public and private schools.

The vaccines and new requirements are:

• Hepatitis A vaccine: Students entering kindergarten statewide must have had two doses of the hepatitis A vaccine.

• Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine: Students entering kindergarten must have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Students in grades 1 through 12 must continue to meet the current requirement, which is two doses of a measles-containing

vaccine and one dose each of mumps and rubella vaccine.

• Varicella vaccine: Students entering kindergarten and seventh grade must have had two doses. Students in grades 1 through 6 and 8 through 12 must continue to meet the current requirement, which is one dose of varicella vaccine.

• Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose of Tdap vaccine. Students in seventh grade must have had a booster dose of Tdap, but only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8 through 12 must have had a booster dose of Tdap if it has been 10 years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

• Meningococcal vaccine: Students entering seventh grade must have had one dose.

"A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has received at least one dose of each required vaccine," Sims said. "To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as quickly as is medically feasible."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizens should speak out against government healthcare plan

Dear Editor: Being a small community, we sometimes think actions in Washington, D.C. will not affect Crockett County much less us as individuals. As the unemployment for Crockett County rises, it has become a reality that we are subject to actions in our capital. With this said, how can or will the Health care Reform, or whatever you want to call it, change Crockett County? What will happen to our parents and grandparents? What will happen to our Care Center? I foresee layoffs of employees at the Care Center due to loss of

patients. Under the new plan, our elderly generation does not stand a chance. I understand under the plan there will be thousands of counselors for the elderly, preparing them because they will not receive life changing medications or treatment. No more hip replacements, pace-makers, cardiac care and so on. The government's thinking is by not treating these folks who most have contributed to social security and Medicare will save billions. Legalize genocide or euthanasia in my humble opinion. There are those that these treatments may not improve the

quality of life and the burden of choosing will and should be placed on the family, I know this first hand. Think about this, who runs Medicare and Medicaid? There is so much fraud going on with these two providers that it was reported if all the fraud against Medicaid and Medicare was stopped, we would not have a health care problem. Our national government cannot run its own businesses without going into the red. Why would anyone think they could run our health care with good results? There are many sites on the In-

ternet and television ads addressing the need to oppose the proposed health care bill. Please contact them and your representatives in opposition to this so-called health care reform. Doug Meador Ozona, Texas P.S. Democrats would not accept an amendment for the senators and congress representatives accepting the same health care proposed for the people, they will have their own health care for five years with an option for five additional years run by private health care providers. Think about it.

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I admit it: I'm a Facebook addict

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about how I just don't get Twitter. Guess what, I'm still on Twitter and I only have seven followers because I still don't fully get it. However, earlier last week I heard a couple of my friends talking about being on Facebook. Curiosity always gets the better of me, so I signed up. Let me take back a little bit of what I said about social networking. I may not like Twitter but Facebook is pretty cool. You actually get to have a "semi-real" conversation with people. Just after a week, I have 96 friends, some of which I haven't seen or talked to since high school, and the interaction is actually close to really talking. In fact this page is semi-addicting. If I don't watch myself I could spend all day on this page. An article that I read over the weekend stated that in a new study by Boston IT advisory firm, Nucleus Research, a company that allows users to access Facebook in the workplace loses an average of 1.5 percent in total worker productivity. The article also stated that nearly half of the employees in the study that use the social networking site are on it as much as two hours per day during work hours. The average worker uses it for 15 minutes a day, and most couldn't come up with a legitimate "business reason" for logging on, the article stated. I will admit it is more fun to have a "food fight" online instead of getting my work done. It's also more fun to play catch up with old friends. However, I have made my Facebook page a bit productive at work by putting The Ozona Stockman on the site. It's only been a week and we have more than 130 fans. Unbelievable! While attending a newspaper convention two weeks ago, all of us small, weekly papers learned how it might be a bad idea to put our products on these sites. Getting people interested in reading what is going on in our town is our job. Schools are starting to use the site, advertisers have bombarded it and every celebrity, TV show, sport or movie has a page.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND MELISSA PERNER

There's even a Facebook prayer page. In fact, I noticed our fans come from all over the country, Boston, Washington D.C. and more. There are some things about Facebook that I don't fully get. Like the game "Mafia Wars." My husband signed me up for this but I'm not quite sure how to play it or that I even understand it. I've also seen some of my "friends" playing games like "Farmville," "Farm Town," "Barn Yard," "Sorority" and so on. Like I said, you spend all day on this site and get nothing done. The idea that this will increase productivity or replace an actual face-to-face conversation is still up in the air with me. I mean none of my friends are airing their deepest, darkest secrets on Facebook. In fact, unless you "one-on-one" chat with someone, your best insight to someone is what they choose to post or what quiz or game they are playing. Last week, one of my friends seemed to spend her day posting movie quotes, very insightful. Let's face it, we are all (including myself) addicted to spending time on our computers. It's easier than actual work, cheaper than a phone conversation and better than having to deal with stuff in person. How far will all this go? Well it seems the king of computers, Bill Gates, has already given up. Over the weekend I read he quit his Facebook account after 10,000 people wanted to be his "friend." It will be interesting to see where all this social-networking goes. For now, I have to Facebook chat my husband to tell him dinner is ready. That way I don't have to walk out to his shop. Hey, it's hot out there.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She has to check out her Facebook now and take another quiz.

Townies

A friend of mine lives in two different worlds. To support his chronic ranching habit he does double duty as a businessman in the city. As a result, his calf brandings are a mixture of cowboys and "townies". The city dwellers are invited to take part and share a steak in hopes that by co-mingling we might all come to a better understanding of the opposite worlds we inhabit. Making peace with the townies sounds good in theory but if you try this on your own be advised you may need extra insurance in case one of the townies breaks a fingernail or scuffs a shoe. And their educated thirst demands that a wide assortment of white wine be kept slightly chilled. But the most important thing to remember is to not invite any antagonists like me to your cross cultural affair. I have no idea why I was taken off the guest list of my friend's branding but I do miss serving the townies fresh fried mountain oysters and then watching them turn green when I told them what they were. I especially enjoyed observing the stall fed tenderfeet in their soft shoes and shorts attempt to wrestle big calves to the ground. It was like watching a new pup with its first porcupine: they didn't know where to start! For the most part I found the townies to be nice folks. Their children assimilated well with the ranch kids, the wives



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helped prepare the noon meal and the men tried to make themselves useful. I had to admit I might not have performed as well on my first day on my first in their environment. All in all, it was a fair trade. We enjoyed their fellowship and in return for their bumps and bruises they got a cowboy experience to brag about at the next cocktail party. Once in awhile, however, someone showed up that got under my skin like a sharp sliver. Reggie was such an irritant. He arrived in a shiny foreign convertible decked out in a tee shirt that indicated his past participation in a charity marathon. He wore a watch that must have cost more than 25 range cows on an up market and expensive sunglasses were perched atop his well oiled, shaved head. It was obvious that Reginald wouldn't be doing any work that day, at least the kind where you get dirty. Instead, he rode the fence and did business on his cell phone with words so big we needed two dictionaries and an encyclopedia just to eaves-drop. I immediately took a dislike to Reggie

but did not let that interfere with the task at hand, which was to make friends with the townies. "Would you and your beautiful daughter like some mountain oysters," I snickered as I offered Reggie the tray. "No thank you, for three reasons," said Reggie. "First, we are strict vegetarians. Secondly, we do not eat offensive body parts from cows, especially fried ones. And thirdly, this is NOT my daughter this is my wife." "Oh."

In recounting this episode to my wife I could tell she thought I was exaggerating the extent of Reggie's rudeness. She also realized that in the spirit of the day she needed to undo the public relations damage I had done. So she approached Reggie about the time I was transforming a bull into a steer. Reginald looked in my direction and said, "What a smelly, disgusting creature. Why on earth would anyone like such a beast?" "Firstly, you get used to the smell after awhile," said my wife. "Secondly, he is only occasionally disgusting. And thirdly, I'll have you know that HE is MY husband." To which Reginald replied, "My dear lady, I was referring to the cow there on the ground. Not the idiot holding the knife." "Oh."

Texas schools to receive additional infusion of federal funding

AUSTIN — The U.S. Department of Education has approved Texas' plan for spending \$3.2 billion in federal stimulus funds. Of that amount, \$2 billion must be used for elementary, secondary, post-secondary, early childhood education and for other services to improve student achievement. Those funds, along with more than \$30 billion from other sources, will finance the non-local portion of funding for about 1,200 school districts and charter schools. School districts must spend the stabilization funds and other funds in accordance with state and federal law, and they also must provide an \$800 across-the-board pay raise to all teachers and professional school district employees. "The \$2 billion Texas will receive today [July 24] is part of the single largest boost in education funding in recent history," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "Texas can now utilize these funds to save jobs and lay the groundwork for a generation of

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education reform." The \$2 billion is in addition to \$1.7 billion in federal education stimulus funds already allocated to Texas. In the fall, Texas plans to request another \$1 billion in federal stabilization funds for education, Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said.

PERRY OPTS FOR 'NO-STRINGS' MONEY

Gov. Rick Perry on July 24, in explaining his decision to turn down \$555 million in federal stimulus dollars that would have buttressed the state's dwindling unemployment compensation fund, said there is some "no-strings" funding available in the federal stimulus package that he would accept. He said the funding would provide an additional \$25 per week in benefits to qualified unemployed Texans, resulting in an additional \$161 million for the program and weeks of extended benefits for Texas workers.

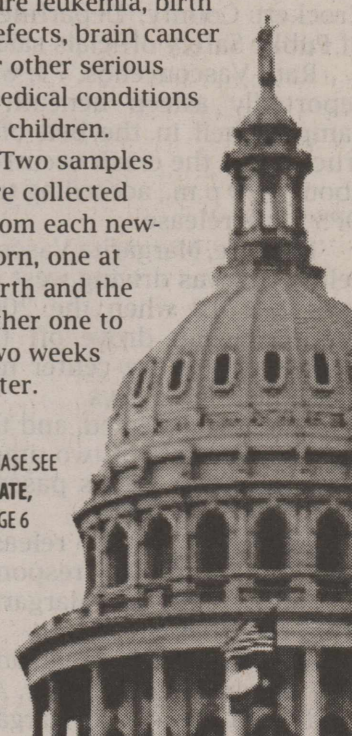
SOURCE SOUGHT IN TAR BALL EPISODE

Sludgy balls of tar washed up on a stretch of beach on South Padre Island on July 22, in the height of tourist season. The General Land Office is using current-tracking buoys, chemical analysis and assistance from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to identify the origin of an oil spill that likely caused the tar balls. And, the agencies are working together to determine where the pollution might go next. State oil spill crews worked with the U.S. Coast Guard on the cleanup, filling 50 fifty-five gallon barrels with tar ball material. Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said the cleanup was completed on July 24.

LAW: BLOODSPOT DESTRUCTION OK

Parents of children born in Texas may direct the Texas Department of State Health Services to destroy dried blood-spot samples collected as part of a routine heel-stick screening of newborns. The department said it began saving all newborn screening samples in July 2002 for quality control purposes and for their potential value in approved research to find ways to prevent, diagnose, treat or cure leukemia, birth defects, brain cancer or other serious medical conditions in children. Two samples are collected from each newborn, one at birth and the other one to two weeks later.

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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.

Local teacher consults for Waco Learning Center

Jan Patterson, the Reading Support teacher in Ozona Elementary School for grades third through fifth, worked with "The Center of Learning and Development" creating a strand of instruction that deals with the learning needs of those students who are English Language Learners.

The center is located in Waco and is a non-profit organization that works with schools and educational service centers to promote and present strategies that are proven to be effective for struggling readers.

Mrs. Patterson gave a power point presentation to the staff and demonstrated various teaching strategies and hands-on activities that facili-

tate learning for students.

The examples that were presented are primarily used in her classroom in Ozona. The week-long session was productive both for the center's staff and Mrs. Patterson. The center's primary focus is on their Grand Central Station Program and the Rally Reading Remediation program. Mrs. Patterson exchanged ideas and discussed the latest research-based findings in the area of Reading Intervention.

Mrs. Patterson began her teaching career with Crockett County CCSD in 1971 as a Spanish teacher then transitioned into a second grade classroom. She received her bachelors of science in elementary education from Tarleton

State and her M.A.T. from Angelo State. In the course of her teaching career, Mrs. Patterson has earned a Bilingual Education certification as well as certifications in kindergarten, gifted and talented and extensive training in Dyslexic reading. While teaching for the Llano ISD, Mrs. Patterson helped the Eanes School District during the summer train their teachers who taught students that showed characteristics of Dyslexia.

She commented that it has been a rewarding experience for her to have come "full circle" in her teaching career. She is now teaching children of students that she taught as a beginning teacher in Ozona.

Special school board meeting Monday

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the Administration Building.

Items on the agenda:
 • Budget Workshop for the 2009-2010 budget.
 • Consider bus purchase for 2009-2010.

• Consider approval of 2009-2010 Student Handbook.

• Consider approval of Student Code of Conduct 2009-2010.

• Consider approval of Athletic/Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct 2009-2010.

• Executive/Closed Session for personnel matters - new hires. Possible action from Executive/Closed Session.

• Consider Revisions to Board Policy: EIA Local - Academic Achievement; Grading; FM Local - Student Activities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 29

- County 4-H Camp at the extension office.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lion Football Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at Lion Stadium.

Thursday, July 30

- County 4-H Camp at the extension office.
- Ozona Lion Football Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at Lion Stadium.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, July 31

- County 4-H Camp at the extension office.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lion Football Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at Lion Stadium.

Monday, Aug. 3

- OHS Lions Football workouts start at Lion Stadium.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- YMCA Youth Football Coaches' Meeting, 6 p.m. at the town square gazebo.
- CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

- YMCA Youth Football Registration, 6 p.m. at the town square gazebo.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Cheerleading Mini-Camp, registration 8:30 a.m. with performance at 11:15 a.m. at Ozona High School.
- Ozona Lion Football Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at Lion Stadium.

Welty has memorable vacation in Michigan

Mary Welty recently returned from a trip to the city of her birth, Manistee, Mich., which is known as the "Victorian Port City." It lies about two-thirds up the coast of Lake Michigan and water sports are very popular, with many busy marinas on Manistee Lake, as well as on the Manistee River which flows to Lake Michigan.

The reason for the trip was to attend the wedding of her eldest grandchild. The beautiful and sweet ceremony along Lake Michigan was attended by about 50 people, with a reception for nearly 300 later in the evening.

Accompanied by Sonny Anderson of Sonora, they had good visits with Mary's two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandsons. They attended a "Sister's Reunion" with all four girls, and shared warm hugs and laughter. They saw a lot of Mary's

friends and caught up on the years of separation.

The highlight for Sonny was his charter fishing trips, where he landed five Steelhead and a Lake Trout. One Steel head weighed in at 10 1/2 pounds taking third place in a contest that runs until the end of the month.

They toured a permanent car ferry museum and the next day watched a transport ship disrupt traffic as it passed through the two drawbridges that connect the two sides of the town. They walked the River Walk that goes about a mile and a half from the city to Lake Michigan, with boats moored most of the way in the City Marina along the river. One evening they attended a concert at the Band Shell beside the river. They enjoyed the abundant flowers planted along the main highway through the city, in hanging planters

on a lot of the main streets, and in countless people's yards.

Sonny was most impressed with the large Victorian homes, some 3-story, still in use today, many having been built in the 1800s. They toured the Ramsdell Theater that was built about 1900, and hosts community plays and musical events throughout the year. A lot of well-known guests have starred in these productions, including James Earl Jones several years ago, who was born and raised in a little town fairly close to Manistee.

The weather was cool, and jackets were needed some days. The daytime temperatures were 50s to 70s and nights were 40s to 60s.

After all the visits, lots of picture taking, and catching planes, home is where the heart is, and they said it's good to be back!

Texas Farm Bureau announces first blog

WACO - Texas Farm Bureau has entered the blogosphere with Texas Agriculture Talks, a forum of ideas and opinions covering all aspects of agriculture in the Lone Star State.

Written from the perspectives of two veteran agricultural journalists on behalf of the state's largest farm organization, the blog will look beyond the nuts and bolts of farming and ranching to those issues which share common ground for agricultural producers and consumers.

Sharing the duties with Hall as blog author is Mike Barnett, the award winning editor of Texas Agriculture magazine. Together, they have 60 years of experience in covering agriculture and working interests of Texas' farm and ranch families.

Texas Agriculture Talks may be found at <http://www.txfb.org/TxAgTalks>.

Texas Pecos Trail board focuses on the future at Big Lake

BIG LAKE, Texas - On July 16, the Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors held a board meeting at the community building located in Big Lake.

The Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors discussed upcoming projects such as cross-promotional efforts with other Texas Heritage Trail program regions.

In addition, a presentation was conducted by Teresa Caldwell of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) covering the programs and services available within the THC.

According to the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce website, the community contains a wide variety of shopping, lodging and eating venues.

In addition, Big Lake is home of the Hickman Museum. "Come experience Big Lake: visit for the great events, hospitality, restaurants, photography studio, gift shops, antiques and

flower shops." "Living's great in Big Lake" (www.biglaketx.com).

The Texas Pecos Trail encompasses the following 22 counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

The TPT is part of the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Heritage Trails program, the award-winning and nationally recognized tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

For more information, call Katy Harrell, regional coordinator, at (325) 387-2927, e-mail info@texaspecostrail.com or visit www.texaspecostrail.com.

Texas Transportation Commission to visit San Angelo

The Texas Transportation Commission is hosting its July meeting in San Angelo on Thursday, July 30. The five-member commission, appointed by Gov. Perry, oversees the activities of the Texas Department of Transportation.

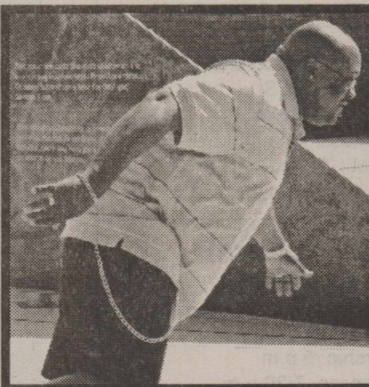
The Transportation Commission meeting will be held at the McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive in the Council Chambers starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited to attend and to make comments. The full agenda may be viewed at <http://www.txdot.gov> and clicking on "Commission Information" under the "Quick Links" heading on the home page.

One agenda item of interest to San Angelo is the consideration for award of a rail improvement contract for the South Orient Rail line.

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Aug. 1 - Jenna Henderson, Esperanza Rodriguez, Ryan Masen, Lori Morgan, Linda Roberts, Gracie Villarreal, Beverly Dennis and Benny Logan

Aug. 2 - Allen Williams, Elsa Martinez, Cheree Wilha, Russel Komechak and LaDonna Alaman

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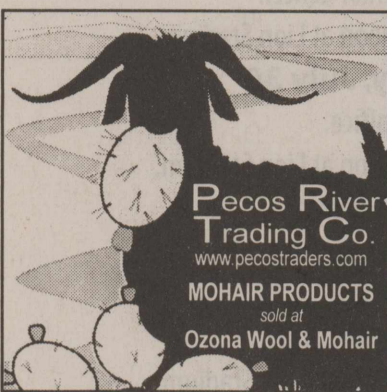
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CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

It continues to be a very hot summer and we have not been able to take the residents outside very often. But, we still continue to have our regular activities inside, with Bingo still being their favorite.

Since I was on vacation, I missed out on all the Fourth of July festivities. On Thursday, July 2, it was party time at the Care Center. The facility was decorated in Red, White and Blue to set the mood for the patriotic celebration.

Thanks to Lilly Payne for the beautiful cake that she decorated as a flag in red, white and blue. It was delicious, so I'm told! I missed out on that one.

There was also a contest for the best decorated wheelchair. They were decorated by the staff and family members. The first place winner was Fe-



CARE CENTER RESIDENTS and EMPLOYEES celebrated the Fourth of July in Red, White and Blue style.

lipa Munoz, second place was David Humphries and third place went to June Reeves. Everyone that participated had a great time decorating and then parading their wheelchair.

On July 24, we celebrated with Mrs. Phyllis Ingham her 88th birthday. Thanks to her family for providing the cake and ice cream. The staff and residents had a good time cel-

ebrating with this sweet, dear lady.

Don't forget our annual fund-raiser which will be held on Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each and are being sold by staff members.

Thanks again to all the great people who continue to give of their time and money to the Care Center. You are all a blessing.

Gran Campaña

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Pastor Benjamin Bрамonte at the Ozona United Methodist Church, Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m.

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Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

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. Re-

ipes 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>First Baptist Church 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. Awana's: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
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<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 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>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>		

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DEATH NOTICES

Daniel 'Cobra' Borrego Sanchez Sr.

Daniel "Cobra" Borrego Sanchez, Sr., 64 died Saturday, July 25, 2009 in San Angelo.

Funeral service was Tuesday, July 28, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Rosario "Chayo" Sanchez of Ozona; three daughters, Donna Harding of Kerrville, Diana Lewis of Ozona and Lori Neslony of Ozona; two sons, Daniel Sanchez Jr. and Larry Sanchez both of Kerrville; two sisters, Leonor Badillo of San Jose, Calif. and Guadalupe De La Garza of Ozona.

Hector Gutierrez

Hector Gutierrez, 74, died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in San Angelo. Service was Saturday, July 25, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include wife, Juanita L. Gutierrez of Ozona; sons Hector Gutierrez Jr., Jose Louis Gutierrez of San Angelo and Heriberto Gutierrez; and sisters Etelvina Villarreal of Baytown and Eustolia Villarreal of Ozona.

Juan Tambunga Villarreal

Juan Tambunga Villarreal, 60, died Tuesday July 21, 2009 in San Angelo.

Funeral service was Friday, July 25, 2009 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Villarreal of Ozona; five daughters, Lisa Villarreal, Esmeralda Flores and JoAnn Galindo all of Ozona, Vicky Sanchez of Seagraves and Pauline Gonzales of Rocksprings; three sons, Juan B. Villarreal Jr., Ray Villarreal and Jimmy Villarreal all of Ozona; two brothers, Catarino Villarreal and Manuel Villarreal, both of Ozona.

Monty Hale Whitley

Monty Hale Whitley, 59, died Monday July 20, 2009 in a San Angelo hospital.

Monty was born Sept. 10, 1949 in San Saba, Texas. Graveside service was Thursday, July 23, 2009 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Eloise Whitley of Junction; two sisters, Patricia Willmon of West Port, Okla. and Debbie Farrell of Victoria, Texas and two brothers, Gary-Don Whitley of Ozona and Bruce Whitley of Christoval.

OBITUARIES

Jess Carl Marley

Jesse Carl Marley passed away after a lengthy illness on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at 1 a.m. in Seton Hospital, Austin, Texas. Jess was born Jan. 1, 1939, in San Angelo and was born just a few minutes after a little girl that was the first baby of the year.

He attended and graduated from Ozona Public School. He played football for Angelo Junior College and then went on to graduate on the Dean's Honor Roll from Texas Tech with a double major and a B.S. in Animal Husbandry.

Jess married Janice Sue Spencer and started ranching on land that his great-grandfather, Joseph Sellers Pierce, had homesteaded in the late 1800s. His land has been in the same family for over 100 years. They had two daughters, Jennifer Marley-Knox and Jacinda Sue Marley, along with a grandson, James Spencer Knox. Jess and Janice taught school at Juno, close to the ranch, for seven years before he entered into politics. He became County Commissioner for Crockett County and served for 12 years. Jess was on the church board for the United Methodist Church that he was a life time member of. In his later years he became very interested in the oil business and ran Spencer Welding and Construction Service for his father-in-law. The wheeling and dealing of oil business was always very exciting to Jess. In 1998 he married Charla Kay Wooten. They enjoyed traveling together.

Survivors include wife Charla Wooten Marley; daughters Jennifer Marley-Knox of San Angelo and Jacinda Sue Marley of Round Rock and grandson James Spencer Knox of San Angelo.

Jess was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Joseph Marley and Velma Alois Box, his paternal grandparents, Jesse Abraham Marley and Abigail Milhouse Pierce and his maternal grandparents, James Whitfield Box and Margaret Marian Gill.

His service was Thursday, July 23, at the Ozona United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

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YMCA Football Registration Tuesday

Ozona YMCA Football Registration for third-sixth grade students will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, 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.

Lion football workouts start Monday

OHS Lion football workouts start Monday, Aug. 3, at Lion Stadium.

The following is a schedule of next week's workouts:

MONDAY, AUG. 3:
· 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - pick up equipment and paperwork; parents should come with player to complete paperwork.

· 5 p.m. - first workout.
**TUESDAY, AUG. 4,
TO THURSDAY, AUG. 6:**
· 5 p.m. - workout.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7:
· 8 a.m. - workout

For more information, call Robert Hernandez at (830) 683-7114.

Lion Football Camp starts today

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.

The camp is being sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club.

McCraw joins DPS as director

AUSTIN - Steven C. McCraw today took the oath of office as director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. He becomes the 12th director in the agency's 74-year history.

McCraw, 55, had been director of Texas Homeland Security in the Governor's Office since 2004. He started his law enforcement career with DPS in 1977 as a Highway Patrol trooper before promoting to Narcotics investigator. In 1983, he was appointed a Special Agent with the FBI.

McCraw is a native of El Paso.

OHS Summer Band starts today

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 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 postmarked by Aug. 11, late entries will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

Sanchez youngest member of regional championship team

Adrienne Sanchez was a member of the Chaos 18U Class A select fast pitch team that was crowned Regional Champions in Lubbock.

Adrienne was the youngest member of the team at 15-years-old.

Adrienne was the starting center fielder and lead-off batter the whole weekend as the team went undefeated through the whole tournament.

Adrienne felt very honored to have played at this age group and also of being the only player that was not from a 5A school.

She was also honored at having the privilege of playing with three girls on the team that are already playing college ball, including one that plays Division I softball at UT-El Paso.



THE CHAOS 18U CLASS A fast pitch softball team won the Regional Championship this past weekend in Lubbock. Ozona's Adrienne Sanchez was the youngest member of the team.

Adrienne is an incoming sophomore at Ozona High School and is the daughter of Harvey and Leticia Sanchez.

Disabled veterans receive property tax relief

AUSTIN - Military veterans who are totally disabled or cannot work because of service-related injuries will pay no property taxes on their homes under a new tax exemption approved by the Legislature.

House Bill 3613 provides an exemption of the total appraised value of the homesteads of Texas veterans who have received a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new law is effective for the 2009 tax year, and swift action is necessary to

update local property tax rolls and ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

Eligible disabled veterans must apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district.

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ROAD & BRIDGE:	3,118,911.90	150,835.70		(447,374.46)		2,822,373.14
CARE CENTER :	41,757.81	547,396.66	344,869.23	(837,307.77)		96,715.93
HSC:	3,490.74	0.00	182,544.24	(182,588.66)		3,446.32
EMS:	(146,742.75)	50,635.69		(68,824.60)		(164,931.66)
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FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS 7-27-09 7-20-09 Emilio Porras, Ozona, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000. 7-21-09 Librado Palacios, Ozona, assault causing bodily injury family violence, misdemeanor, \$5,000. Andrew Joshua Salgado, San Antonio, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000. The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JULY 22 12:30 a.m. - Dublin Ranch off of County Road 209, lightning strike approximately 200 acres. Five units, eight fire fighters; Barnhart two units, four fire fighters; Mertzon two units, four fire fighters; Big Lake two units, four fire fighters; Texas A&M station one truck with two fire fighters; Tee Pee Trucking three tankers; Crockett County one tanker, one blade. Time in service four hours. 10:12 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident with entrapment 35 miles South Pandale Hwy, assisted with traffic control until EMS departed. A unit with three fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 32 minutes. JULY 24 1:30 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, one vehicle roll-over, mile-marker 350 on I-10. Assisted two EMS units and traffic control, assisted with landing zone for AirMed. Two units, eight fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 13 minutes. JULY 26 7 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 40 miles south on State Hwy 163 in Val Verde County. One vehicle roll over, traffic until scene cleared. Four units, eight fire fighters. Time in service 2 hours 10 minutes.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

JULY 20 Local Run - No Transport from Family Health Clinic JULY 22 Local Run - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center JULY 23 Local Run - No Transport Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic JULY 24 Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center Local Run - Patient transported to meet Air Med 1 JULY 25 Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center Local Run - No Transport Local Run - 2 patients No Transport

RAIN: Triple-digit heat returns next week

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Last year, it was 34 days over 100. The record was set 40 years ago in 1969 with 60 days over 100. In 1980, it was 33. In the past 10 years 2000 had 38, 2001 35 and 2006 37. While this week, forecasters are predicting temperatures to stay below 100, the trend will not last long. Lacy said next week the heat will soar into the "dog days of August." In the bone-dry San Antonio-Austin area, the conditions that started in 2007 are being compared to the devastating drought of the 1950s. According to an Associated Press article, Lake Travis is more empty than full, down 54 percent. All but one of the 12 boating ramps are closed because they no longer reach the water, and the last may go soon. The receding waters have even revealed old stolen cars shoved into the lake years ago, authorities said. The article also stated that San Antonio, which relies on the Edwards Aquifer for its water, is enduring its driest 23-month period since weather data was recorded starting in 1885, according to the National Weather Service. The aquifer's been hovering just above 640 feet deep, and if it dips below that the city will issue its harshest watering restrictions yet. The city's not just sitting around, though. A total of 30 off-duty officers and other employees are working overtime to patrol the city looking for people illegally watering. Since April, about 1,500 people have been cited and ordered to pay fines ranging from \$50 to over \$1,000. For Crockett County, the National Weather Service in San Angelo is predicting the county will have around 4 to 4.5 inches more of rain by the end of September. Lacy said the area will be heading toward an El Nino pattern in the next few months that will bring more activity in the southern states.

SHOTS: Information has been sent to health care providers and schools

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Information about the new Texas immunization requirements was sent to health care providers, schools and child-care facilities earlier this year. The full list of immunization requirements effective Aug. 1 for the 2009-2010 school year is available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/6-14eng.pdf. Immunizations also are required for children in pre-kindergarten and child-care facilities. Those requirements are available at www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/docs/school/childcare_reqsENG.pdf. For more information, call the Family Health Center of Ozona at 392-3788.

STATE: Senate rejects gun amendment

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NO RESOLUTION ON TUITION QUESTION Attorney General Greg Abbott released an opinion addressing a legislator's question as to the legality of offering in-state college tuition rates to undocumented Texas residents. The opinion, GA-0732, says the fact that the key terms "residence" and "postsecondary education benefit" are not defined in federal law presents a problem, plus, there are no relevant state or federal court rulings for guidance. So, the question remains. SENATE REJECTS GUN AMENDMENT The U.S. Senate on July 22 voted down legislation that would have allowed state-issued concealed handgun permits to be legal in other states that issue that type of permit. The legislation by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., was a proposed amendment to S. 1390, the fiscal year 2010 Defense Authorization bill. The vote was 58-42 in favor, two votes short of the 60 votes needed to prevent a filibuster. Texas' two U.S. senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, voted in favor. TXDOT PRE-APPLIES FOR RAIL GRANTS The Texas Department of Transportation on July 10 submitted 17 grant "pre-applications" to the Federal Railroad Administration for rail projects across the state. Grants would come through the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes \$8 billion for high-speed intercity passenger rail projects throughout the nation.

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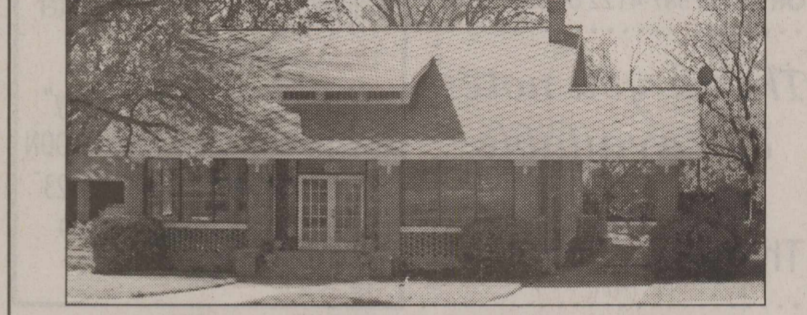
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