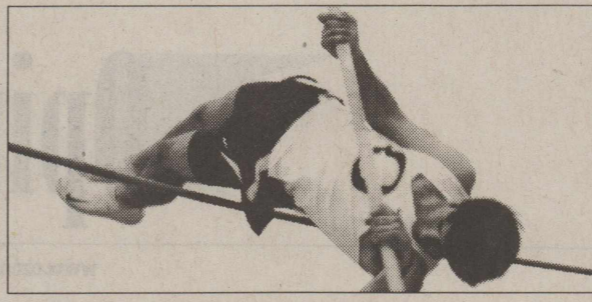


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 Daylight Savings Time  
 Begins Sunday  
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**UP AND OVER:** OHS and  
 OMS team compete  
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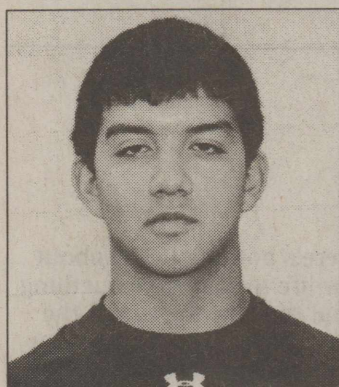
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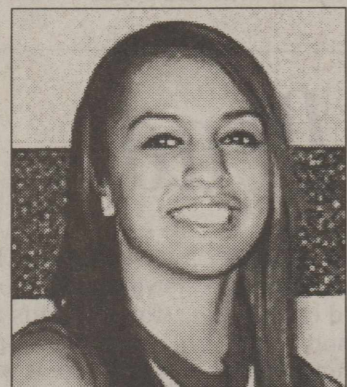
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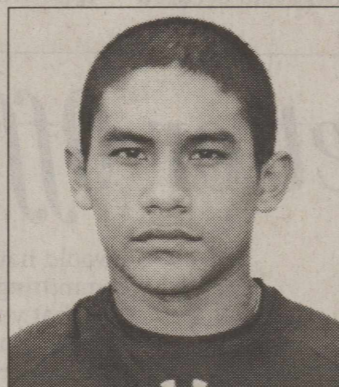
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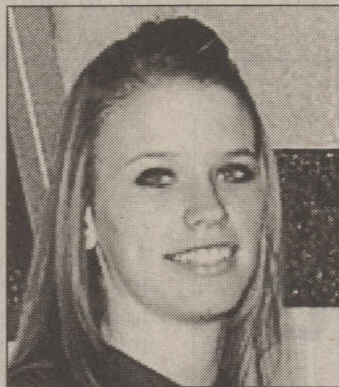
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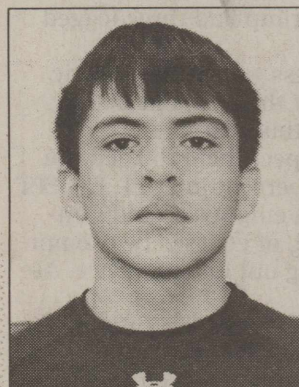
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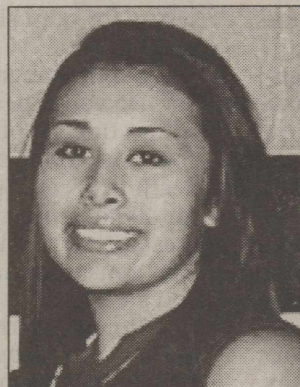
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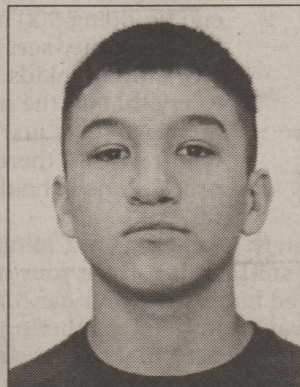
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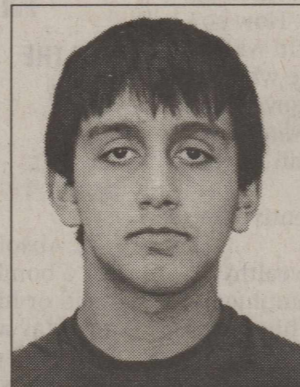
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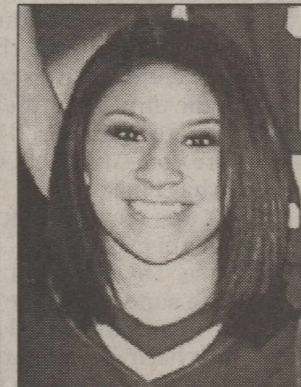
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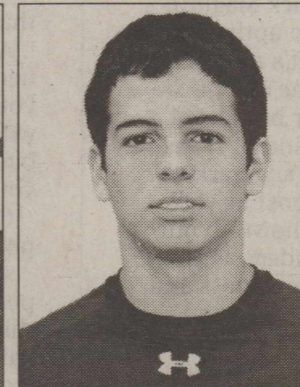
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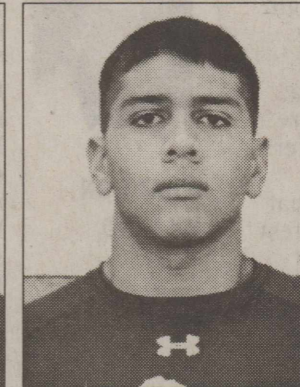
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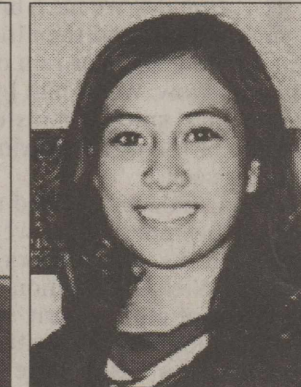
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### Former Lady Lion named to All-Century Team

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Former Lady Lions Amber Tarr has received another honor, this one coming from fans.

Tarr has been named to the All-Century Girls Basketball Team, as part of the UIL's Centennial Celebration.

Fans cast more than 7,400 votes for their favorite girls basketball players in Texas high school history.

"It's definitely an honor," said Tarr, who now lives in Houston. "I'm very appreciative to the fans that voted."

Growing up watching the State Girls Basketball Tournament, Tarr said she was just honored to be placed on the list of nominees.

"It reminds me of the good, old days when we were all there in Ozona and I was playing with my teammates," Tarr said. "It's really my teammates that got us to those state tournaments."

Tarr is a 1998 graduate of Ozona High School.

She was a member of the 94-95 and 95-96 state champion teams, as well as the 97-98 state runner-up team.

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### Monday is last day to register to vote in April 13 runoff

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The last day to register to vote in the April 13 runoff is Monday, March 15.

A runoff election has been set between incumbent Commissioner Alfredo Tobar and Challenger Eligio Martinez for Precinct 4 Commissioner.

Voter registration information can be found in the Tax Office located in the courthouse annex.

During last week's Democratic Primary Election, none of the four candidates running for Precinct 4 Commissioner were able to capture the majority vote needed.

Tobar had the most votes with 97, followed by Martinez with 80. Dee Montanez had 64 and Jesse De La Garza had 43. The candidates needed 143 votes to claim the election. Precinct 4 had 284 ballots cast.

Early voting will be April 5-9 at the courthouse annex. Voting on Runoff Primary Election Day will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

In state and national races, U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, won Crockett County with 514 votes to Challenger Miguel Ortiz. Rodriguez also won the district.

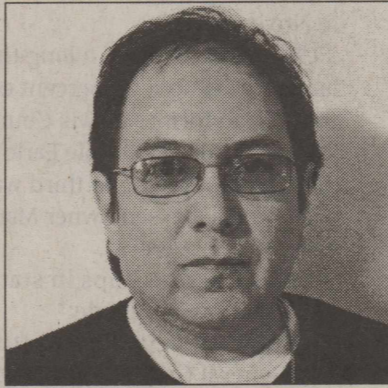
Rodriguez will face the winner of a runoff in the Republican Primary between Francisco "Quico" Canseco and Will Hurd.

Canseco, 60, a San Antonio attorney, sought the same seat two years ago.

Hurd, 32, a San Antonio Marshall High School graduate, served nine years in the



**ALFREDO TOBAR**



**ELIGIO MARTINEZ**

CIA, including a stint as an operations officer in Afghanistan. He returned to the San Antonio area last July after retiring from the agency and quickly mounted a congressional campaign.

Democratic Challenger Bill White won Crockett County. He will face Governor Rick Perry in November.

Crockett County also voted for Linda Chavez-Thompson, who won the state race for Lieutenant Governor, as well as Hector Uribe who won for State Land Commissioner.

While Hank Gilbert narrowly won the Agriculture Commissioner's race, Crockett County gave overwhelming

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### Judge denies motion to dismiss in sheriff's lawsuit

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A federal judge has denied the motion to dismiss in a federal civil lawsuit involving the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings issued the order on Friday, March 5. The order states that since plaintiffs Charla Marley and Michael Hill filed an amended complaint on March 1, then their original complaint filed on Jan. 28 is no longer the live pleading.

According to the order, the plaintiffs had 21 days of the motion to dismiss to file an amended complaint. The motion to dismiss pertained to the original complaint.

The motion to dismiss was argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed for reasons of qualified immunity. Qualified immunity shields government officials from liability for the violation of an

individual's federal constitutional rights.

Cummings also issued an order that any motion to dismiss or motion for summary judgment relating to the issue of qualified immunity should be filed within 45 days of the March 5 order.

Marley and Hill are suing Crockett County and the sheriff's office for wrongful death related to the death of Marley's husband Jess Marley.

Robert S. Hogan, Melvin Gray and Guy D. Choate, attorneys for Marley and Hill, filed a response to the March 1 motion to dismiss requesting the motion be denied and demanding a jury trial.

These new documents were filed March 2 and come after an answer to the lawsuit and motion to dismiss was filed on behalf of Crockett County and the sheriff's department, responding to the original lawsuit filed by Marley and Hill on Feb. 10.

The suit is also listed as a civil rights and wrongful death action resulting from the assault of the Marleys and Hill by deputies Joseph Bertolino and Daniel Arrieta and the false arrest and retaliation against Hill by Deputy Bo Semmler and Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton.

Also in new documents, it claims that Charla Marley has suffered emotional trauma, mental anguish, expenses for the funeral and burial of her husband and violation of her constitutional rights. It also claims that Hill suffered violation of his constitutional rights.

The amended complaint also lists exemplary damages and punitive damages, as well as requesting the court to render injunctive relief prohibiting Sutton from further acting obstruct and impeding justice and placing the sheriff's office under federal supervision.

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### Hamilton qualifies for state in powerlifting

Emalee Hamilton has qualified for the state powerlifting meet.

Hamilton, along with the rest of the OHS Lady Lions competed in the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Regional Meet this past weekend in Monahans.

Hamilton, a sophomore, finished seventh overall, but was first in Class 2A. She will represent the region at the state meet in Corpus Christi on March 19 and 20.

Hamilton put up a personal best of 640 pounds, which also beat her personal



**EMALEE HAMILTON**

goal of 600 pounds.

"This was great for her and it goes to show that you never know what could happen at any given meet," said Coach John Esparza.

Junior Crystal Vasquez finished seventh overall in her division and second in Class 2A. She finished with a total of 430 pounds, which was a personal best for her and beat a personal goal of 400 pounds.

"This was a great year for Crystal. She improved every week and learned a lot. We are looking forward to bigger things next year," Esparza said. "All of our girls did a great job this year and Coach Kristie Williams and I are very proud of them. A special thanks to our first and second grade students and teachers for the great send-off."

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## Ignoring the Census hurts Texas, your county and your community

Are you going to ignore the Census this year? If the answer is yes, it's the same as saying, "I don't count." And by not being counted, you are hurting your state, your county and your community. It's as simple as that. According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, thousands of people in Texas's largest counties, including Bexar, will be left out of the decennial count that determines representation in Congress, the Texas Legislature and the formulas for funding a

wide range of services and programs. If you think participation in the Census is not important, consider this: A study commissioned by the U.S. Census Monitoring Board found that an estimated 373,000 Texans weren't counted in the 2000



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

Census. As recently reported by the Texas Tribune, because of that undercount Texas lost more than \$1 billion in federal funds for schools, hospitals, social services and transportation projects over the ensuing decade. What happened to all that money? It went to other states. Texans shouldn't let that happen again, but they are well on their way. According to the Tribune, eight Texas counties are on the Census Bureau's list of the top 50 hard-to-count

counties in the nation. Hard-to-count areas are those where a large majority receives public assistance; where renters are common; households with large numbers of children; areas with high non-English proficiency, and dwellings with multiple families. Bexar County ranks 32 on the national list, with 10.6 percent of its 1.4 million living in hard-to-count areas. In an effort to boost Census participation, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund has created

a Complete Count Committee, and some are urging the state to create a similar group to raise awareness of the importance of being counted. The 2010 Census aims to count every U.S. resident, both citizens and non-citizens. Here is what you can expect: The Census Bureau will soon begin mailing a short 10-question form to every household in America, asking you to account for everyone living at your address as of April 1. A prepaid envelope will come with the form

so you can mail it back. For those households that don't respond, a census taker will follow up in person. It's as simple as it is important. So when your Census form comes in the mail, fill it out and send it back. Don't toss it away. Remember, you don't count if you don't let yourself be counted.

Senator Uresti represents Senate District 19, which extends from San Antonio to the Lower Valley of El Paso County, and includes Crockett County. It is the largest legislative district in the nation, spanning two time zones and all or parts of 23 Texas counties.

## Wet winter = spring bluebonnets

I don't know about you but I've had the winter blues this year. One day we have bright sunshine, and then the next we have snow or rain or rain and snow. We've had fog, cloudy days, spitting moisture and one of the weirdest winters I've ever seen. It's also been reported that this has been one of the wettest winters in the last 25 years. John Nielsen-Gammon, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as Texas' state climatologist, has pronounced the last drought officially over. The 5-year-old drought that started in January 2005 is said to have been more severe in Texas than the 7-year drought of the 1950s. However, this weird, wet weather is expected to turn the state into a rainbow of colors this spring. By the end of March, Texas should be awash in the reds, yellows, whites, and blues of wildflowers, with the season peaking in mid-April, says Damon Waitt, senior botanist at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at The University of Texas at Austin.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

especially bluebonnets. As historian Jack Maguire so aptly wrote, "It's not only the state flower but also a kind of floral trademark almost as well known to outsiders as cowboy boots and the Stetson hat." He goes on to affirm that "The bluebonnet is to Texas what the shamrock is to Ireland, the cherry blossom to Japan, the lily to France, the rose to England and the tulip to Holland." It's refreshing to know that all this yucky, wet, winter weather will be able to give us some beauty to enjoy when Mother Nature decides it's time for them to bloom.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, there are more than 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas, more than 20 percent of wildflowers are in the Sunflower family and all species of bluebonnet are considered the State Flower. There are also white bonnets and pink bonnets. These will not necessarily bloom the next year true to color if they are mixed among bluebonnets. This is due to their being pollinated by bees and if the bee goes from a bluebonnet to a white bonnet and pollinates the white bonnet, then it could come back as a bluebonnet. As a reminder, TxDOT plants wildflowers for everyone's enjoyment. Picture-taking that leads to potential damage of wildflowers is discouraged. If too many wildflowers are trampled or damaged, they die and do not re-seed. Naturally, TxDOT also discourages picking wildflowers for the same reason. So, as we wait for spring to begin, check out <http://www.texaswildflower.com/wildflower/> for wildflower trail information, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org) or Fredericksburg's Wildseed Farms at [www.wildseedfarms.com](http://www.wildseedfarms.com). Also, TxDOT's wildflower hotline, providing statewide information on select wildflower locations, operates 24 hours a day at (800) 452-9292. The hotline will operate until late spring.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She is looking forward to seeing bluebonnets!

## Better Off Dead



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

It is said that the only two sure things in life are death and taxes. To which I would add a third certainty: that the government will use your death as an excuse to increase your taxes. Here's an installment of "Ask The Tax Man" that might help your heirs keep some of your cash when you keel over. Q: My ungrateful son just informed me that 2010 is a great year to die. How so? A: If you die in 2010 your child will inherit 100 percent of your estate whereas if you wait to die until 2011 the government will grab 55 percent of it. I'd watch my back if I were you. Accidents will happen, you know what I mean? Q: Doesn't this create an incentive for people to die this year? A: Of course. Thousands of wealthy people on life support will be unplugged this year by their kids, suicide hot lines will heat up, charities will spring up to find a cure for metabolism, and Oprah will do a show on the best ways to off yourself. Q: I'm 92 years old female worth in excess of 100 million dollars that my four husbands worked very hard to amass. I would like to leave my spoiled stepkids all my money but I don't believe in suicide. Isn't there some way around this ridiculous rule? A: Start living dangerously. Take up skydiving, trade in your Rolls for a motorcycle, start smoking 4 packs of cigarettes a day and don't get a flu shot. In the past

I would have suggested committing a crime so bad that you'd end up sharing a prison cell with Dr. Kervorkian, but I think he's out on bail now. Besides, if your crime wasn't heinous enough you could just end up doing 500 hours of community service. Q: I love my kids but I worry that all the money in my estate is just too tempting. Are there any precautions I should take? A: Absolutely. Trade in your Chihuahua for a bomb sniffing dog. Have your butler, maid or hired hand start your car for you, and stay away from family gatherings. Don't eat cookies sent to you in the mail, don't let your children pick your Doctors for you, don't have any elective surgeries, and hire a bodyguard immediately. Q: Fifty-five percent! To heck with growing old gracefully! What's the best way to die now? A: Normally I don't think much of dying but in this case there's something to be said for it. I'd suggest going to meet Saint Peter with a smile on your face by dying at the hands of a jealous spouse. Q: Shame on you for making fun of a ridiculous situation. This isn't funny!

A: I agree. There's nothing funny about working all your life to save up something for your kids and then having to sell the ranch just to pay death taxes. I know you can't take it with you but at least you ought to be able to give it to your kids. Just think, you worked all those years just to pay outlandish pensions for politicians, build bridges to nowhere, and buy preserves for fairy shrimp and three legged salamanders. Q: Surely Congress will fix this idiotic law. Do you expect them to take action before the end of this year? A: I sure do, I expect them to keep the death taxes at 55 percent in 2011, EXCEPT for all government employees and Congressmen who will, of course, be exempt. Q: You're passing out lots of advice. Are you a CPA? A: No, but I am a CPA-LITE... Citizen Paying A Lot In Taxes Endlessly. Q: I'm not about to kill myself just to make my spoiled kids rich. But isn't there something else I can do to make sure the government doesn't get all my money? A: Start living extravagantly now so that when you go on your last journey there won't be anything left to pack. Pay your last income taxes with a check that bounces, and since breathing produces carbon dioxide, and you won't be breathing any more, sell your carbon credits to Al Gore before you go.

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## Primary result: Perry to face White in November general election

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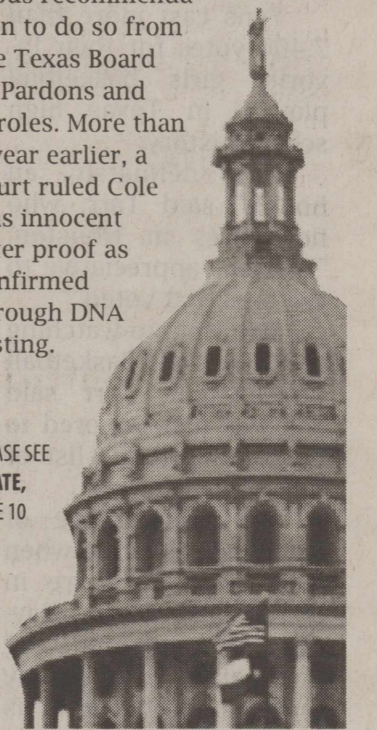
AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry fought off two strong challengers in the March 2 Republican Party primary, positioning himself for an unprecedented third term as governor of Texas. By drawing more than 50 percent of the vote, Perry avoided an April runoff with his closest challenger, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who received 30.3 percent. Newcomer Debra Medina of Wharton followed with 18.6 percent. Combined voter turnout for the primaries was the highest since 1992, according to the Secretary of State's office, with an estimated 2.1 million ballots cast. In the Democratic primary, Houston Mayor Bill White took 76 percent of the vote to Houston businessman Farouk Shami's nearly 13 percent, so it will be Perry versus White in the November general election. Perry, already the longest-serving governor in Texas history, advanced from lieutenant governor to governor when George W. Bush left for the White House in January 2001. He was reelected in 2002 and

2006 and now looks forward to a record third full term, but White stands in his way. Incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, running unopposed in the GOP primary, will face Democrat Linda Chavez-Thompson in November. Chavez-Thompson, a long-time labor activist, got 53 percent of the vote to former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's 34 percent. Coming in third was Austin delicatessen owner Marc Katz with 12 percent. Other key matchups in statewide races will include: Incumbent Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott versus Dallas Democrat Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Houston attorney who challenged Hutchison for her U.S. Senate seat in 2006. Incumbent State Comptroller Susan Combs ran unopposed in the GOP primary and no one ran for the office of comptroller in the Democratic primary. Incumbent Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a Republican, will face Democrat Hector

Uribe, a former state representative and senator from Zapata County. Incumbent Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, a Republican, will face Democrat Hank Gilbert. Gilbert shifted from his gubernatorial campaign to run as agriculture commissioner last fall when Bill White announced for governor. In the Democratic primary, Gilbert, an East Texas rancher, outdrew Hill Country humorist Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman, founder of Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch near Kerrville. Incumbent Texas Railroad Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo lost to Midland accountant David Porter in the Republican primary. Porter will face Democrat Jeff Weems in November. Six incumbent state representatives lost to challengers. For a complete listing of primary results, go to [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us). PERRY ISSUES POSTHUMOUS PARDON Gov. Perry on March 1 granted

a posthumous pardon to Timothy Brian Cole, a Texan who died in state prison in 1999 while serving a 25-year sentence for a 1985 aggravated sexual assault he did not commit. Perry said he pardoned Cole after receiving a unanimous recommendation to do so from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. More than a year earlier, a court ruled Cole was innocent after proof as confirmed through DNA testing.

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## Former State Champion Lady Lions gearing up for March 28 Wellness Center fund-raiser

Members of the former OHS State Championship Lady Lions Basketball Teams are requested to play once again at 2 p.m. March 28 at the Davidson Gym.

The event will be a fund-raiser for the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center.

Admission is \$5 per person.

Teams can sign up to play the girls. Teams can consist of all ages and be co-ed. Cost is \$50 per team.

There will also be door prizes given away at the event.

So far, all but three players are planning on coming to the event.

The date of the event is also special for former player Bobbie Bryson. On March 28, 1996, Bryson was diagnosed with cancer.

Bryson, who currently works at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, said she enjoys taking care of people in the West Texas areas who, 14 years later, tell her how much they enjoyed watching the Lady Lions play.

"I have come to believe that things and events happen for a reason. Doing a fund-raiser for a wellness project and the whole cancer thing, well it's just special," Bryson said.

Former Lady Lion Amber Tarr said she also plans on making the trip.

"I'm looking forward to getting to see people," she said.

For more information, call Kristie Williams at 226-2423 or Tina Bean at 392-3334.

The wellness center is now taking memorial donations at: P.O. Box 865, Ozona, Texas 76943.

## Congressional field representative to visit Monday

A field representative for U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, will be in Ozona on March 15.

Jaime Solis will be available to the public from 1-5 p.m. that day at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Solis is a field representative for Rodriguez's office. All local county officials, business representatives and citizens with specific interests or issues of concern are welcome to stop by.

To contact Solis in advance, e-mail [jaime.solis@mail.house.gov](mailto:jaime.solis@mail.house.gov), or call (210) 561-9421.

## Commissioners tour renovated courthouse

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners toured the newly renovated courthouse during their regular meeting Monday.

Most of the work on the courthouse is complete, but a few, small details remain to be finished before the courthouse can be used again.

Schmidt said the project is expected to finish \$100,000 below the guaranteed maximum price.

County Judge Fred Deaton said improvements to the bottom floor may be something the court looks at next, since the second floor project may finish under budget.

The new courtroom has pew-style, wooden benches with the county seal on each end. New, golden tan carpet lines the steps, aisles and front part of the courtroom, while the benches sit on wood floors.

The jury box has been moved to the right side of the courtroom, a new bench for the judge, clerk, reporter and witness stand has been constructed, as well as new tables for lawyers and benches at the front with the county seal.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SHERIFF POSITION

The commissioners approved moving of \$5,000 additional funds from the Crockett County Jail Budget to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office Budget for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff. Total salary is \$32,250.

The commissioners then approved setting the position of Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff.

### DCP MIDSTREAM SAFETY PROGRAM

Employees of DCP Mid-



CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and other county officials toured the newly renovated courthouse during their regular meeting Monday. Pictured are: (left to right) Sylvia Lara, Eddie Moore, Judge Pedro Gomez Jr., Architect David McDurmit, Commissioner Pleas Childress III, Commissioner Frank Tambunga, Architect Henry Schmidt, County Judge Fred Deaton and Commissioner Randy Branch. More photos can be found on the Stockman Facebook page.

stream presented a public awareness program on the safety of pipelines.

The group presented emergency contact lists, business cards and maps of the areas.

The company does safety training with employees and performs annual emergency drills with local county, EMS and fire department officials, said Domingo Perez, DCP Compliance Coordinator.

"DCP is committed to the safe operation of pipelines, dedicated to the protection of our employees, the public and the environment. Early communication on new developments will help us identify and mark our pipelines," Perez said. "We might be underground, but we are there."

### LIBRARY NEWS

Librarian Louise Ledoux said the library will be losing the Live Homework Help program due to lack of funding. The program was funding through the Big Country Library system.

Ledoux also said the library may also have to start paying for the online catalog service. The more libraries that use it, the lower the price will be, Ledoux said. Around 20 libraries are connected on the network. By using this,

Crockett County Public Library can go online and see if a book is available at one of these other libraries, if Crockett County doesn't have it.

"If we do have to pick up some of the cost, I think it will be good with all of us sharing this resource," she said.

The Friends of the Library has their annual membership drive going. Ledoux said lots of new members have joined and they have received extra donations.

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

#### APPROVED:

Engagement letter from Wayne Beyer, certified public accountant.

Assign the county judge duties of the Boy Scout account at Ozona National Bank.

The commissioners verbally agreed to hire Lupe Martinez part-time for the Senior Center while Director Lynn English is out due to illness.

Presentation by Texas Challenge Academy for their cadets to provide community service for Crockett County.

Clean up county property west 30-feet of lot 9 in block 144 in next to the old north pool.

The next regular commissioners' meeting will be at 9 a.m. April 12 at the courthouse annex.

**STOCKMAN DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, March 10

- Texas Public School Week: "Donuts with Dad" Pre-K through fifth, 7:15-7:50 a.m. at their individual campuses.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Lady Lions Golf at Sonora.

### Thursday, March 11

- Varsity Baseball in the Midland Classic at Midland.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Elementary Open House for first through fifth grades, music by fourth graders at 6 p.m., open house at 6:30 p.m. at their individual campuses.

### Friday, March 12

- Early release day for Ozona Schools
- Texas Public School Week: "Breakfast with Grandparents" Pre-K through fifth, 7:15-7:50 a.m. at their individual campuses.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Track Teams in the Cactus Relays at Iraan.
- OMS Track Teams in the Colt Relays at Sonora.
- Varsity Baseball in the Midland Classic at Midland.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

### Saturday, March 13

- Dollar General New Location Grand Opening at 1105 Sheffield Rd.
- Varsity Baseball in the Midland Classic at Midland.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

### Sunday, March 14

- Daylight Savings Time begins, set clocks ahead one hour.
- Lions Powerlifting at the regional meet in Sundown.

### Monday, March 15, to Friday, March 19

- Spring Break for Ozona Schools.

### Monday, March 15

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Congressional field representative visit, 1-5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

### Tuesday, March 16

- Lions Golf at McCamey.
- JV and Varsity Lions Baseball vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at the baseball field.

### Wednesday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

## Public invited to March 18 Texas Pecos Trails meeting

MCCAMEY, Texas - The Texas Pecos Trail Region Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 18, 10 a.m., at the Santa Fe Depot, U.S. Hwy 67 East in McCamey. The public is welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$10 per plate.

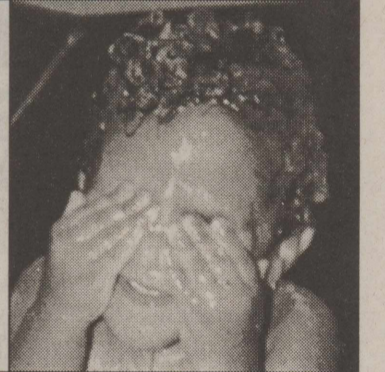
The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through his-

toric preservation.

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RSVP to Scott Jordan, Executive Director, at [info@texaspecostrail.com](mailto:info@texaspecostrail.com) or (325) 387-3900 on or by Friday, March 12, if attending.

Happy 18th Birthday on March 10 to *Jolissa!* Love Pepaw & Ma



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## Happy Birthday

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March 11 - Madison Reid Fierro, Gary Mitchell, Marivel Mata, Amelia Tambunga, Anthony Gonzales, Ryan Bean, Steven Dorrough and Emily Moore

March 12 - Kaleb Borrego, Billy Tom Turland, Andy Wilson, Anna Lara, Andres Macias and Leandra Benson

March 13 - Morris King

March 14 - Anthony Vasquez, Diego Pena and Mark Branyon

March 15 - Tracey Preddy

March 16 - Wilton Russell and Rene De La Rosa

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**FRANCES BORREGO** (center) celebrated her 88th birthday surrounded by her family Saturday at the Circle Bar Restaurant. Frances has nine children, Juanita, Junior, Ester, Chuy, Albert, Alex, Dilly, Tony and Ray, 35 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 52 great-great grandchildren.

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**LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS**

BY CAROL ADCOCK  
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

On Friday and Saturday the club traveled to Odessa, Texas to attend the 49th annual Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dance Conclave.

This event was sponsored by the Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Association. There were fifteen squares of dancers twirling to callers; Tommy White of Odessa, David Davis of Hobbs, N.M., Dick Parrish of Hobbs, N.M. and John Geen of San Angelo.

Rounds were cued between by Lynn Myers of Midland.

Dancers who attended were Danny Monzingo, Tammi Monzingo, Carol Adcock, Tracey Young, Joann Couch, Jim Couch and Frank Fred.

Levis and Lace has dances on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Crockett County Senior Citizen building.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship set to music at no charge.

The 24th annual Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival is on April 9 and 10, remember to mark you calendar for the exciting event.

**Answers on Aging March 25**

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, March 25, at 10 a.m. until 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, Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility assistance), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly), and 2-1-1 Texas of the Concho

Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services). A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

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 Tom P. Gutierrez, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666 or just by dialing 211.

**OBITUARIES**

**Parker 'Pat' Bryan Hamilton Jr.**

Parker "Pat" Bryan Hamilton Jr., 71, died on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Crockett County Care Center.

He leaves his wife of 22 years, Debra Kaye Hamilton; son Donald James Hamilton and his wife Lori and their children Parker, Stinson and Jaiden; son William Parker Hamilton and son Vincent Parker; son Robert Bryan Hamilton and his wife Jing and their children Michelle and Susan; daughter Emalee Kay Hamilton and stepsons Matthew Troy Mecke and his wife Stacy and Tod Strickland. He also leaves his brothers William Ray Hamilton and his wife Opal; Robert Roy Hamilton and his wife June, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Pat was born July 31, 1938 in Amarillo to Parker B. and Viva Mae Hardin Hamilton.

Pat was a man of many talents. He was awarded an Eagle Scout in 1954, licensed to preach the gospel in 1953, and played college football on a scholarship at Hardin-Simmons University for two seasons. He also played professional football for the Dallas Texans under Sammy Baugh, semi-professional basketball for the Phillips 66ers, and pitched a no hitter in a semi-professional baseball game.

One of Pat's most notable talents was cooking. He was in the restaurant business for 35 years. He started his first restaurant, the Hitchin Post Cafe, in Bronte in 1974. Pat decided to start a new restaurant, the Hitchin Post Steakhouse, in Ozona in 1988 that is still in business today.

Pat is preceded in his death by his parents, Parker B. and Viva Mae Hamilton.

Graveside service was Friday, March 5, in Cedar Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Crockett County Care Center Resident Fund or Hospice of San Angelo.

"Poem Of Life"  
by Unknown Author

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the lord

**Virgil 'Wayne' Wood**

Wayne Wood, 52 has passed and went to live with his heavenly father on March 6, 2010. Memorial services will be held in Ozona on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 1 p.m. Wayne was born on Feb. 3, 1958 in Henderson, Neb.

A very special thanks to Spencer Morris and family of Pipecreek; Duane Williamson and family of Midland; Robert Daniels and family of Ozona; Bonnie Olge and family of Ozona; A.B and Billie Morris of Ozona; Jack and Paulene Bentley of Ozona; Cody and Melissa of Pipecreek.

The family would like to give a very special thanks to Hospice and their crew, to all of his doctors: Dr. Stanley, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Blanc, Dr. Demory, Dr. Sims and to his nurses Maryann, Christina and Steve. Without all of these people we would have been lost without your guidance through all of this. God bless you all.

"I'm as free as a bird now I can spread my wings and fly home"

**PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT**

It is a much talked about subject today and many people are very concerned if they will be able to retire and what kind of retirement will they have. One question is will they have enough money to retire and another is where will they retire and what kind of home will they live in. It is a good thing to plan for the future and not to just live for today. Thinking about these things reminds me of something in the Bible. The Bible speaks a lot about the future. First and foremost is where will we spend the future? There are only two possibilities. We will either be with God or we will be cast out and away from God. If we have ever called upon Jesus Christ to be our personal Lord and savior, we are Heaven bound, (John 14:6). If not, we headed for a place of outer darkness and eternal suffering and torment, (Revelation 20:11-15). For Christians their retirement comes as a package deal. We are told not to worry about it if we have trusted Christ, (John 14:1). Second, there is enough room for everybody and our permanent retirement dwellings are being built today, (John 14:2). Third, Jesus is coming to take us there, do not worry we will not miss the boat, (John 14:3). I do not know about you but my wife and I are looking forward to our heavenly retirement.

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. Awanos: 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. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</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. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday 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 Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 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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**MARCH 11**  
Chicken rice casserole, zucchini and tomatoes, roll and dessert.

**MARCH 12**  
Egg salad, pea salad, carrot raisin salad and dessert.

**MARCH 15**  
Ranchers chicken, potatoes, vegetable blend, roll and dessert.

**MARCH 16**  
Chili with beans, tossed salad, cornbread and dessert.

**MARCH 17**  
Pork chops, potatoes, carrot coins, roll and dessert.

**Nutrition/Food Pantry program March 19**

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, March 19, 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.

**Thank You**  
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## New off-road park projected to open Labor Day weekend

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

After three years and 1,000-plus man hours, a projected opening day has been set.

Labor Day weekend is the goal for the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition in getting the Escondido Draw Recreational Area opened for public use.

Information about the 3,400-acre park, located 34 miles south of Ozona, was presented by members of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition during a March 4 meeting at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

TMTC received their final decision on the park from the Texas Parks and Wildlife on Jan. 20.

"Now, we can finally, really start doing work on the park," said Tony Eeds, TMTC President.

The park will have trails for off-road motorcycles, four-wheel-drive vehicles, such as Jeeps and all-terrain vehicles like four-wheelers.

A corner of the park will contain an area for non-motorized use, such as camping facilities for Boy and Girl Scouts.

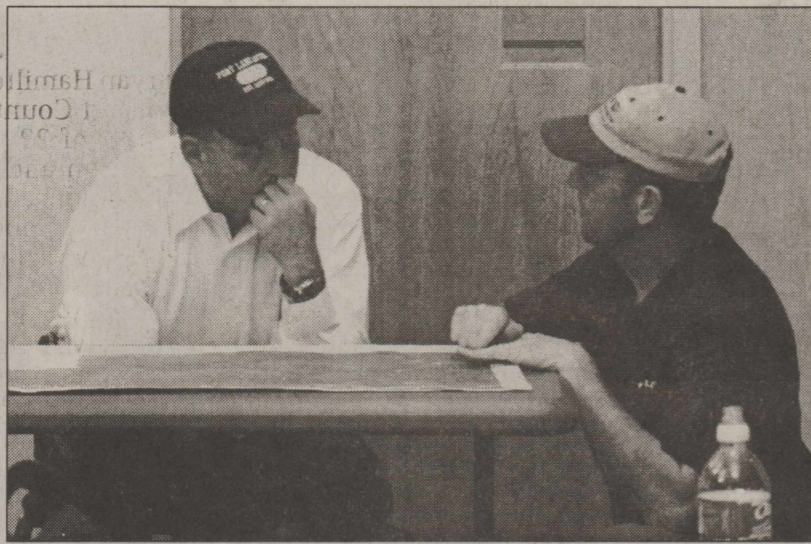
There will also be an area for the public to camp and have RV hookups with showers and restrooms.

During the meeting, Eeds showed maps of the park with a diagram of where the camping facilities would be.

A pavilion will be on site and available for public use, such as parties and reunions, and there will be play areas for children.

Noise levels at the park will be monitored and vehicles will not be allowed on trails after dark.

Fees will be charged at the gate for use of the Park, which are still being determined, Eeds said. People that are



RANDY VERNER (left) and Richard Jacobs, of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition, look at a map of the new off-road park during a meeting on March 4 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

TMTC members will receive discounted fees, just like at the Barnwell Mountain Recreation Area in Gilmer, Texas, TMTC's other park.

A site manager will also live at the park.

"This will be run much like a state park," Eeds said.

The park will be open Fridays-Sundays, with the public possibly allowed to come in Thursdays to set up for camping but not to use motorized vehicles.

Eeds also said TMTC wants to work with Ozona businesses as much as possible in getting the park ready and when the park is running.

"One of the most important things we want to do is buy most of this locally," Eeds said. "I want to hear from all of you if you are able to build the buildings. I want to use local people. We've got the money to set aside to build all this stuff, we just need someone to do it," Eeds said. "I want people stopping in Ozona. I don't want them going to San Angelo."

People and groups from Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa have already contacted Eeds about the park.

"The reality is this is a unique facility in the state of Texas, and is the largest facility of its kind in the state of Texas," Eeds said.

Eeds said he and some other volunteers have been working on the park for about a year, but there is still more work to be done.

There has also been discussion and plans for AirMed landing sites at the park, through Shannon Medical Center, as well as local emergency crews.

"Safety is a priority," Eeds said.

All users must wear seatbelts and have the proper safety gear for their vehicle, which includes helmets and roll cages.

Eeds said there are also talking about opening the park during the off-season, which will be winter, for bird watchers. There are close to 100 different bird species in the park area.

"We can offer unique things. I hope we are able to build bridges with the community," Eeds said.

For more information about the EDRA or TMTC, visit [www.texasmotorizedtrails.com](http://www.texasmotorizedtrails.com).

## Rancher's Workshop Saturday in Big Lake

The Crockett, Middle Concho and Tom Green Soil & Water Conservation Districts are partnering up with local landowners, Angelo State University, and NRCS to host The Rancher's Workshop.

The mission is to bring together innovative and successful individuals to share their experiences with an audience of their peers in the agricultural business.

The day is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, at the Big Lake Community Center in Big Lake. There will be a barbecue lunch served and vendors will be on site. The day will kick off with sign in and coffee at 9 a.m.

The event will feature local ranchers speak, in addition to AgriLife Extension economist Wade Polk and Benny Cox from Producers Livestock Auction. Corey Owens, Instructor/Research Associate with the Department of Agriculture of ASU, will have graduate students on hand to display their research in a poster format. The students will be available to answer questions about their respective research projects.

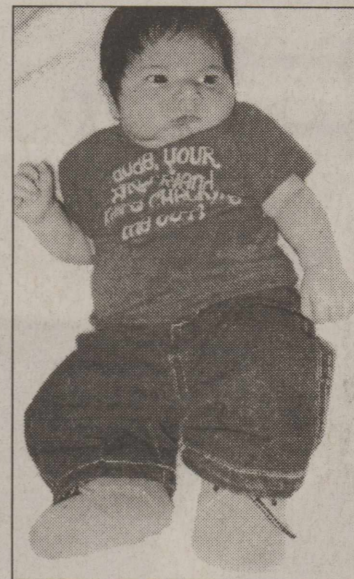
For more information, call the Crockett SWCD at (325) 392-2301 ext.3.

## Eldorado to host AARP tax preparation Saturday

AARP Tax-Aide: free tax preparation will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the Eldorado Public Library at 201 SW Main St. in Eldorado.

Taxes will be prepared one day only by appointment. Residents from Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora may use this service.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Patsy at (325) 853-2574.



Onecimo R. Ortiz III, along with his parents Onecimo and Irma Ortiz would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers while in San Antonio. We are now home and doing well. Special thanks go out to Triple C, and everyone who has come by and helped out in some way. For anyone wanting to meet the baby you are more than welcome to come by. Once again thank you, and may God bless you all.  
The Ortiz Family

### ONECIMO R. ORTIZ III

Born: Feb. 14, 2010 - Time: 2:18 a.m.  
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**Joe David Ross**  
Sutton County Rancher



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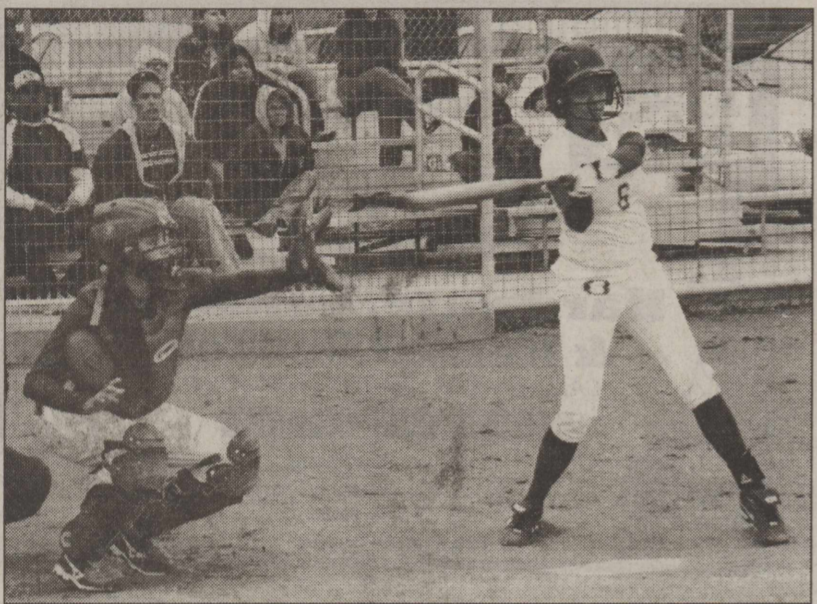
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JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
LAUREN NAJAR winds up at bat for the Varsity Lady Lions.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
REBECCA RAMOS begins to swing as the softball approaches the bat.

## Lady Lions take second at Ozona Tournament

The Lady Lions placed second at the Ozona Tournament last week.

Adrienne Sanchez and Kodi Glosson were named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, the Lady Lions lost to Harper 9-7.

Pitcher for Ozona was Alex Cruz. Leading players were K. Glosson, Rebecca Ramos and Lauren Najar.

In their second game, Ozona defeated Presidio 16-9.

Winning pitcher was Cruz. Leading players were K. Glosson, Melanie Miller, Ramos, Najar and Sanchez.

In the final game, Ozona defeated Van Horn 16-10.

Winning pitcher was Sanchez. Leading players were K. Glosson, Miller, Ramos, Sanchez and Brandi Glosson.

Coach Butch Gonzalez and the Ozona Softball Program would like thank all who made the first Ozona Softball Classic Tournament possible.

The Presidio coach said "Coach we really like the tournament one-day layout and look forward to coming back!"

The Van Horn coach said "Coach, when others hear about your tournament they'll want to attend next year. We may have to do two days. We'll be back."

The Harper coach said "Coach, thanks for having us, your complex is beautiful, and we would like to come back again next year!"

Once again the above fol-



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
THE OZONA GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM PLACED SECOND at the Ozona Tournament held last week.

lowing comments were made because of and your efforts. We would publicly like to say thank you to: Grounds crew, Maintenance staff, Scorekeepers, Booster Club, Parents, Fans, Teachers, Principal, Superintendent and Board Members.

"Our program's success depends on your hard work and encouraging support, for that, we are truly grateful. Thank You for supporting our Athletic Program," Gonzalez said.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
ADRIENNE SANCHEZ AND KODI GLOSSON were named to the All-Tournament Team at the Ozona Softball Tournament.

## JV Lady Lions tie with Harper

The JV Lady Lions Softball Team tied with Harper 20-20 last week.

Pitching for Ozona was Narce Unate. Leading players

- Unate, Arleen Castillo, Gabby Rodriguez and Yareli Rodriguez. Defensive players of the game were Sabrina De La Garza and Cynthia Garcia.

## Lions Baseball competes at Miles Bulldog Classic

The Ozona Lions Baseball Team competed in the Miles Bulldog Classic last week.

The Lions defeated Eldorado in the second game, 8-1. Winning pitcher was Russel Komechak.

Leading players - Nathan De Hoyos 3-3 with 2 homeruns, a single and one stolen base; Alex Borrego 2-2, 2 single's, 2 stolen bases; Jaron Vasquez 2 IP and 6 Ks; Komechak 3 IP, 1 ER, 2.57 ERA.

"The kids battled back hard. The opening loss to Miles was a tough one, but it was a good loss because I wanted to see how our kids would handle adversity. They showed us that they knew how to battle back, and that it was going to take a lot more to get them down," said Coach Ray Ramos. "The smiles they had on their faces when they took the field let me know that everything was going to be all right. The guys went out there and had fun.

District starts this week and we need to be firing on all cylinders with Crane coming to town."

In the first game, the Lions lost to No. 1 State-Ranked Miles 11-6.

Pitching for Ozona was Komechak and Johnathan Martin.

Leading players - Andrew Sanchez 2-3, 3 run homerun and a single; Martin 1-3 solo homerun and De Hoyos 1-3 and 2 stolen bases.

"We played three solid innings of baseball and had a few errors that caused us to lose this game," Ramos said. "We jumped on Miles early and put them in an early 4-0 hole. They kept fighting took advantage of the mistakes we made. The good thing about a loss like this is that we now know we can compete with anyone in the state. For our boys to be able to compete with those guys, it shows you that things are going in the right direction."

## OHS Golf Teams show improvement in first two meets

The OHS Lions Golf Team opened their season on Feb. 19 and 20 by competing in the Fort Stockton Invitational.

Trey Fierro led the way for the Lions by shooting a 101 and 113 for a total of 214. Lane Hale was close behind shooting 103 and 112 for 215, followed by Cris Taylor at 131 and 120 for 251 and Jeffery Sanchez with 129 and 133 at 262.

The Lions then traveled to

Sonora on March 4.

Hale shot a 101, followed by Fierro with 108; Zeth Hernandez, 109; Stefan Wilson, 112 and Taylor, 123.

Team total was 430, which was a big improvement from Fort Stockton, said Coach Ubaldino Elguea.

For the Lady Lions, the team competed in Fort Stockton on Feb. 26 and 27.

The first day, the team saw

a cold, windy day, which affected the scores, said Coach Elguea.

Kelbie Renfro shot an opening 102, followed by Jenice Elguea at 119 and Kelsey Childress with 121 on the first day.

The second day, Jenice shot Elguea shot 113, an improvement of eight strokes. Childress had 129 and Renfro was unable to attend.

The Lady Lions then traveled to Big Lake for their second tournament.

In the one-day tournament, Renfro led the way with a score of 100, followed by Elguea at 106 and Childress at 110.

"The Lady Lions are working hard and looking forward to competitions in Sonora today (March 10)," said Coach Elguea.

## OHS Tennis Team takes third at regional tournament

The OHS Tennis finished third in the Regional Team Tennis Tournament, making them the alternate for the state meet.

Ozona defeated Reagan County JV in the first round 18-1, then lost to Wink 9-10 in the semifinals.

"It was a tough match. We had eight matches that went to third set tie breakers. We were

only able to convert on two of those, which ultimately led to the loss," said Coach Wendy Justiss.

Ozona defeated Crane in the third place match, beating them 5-2 in a shortened format.

"We were all disappointed after the loss in the semi's, but the kids stepped up and defeated Crane. It's always good to come home with some

hardware and after losing to Wink, there was no way we were coming home empty handed," Justiss said. "I am really proud of how well the

kids competed to the very end. They never gave up and kept fighting. That's what we have been working for, never giving up."

### Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 15 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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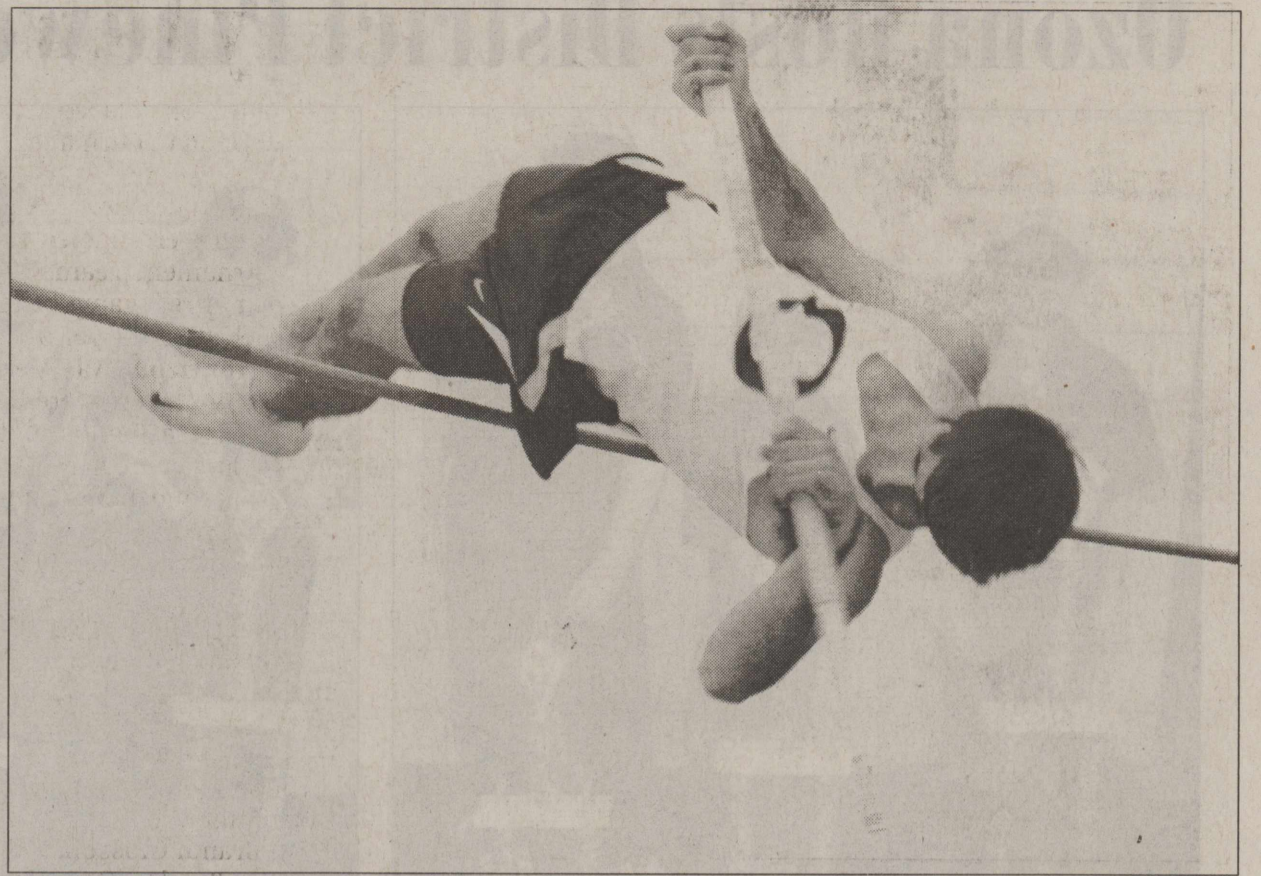
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JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**DANIEL GONZALES PLACED FIFTH** in the eighth grade boys division of the high jump at the Ozona Middle School Relays held last Friday at Lion Stadium.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**RUSSEL KOMECHAK PLACED FOURTH** in the varsity boys division of the pole vault at the Ozona High School Relays held last Saturday at Lion Stadium.



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**SIERRA STOKES AND NANCY RODRIGUEZ**

### Middle school Ozona Relays results

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions team competed in the Ozona Relays Friday at Lion Stadium.

#### SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS

Team Totals - 1. Kermit, 148 points; 2. Sonora, 130; 3. Crane, 96; 4. Junction, 90; 5. Ozona, 89 and 6. Reagan County, 35.

Shot put - 3. E. Gallardo, 27-feet, 8.5-inches and 2. K. Harris, 27-6.5.

Discus - 2. K. Harris, 56-7.5 and 6. E. Gallardo, 50-2.

Long jump - 3. K. Elston, 13-2.5 and 4. B. Martinez, 13-0. Triple jump - 6. B. Mata, 23-10.

400-meter relay - 6. Munsell, Aguilar, Elston and Rodriguez, 1 minute, 3.69 seconds. 800-meter relay - 6. Munsell, Aguilar, Martinez and Rodriguez, 2:14.93.

1,600-meter relay - 6. Rodriguez, Munsell, Aguilar and Mata, 5:32.57.

100-meter dash - 1. Elston, 14.30.

100-meter hurdles - 2. Elston, 20.02.

800-meter run - 1. B. Mata, 2:53.67.

1,600-meter run - 4. Guerra, 7:32.58.

2,400-meter run - 1. B. Mata, 10:06.67; 5. A. Guerra, 12:27.06 and 6. Meagan Espinosa, 12:45.48.

#### EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 216; 2. Junction, 111; 3. Ozona, 81; 4. Kermit, 78; 5. Reagan County, 72 and 6. Crane, 56.

Shot put - 2. A. Quiroz, 28-5 and 3. V. Medina, 27-10.

Discus - 2. V. Medina, 55-7.5 and 3. A. Quiroz, 55-4.

Triple jump - 6. L. Poindexter, 26-6.5.

400-meter relay - 4. De La Garza, Stokes, Marquez and Ramos, 1:15.85.

800-meter relay - 6. De La Garza, Stokes, Rodriguez and Ramos, 2:09.39.

1,600-meter relay - 6. Rodriguez, Stokes, Poindexter and Guerra, 5:12.08.

100-meter dash - 5. De La Garza, 14.64.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Rodriguez, 1:01.27.

400-meter dash - 3. Poindexter, 1:10.95.

800-meter run - 2. D. Guerra, 2:46.12.

1,600-meter run - 3. Poindexter, 6:59.

2,400-meter run - 1. D. Guerra, 9:52.87.

#### SEVENTH GRADE BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Kermit, 172; 2. Sonora, 159; 3. Ozona,

101; 4. Crane, 86; 5. Reagan County, 55 and 6. Junction 37.

High jump - 2. J. Rodriguez, 4-10.

Long jump - 2. J. Rodriguez, 17-5.

Triple jump - 2. Ricky Porras, 31-8 and 6. N. Valdez, 29-1.75.

400-meter relay - 4. R. Porras, R. Porras, N. Valdez and D. Lombrana, 53.91.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Porras, Gutierrez, Porras and Rodriguez, 4:40.43.

100-meter dash - 4. Porras, 13.80.

110-meter hurdles - 3. Lombrana, 19.92.

300-meter hurdles - 2. Rodriguez, 50.09 and 6. Valdez, 56.15.

400-meter dash - 1. Porras, 1:06.93.

800-meter run - 1. B. Gutierrez, 2:43.85 and 4. J. Porras, 3:02.28.

1,600-meter run - 3. Gutierrez, 6:19.95; 4. Aguilar, 6:29.95 and 6. Badillo, 7:13.64.

2,400-meter run - 5. A. Aguilar, 9:56.97.

#### EIGHTH GRADE BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Ozona, 140; 2. Sonora, 136; 3. Crane, 125; 4. Kermit, 88; 5. Junction, 77 and 6. Reagan County, 50.

Shot put - 1. M. Ybarra, 37-7; 3. T. Alvarez, 35-1 and 5. E. Montanez, 31-7.

Discus - 2. M. Ybarra, 104-4.

High jump - 5. D. Gonzales, 4-10.

Pole vault - 1. Vargas, 9-3.

Long jump - 4. E. Duenes, 16-9.

Triple jump - 2. S. Vargas, 34-11 and 4. L. Glaspie, 32-5.75.

400-meter relay - 6. Rivas, Vargas, Alvarez and Duenes, 56.12.

800-meter relay - 2. Galindo, Gonzales, Alvarez and Duenes, 1:47.42.

1,600-meter relay - 5. Vargas, Vargas, Galindo and Gonzales, 4:19.05.

100-meter dash - 1. Duenes, 12.32.

110-meter hurdles - 2. Galindo, 18.07.

300-meter hurdles - 4. Glaspie, 50.46 and 5. Gonzales, 50.57.

400-meter dash - 4. Montanez, 1:03.25 and 5. Alvarez, 1:05.09.

800-meter run - 1. S. Vargas, 2:22.59.

1,600-meter run - 1. Vargas, 5:21.11 and 3. Jurardo, 5:53.43.

2,400-meter run - 2. Jurardo, 9:06.71.



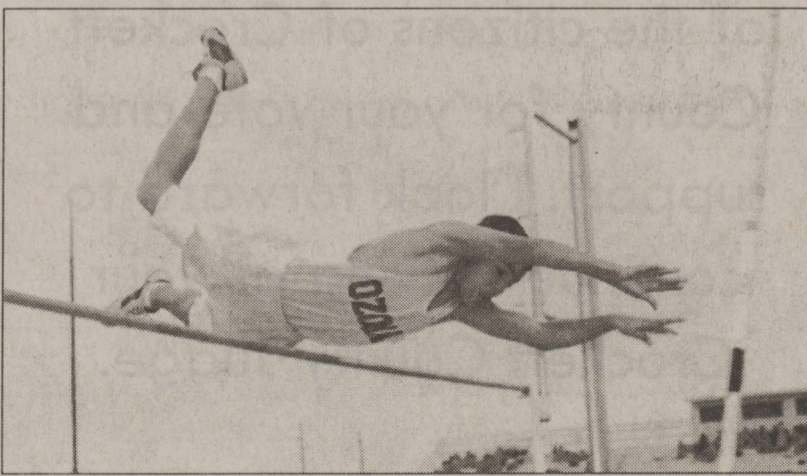
JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**KAYLENN ELSON took first** in the seventh grade girls 100m dash.



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**VANESSA RODRIGUEZ won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump for the varsity girls.**

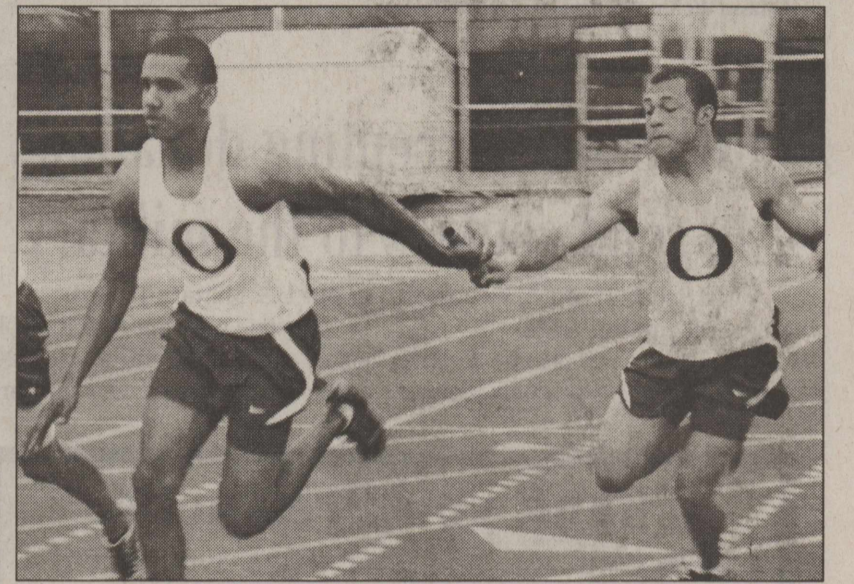


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**RYAN PORRAS**

On behalf of the Ozona Middle School, we would like to extend our greatest appreciation to all of those who helped in any way or form at the OMS track meet held on March 5th here in Ozona. A special "thanks" to Neighbors, Texas Energy, Triple C Hardware and Napa for your continued support. The track meet was a big success but would not be possible without everyone's hard work.

Sincerely,  
OMS Staff and Student Body



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**CHRIS FIERRO-WILLIAMS AND KYLE DEAN**

### High school Ozona Relays results

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions Track Teams competed in the Ozona Relays Saturday at Lion Stadium.

#### GIRLS RESULTS

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 220 points; 2. Ozona, 150; 3. Crane, 115; 4. Junction, 95; 5. Ozona JV, 23 and 6. Reagan County, 2.

Shot put - 1. Elston, 29-feet, 11-inches and 6. Arredondo, 24-1.

Discus - 3. Elston, 73-5 and 5. Gutierrez, 71-3.

High jump - 2. Miller, 4-8 and 3. Quiroz, 4-4.

Pole vault - 4. Garcia, 6-0 and 5. Miller, 6-0.

Long jump - 2. Rodriguez, 16-3.5 and 4. Quiroz, 14-7.5.

Triple jump - 1. Rodriguez, 33-8.5; 4. Ramos, 29-9.25 and 6. Rodriguez, 29-5.5.

400-meter relay - 4. Elston, Garcia, Venegas and Quiroz, 57.22 and 5. Silva, Ortiz, Sanchez and Glosson, 59.82.

800-meter relay - 3. Ramos, A. Rodriguez, Quiroz and Miller, 1:58.35 and 5. Silva, Castillo, Ortiz and Cervantez, 2:05.24.

1,600-meter relay - 3. A. Rodriguez, Ramos, Garcia and V. Rodriguez, 5:10.63 and 4. Trevino, Rodriguez, Hernandez and Cervantez, 5:11.26.

100-meter dash - 5. Venegas, 1:00.54.

200-meter dash - 4. Cervantez and 6. Venegas.

100-meter hurdles - 2. Miller, 17.59; 4. Venegas, 19.45 and 5. Hernandez, 19.88.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Rodriguez, 52.78; 4. Garcia, 56.8; 5. Miller, 59.0 and 6. Hernandez, 1:00.54.

400-meter dash - 2. Rodriguez, 1:04.73.

800-meter run - 3. Rodriguez, 2:38.52.

1,600-meter run - 4. Arredondo, 6:56.63.

3,200-meter run - 5. De La Garza, 17:31.74.

#### VARSITY BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 241; 2. Ozona, 147; 3. Reagan County, 78; 4. Crane, 73 and 5. Junction, 36.

Shot put - 2. Gonzales, 37-5; 5. De Hoyos, 36-0 and 6. Lozano, 34-6.

Discus - 2. De Hoyos, 115-0; 4. Villarreal, 95-7.5 and 5. Lozano, 95-0.

High jump - 1. Martin, 5-3.

Pole vault - 4. Komechak, 11-6.

Long jump - 2. Fierro-Williams, 19-7; 3. Dean, 18-10 and 4. Badillo, 18-4.5.

Triple jump - 1. Fierro-Williams, 42-2; 2. Dean, 41-9.5; 4. Badillo, 38-7.

400-meter relay - 2. Dean, Fierro-Williams, Badillo and Martin, 46.53.

800-meter relay - 4. Dean, Martin, Badillo and Fierro-Williams, 1:39.62.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Badillo, Dean, Badillo and Fierro-Williams, 3:48.92.

100-meter dash - 6. Martinez, 12.72.

110-meter hurdles - 2. Komechak, 15.90 and 4. Sudderth, 17.19.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Komechak, 43.28 and 4. Sudderth, 45.25.

400-meter dash - 6. Vasquez, 1:04.03.

800-meter run - 3. Badillo, 2:11.12.

3,200-meter run - 5. Longoria, 12:34.31.

**JV BOYS RESULTS**  
Team Totals - 1. Ozona, 149; 2. Crane 136; 3. Sonora, 134; 4. Junction, 77 and 5. Reagan County 46.

Shot put - 3. Perez, 33-1.

Discus - 4. Borrego, 81-5; 5. Perez 72-2 and 6. Taylor, 71-5.

High jump - 4. Borrego 5-4; 5. Venegas 5-4.

Pole vault - 1. Hernandez, 9-6.

Long jump - 4. Borrego, 17-2.5 and 6. Morrow, 16-5.

Triple jump - 2. Jones, 32-1 and 3. Perez, 28-6.5.

400-meter relay - 3. Borrego, Hall, Morrow and Hernandez, 48.84 seconds.

800-meter relay - 2. Borrego, Hall, Morrow and Hernandez, 1:43.14.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Borrego, Borrego, Hernandez and Jones, 4:00.95.

100-meter dash - 1. Borrego, 10.96.

200-meter dash - 4. Perez, 27.33 and 6. Perez, 28.25

110-meter hurdles - 2. Venegas, 20.97 and 3. Tambunga, 22.0.

300-meter hurdles - 1. Venegas, 47.33 and 4. Tambunga, 52.72.

400-meter dash - 3. Borrego, 59.89.

800-meter run - 1. Hall, 2:18.

# Ozona hosts District Pinewood Derby



**WINNERS IN THE CUB SCOUT DIVISION of Saturday's District Pinewood Derby are:** (left to right) 1. Austin Moran; 2. Justin Yeager and 3. Peyton Rohan. Other winners: 4. Marcus Perez; 5. Cobran Hernandez; 6. Michael Morales; 7. Leland Wellmand and 8. Joseph Vitela.



**WINNERS IN THE Webelos Division:** (left to right) 1. Tristan Reyes; 2. Bladen Hernandez and 3. Jake Everett. Also participating were: 4. Hunter Smith; 5. Caleb Martinez; 6. Jared Everett and 7. Trystian Galindo.

# Elementary Honor Roll

**FOURTH SIX WEEKS "A" Honor Roll**  
**First Grade** - Lianna Blanco; Madison Castro; Carson Childress; Ethan Criswell; Michael Esparza; Reagan Gonzalez; Kaitlyn Hernandez; rlas; Skylar Luna; Jenna Marshall; Raul Ramirez; Ida Rodriguez; Norah Rodriguez; Kyndall Rohan; Kialynn Sanchez and Tate Williams.  
**Second Grade** - Esmeralda Castillo; Sebastian De La Cruz; Alana Escamilla, Jasmine Fraire; Laney Galindo; Matthew Galindo; Braeden Gutierrez; Valysa Hartman; Nathaniel Jackson; Alec Lara; Marco Lozano De Hoyos; Haley Marlatt; Citlalli Martinez; Roslynn Mendez; Ashley Moran; Austin Moran; Lazaro Rodriguez; Peyton Rohan; Kayla Sarabia; Thomas Talamantez; Alycia Tambunga; Kaitlyn Tambunga; Humberto Torralba; Manual Torralba; Devien Vasquez; Joseph Vitela; Tyler Webb and Adrian Whitby.  
**Third Grade** - Jazmin Hernandez; Josh Knaack and Caleb Webb.  
**Fourth Grade** - Cassidy Gonzalez; Brenna Hale; Andy Hernandez; Murray Logan; Emily Marlatt and Samantha Torralba.  
**Fifth Grade** - Thomas Cruz; Edgar Damian; Austin Elguea; Garry Held; Asia Lara; Julie Marshall; Rachel Mendoza; Kabir Shah; Jasmine Talamantez and Amberlyn Taylor.  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
**First Grade** - Austin Castro; Christopher Contreras; Shelby Galindo; Brianna Garcia; Jorge Garcia Molina; Daniela Gonzales; Mayeli Gutierrez; Ian Hernandez; Diego Irlas; Jarett Justiss; Michael Morales; Jose Munoz; Addison Palma; Matthew Pena; Jacqueline Sanchez; Pilar San-

chez Garcia; Jace Savala; Kaleigh Thomas; Jacqueline Venegas; Elizabeth Villarreal and Matthew Wellman.  
**Second Grade** - Jade Borrego; Raelee Borrego; Jacob Childress; Austin Damian; Julian Dominguez; Amber Fuentes; Georgina Garcia; Osiel Hernandez; Cristina Mata; Gerardo Mata; Wendy Mata; Hanna McGrath; Alexandra Montgometry; Holly Munsell; Alyiah Ortiz; Rayne Payne; Carlie Ramos; Ilene Ramoz; Kristy Rodriguez; Joe Salas; Precious Samario; Kendra Sarabia; Kenzee Talamantez and Justin Yeager.  
**Third Grade** - Mariah Galindo; Issac Gonzales; Nathan Graham; Edgar Guajardo; Jacqueline Guerra; David Landin; Isaura Lopez; Juan Lozano; Karina Marmolejo; Carlos Martinez; Dillon McGrath; Coulter McWilliams; Kameron Ortiz; Alyssa Perez; Marcus Perez; Dario Rodriguez; Sabrina Salas; Spencer Salazar; Xena Vargas; Paige Villarreal and Riley Williams.  
**Fourth Grade** - Alejandra Camarillo; Josae Coy; Kimberlee De La Garza; Roman Esparza; Audrey Gandar; Gavin Grannis; Bladen Hernandez; Larissa Hernandez; Caleb Martinez; Toni Parker; Savannah Ramos; Denise Rodriguez; Jennifer Rodriguez; Kobe Rodriquez; Kaelan Savala; Hunter Smith and Mark Ybarra.  
**Fifth Grade** - Jared Everett; Weston Fay; Madison Galindo; Maia Jurado; Jennifer Lewis; Kamryn Lozano; Timothy Maldonado; Caleb Martinez; Preston McCutcheon; Anthony Perez; Jason Perez; Raven Perez; Sidney Perez; Pricila Rodriguez; Cameron Rutherford; Emmanuel Sarabia; Azaylea Tovar; Gabriela Treto and Megan Vasquez.

## Girl Scouts accepting donations to send cookies to the military

Girl Scout Troop 515 cookies sales will end this week. The troop will also be accepting donations for sending cookies to our U.S. Military Troops. Anyone wanting to buy cookies or make a donation, call 226-8093. Thank you for your support.

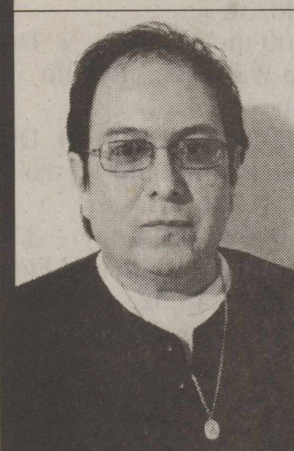
## Elementary celebrating Texas Public School Week

Ozona Elementary School is celebrating Texas Public School Week this week, March 8-12. This is the time of year we invite parents into our schools to see firsthand how we are preparing for the future. This year's theme is "BUILDING LEADERS: TODAY THEY LEARN, TOMORROW THEY LEAD," please help us in celebrating with attending one or all of the events mentioned below:  
 Today, March 10: Donuts with Dad Pre-k-5th 7:15-7:50 a.m. at their individual campuses.  
 Thursday, March 11: Open House 1st-5th grade. Music program being performed by 4th graders at 6 p.m. at OIS campus then open house will start at 6:30-7:30 p.m. at their individual campus. All invited to attend both.  
 Friday, March 12: Breakfast with grandparents Pre-k-5th 7:15-7:50 a.m. at their individual campus.

## Thank you Precinct 4.

With your vote and your voice, we made it to the run-off election on April 13, 2010. Now, I'm asking you once again for your time, your help and your vote so that together we can make a change for the better. This isn't about me. It's about you!

Thank you Dee Montanez and Jesse De La Garza for your friendship and respect. You will always have mine. Early voting is at the courthouse April 5-9. Please come out to vote and let's win it all!



Respectfully yours,  
**Eligio Martinez**  
 eligiomartinez.blogspot.com  
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*Bridal Selections have been made by Kayla Martindale & Manual Mendoza to celebrate the wedding of Lavenda Bedford & David Stuart*

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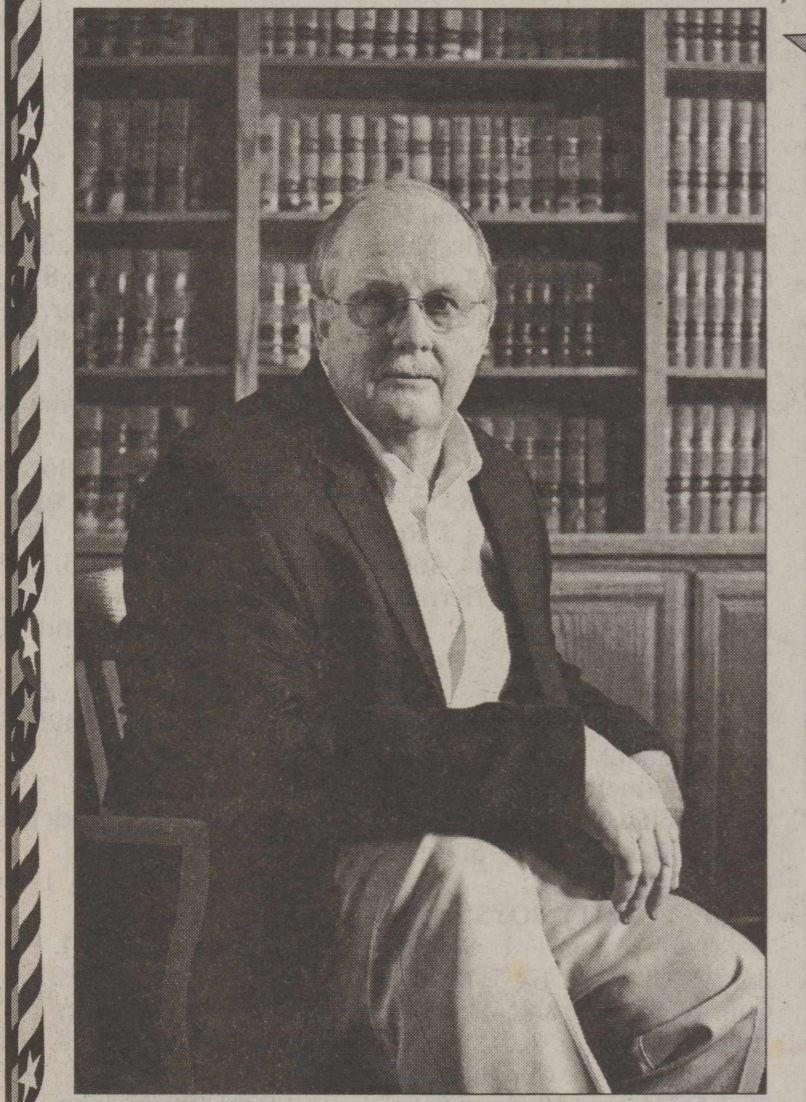
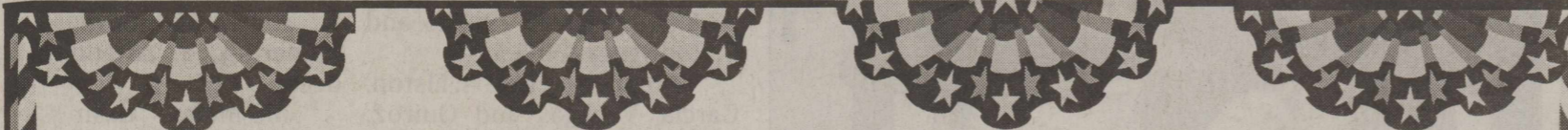


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★ **THANK YOU** ★

I would like to thank all of the citizens of Crockett County for your vote and support. I look forward to continue serving as your Crockett County Judge.

**May God Bless You All**

**Fred Deaton**

**TARR:** from page 1  
 During her high school career, she received many honors including four-time District and State MVP, member of All-State team for four years, named 2A Player of the Year as a senior, recipient of TABC's 1998 Miss Basketball, averaged 7.5 points and 8.5 rebounds her junior season and two-time Standard Times All-West Texas MVP.  
 During her college career, Tarr played for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.  
 Tarr's parents, Stephen and Pam Tarr, currently live in Midland.  
 Members of the All-Century team are:  
**FIRST TEAM**  
 -Erin Grant, Mansfield - Guard  
 -Kamie Ethridge, Lubbock - Monterey - Guard  
 -Sheryl Swoopes, Brown-field - Forward  
 -Tamika Catchings, Duncannonville - Forward  
 -Stacy Stephens, Winnsboro - Center  
**SECOND TEAM:**  
 -Brooke Baughman, Canyon - Guard  
 -Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth - Guard  
 -Jolee Ayers, Canyon - Forward  
 -Mildred "Babe" Didrikson, Beaumont - Forward  
 -Britney Griner, Houston Nimitz - Center  
**THIRD TEAM:**  
 -Teresa Weatherspoon, West Sabine - Guard  
 -Krista Kirkland, Sudan - Guard  
 -Clarissa Davis, San Antonio Jay - Forward  
 -Tiffany Jackson, Dallas Lincoln/Duncanville - Forward  
 -Amber Tarr, Ozona - Center

Happy 6th Birthday on March 11 to **ARIES!**  
 Love, Dad, Jolene, Joseph, Joey, Ivana, Grandpa & Grandma

**TO THE VOTERS OF CROCKETT COUNTY**

It has been an honor to serve as your County Treasurer for the past 17 years. I sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence and support in the March 2 Primary Election. Please remember me in the November General Election.

Burl J. Myers



# SHERIFF: Office claims Marley died of pre-existing medical and health conditions

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No dollar amounts were listed, as the documents stated that was to be proved at trial.

Crockett County and the sheriff's office are claiming that Jess Marley died due to pre-existing medical and health conditions that were not immediately caused by any of the events made in the lawsuit. They also claim that Semmler, Bertolino and Arrieta were acting in their official capacity and in the course and scope of their duties as deputies, and that Sutton was acting in his official capacity as sheriff.

An amended answer was also filed March 5 by Jackson Walker Attorney Jon Mark Hogg, of San Angelo, who will be representing Crockett County and the sheriff's office.

This new document denies the allegations against the deputies and sheriff. It also states that the deputies and sheriff have not implemented, adopted or executed an unconstitutional custom, policy or practice and that there has been no violation of the Marley's or Hill's constitutional rights.

In the amended lawsuit, it states that Jess Marley died as a result of the unlawful use of force against him when he was "unnecessarily pepper-sprayed at extremely close range" while his wife looked on, even though he was not resisting the law enforcement officers or attempting to flee.

Jess Marley was arrested at his residence on 1106 Avenue B, and that Jess Marley fired a .22 rifle "ratshot" in the alley behind 1106 Avenue B.

Claiming that Ozona is a small, ranching community without any ordinance prohibiting the discharge of a firearm on private property, and that

there is no state law prohibiting the discharge of a firearm on private property, Jess Marley firing a rifle on his property does not, "by a long shot," arise to the level of the criminal offense of deadly conduct in Texas, the document states.

Jess Marley was attempting to hit a stray cat in the alley way and missed. The document also states that no probable cause or warrant existed to arrest Jess Marley.

The use of force against Jess Marley was "excessive and unlawful" due to the fact that Jess Marley was not a danger to himself or others, did not threaten the officers in any way, and was standing on his front porch without a weapon, the documents state.

Under Texas law, a police officer is justified in using force only when an officer reasonably believes it is immediately necessary to protect himself from serious bodily injury or the use or attempted use of force against him, or to overcome a person's resistance arrest, the document states.

"There was no need whatsoever for Deputies Bertolino or Arrieta to have used pepper spray against Jess Marley under the circumstances that they found themselves in on June 21, 2009, and the amount and type of force that they used was unreasonable, and resulted in the injury and subsequent death of Jess Marley," the document stated.

It also states that Bertolino and Arrieta pointed a full automatic M-16 at Hill and pointed a handgun at Charla Marley's head, ordered them to get on the ground and then placed them in handcuffs.

"It is difficult to imagine

how any reasonable person under these circumstances would have considered themselves to be anything but restrained, or thought in any way that they were free to leave," the documents state.

On the arrest of Hill, it states that Semmler and Sutton "was harassed and unlawfully arrested" for driving while intoxicated. It also states that Semmler and Sutton "unlawfully harassed and conspired to harass" Hill and Charla Marley after learning of their intention to bring legal action arising out of the June 21 incident.

Hill claims that he was not drinking and that Semmler and Sutton found a beer can on the side of the road and claimed that Hill drank it.

Documents state that Hill was not acting in any manner which would lead any reasonable officer to conclude that he was intoxicated.

Hill claims that Semmler and Sutton targeted him after Semmler overheard Hill saying that Charla Marley held the sheriff's office and Crockett County liable for her husband's death.

"Knowing that Mike Hill would be a principal eyewitness to this matter, the sheriff and his deputies set forth on an intentional course of conduct to arrest Mike Hill on fabricated charges, in an effort to discredit him and to exhibit their authority, for intimidation purposes," the document states. "The activities of the individuals violated the well-settled rights of Jess Marley, Charla Marley and Michael Wayne Hill under the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, and every reasonable law enforce-

ment official would have been aware that the actions committed were in violation of these rights."

The suit also states that Sutton has failed or refused to obtain a license as a law enforcement officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (TCLOSE).

According to public information officials at TCLOSE, Sutton has taken the peace officer license test once on Nov. 30, 2009, which he failed. Sutton has two more opportunities to take the test this year.

The Texas Local Government Code states that TCLOSE may require each county sheriff, who is not a commissioned peace officer, to attend not more than 40 hours of instruction in law enforcement. The commission shall allow a sheriff at least two but not more than four years after the date on which the sheriff assumes office to complete the hours of instruction.

If a sheriff fails to complete these requirements, then he may be removed from office under "incompetency."

The suit also states that Sutton has heavily armed the sheriff's department forming a large SWAT Team and has prohibited the deputies from cooperating with the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, the Crockett County Attorney's Office and the Crockett County District Attorney.

The suit also states that Sutton "has taken a tyrannical and rakehell approach to the position of Sheriff, abusing his authority," and that "Sutton's actions, if unrestrained, constitute a clear and present danger to each and every one" of the citizens of Crockett County.

# ELECTIONS: Crockett County cast 1,074 ballots

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support to Kinky Friedman.

Friedman had 355 local votes and Gilbert had 170.

In the State Senator's race for District 19, incumbent Carlos Uresti won Crockett County with 400 votes to Challenger Luis C. Juarez Jr. who had 223.

Uresti won the state race and will face Republican Challenger Dick Bowen in November. Bowen, a Republican from El Paso, defeated Robert Sol Mayer of Sonora.

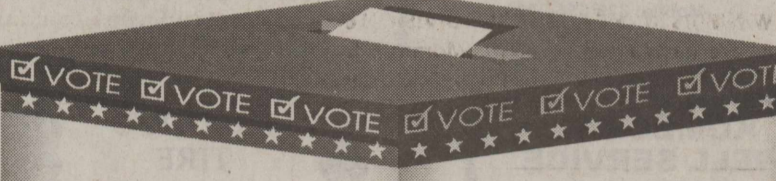
Locally, Fred Deaton won his second term for County Judge defeating Challenger Larry Williams 792 votes to 272. Deaton won early voting and all precincts, except for Precinct 4 which was close.

Deaton had 90 votes and Williams had 93 in that precinct.

Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne defeated Challenger Royce Newton 762 votes to 238. Hearne led in early voting and in all precincts.

In local uncontested races, 112th Judicial District Judge received 662 votes; County and District Clerk Debbie Puckett had 789; County Treasurer Burl Myers had 786 and Commissioner, Precinct 2 Pleas Childress III had 207.

Crockett County had 1,074 ballots cast in the Democratic Primary Election, which is less than half of the 2,607 registered county voters.



Thank you for re-electing me as Crockett County Commissioner, Precinct 2. I appreciate the opportunity to continue serving as your commissioner.

Pleas Childress III

## Stripes/Town & Country stores begin Children's Miracle Network campaign

SAN ANGELO, Texas - Beginning this week, Stripes convenience stores in the Concho Valley will be asking customers to purchase a \$1 Miracle Balloon to raise funds for Shannon Medical Center which is a part of Children's Miracle Network, a children's charity that raises funds for more than 170 pediatric hospitals.

Extending beyond San An-


gelo, customers can make their \$1 balloon purchases in Eldorado, Sonora, Ozona, Brady, Bronte and Sterling City.

The balloons are attached to a coupon for a buy-one-get-one free Monkey Juice, a new children's drink sold exclusively in Stripes stores.

A portion of Monkey Juice sales will raise funds for Chil-

dren's Miracle Network hospitals.

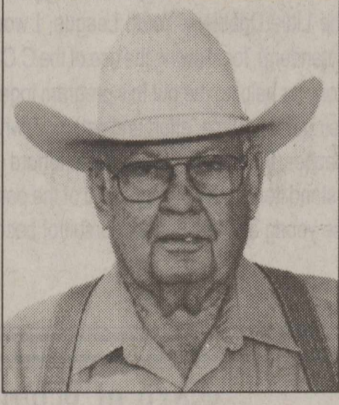
Like all Children's Miracle Network fund-raisers, the funds raised from Stripes' four-week campaign will help create miracles by funding the purchase of medical equipment and education that saves and improves the lives of nearly 17,000 children treated at Shannon Medical Center each year.




★ ★ THANKS ★ ★

Your vote was appreciated!

James M. (Jim) Hearne



Pol. Adv. Pd. For By James M. Hearne, P.O. Box 1859, Ozona, Texas 76943



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for your consideration and/or vote in the recent election. Congratulations to Fred Deaton on his win. Crockett County is still the best place to call Home!

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## DPS urges Spring Break travelers to avoid Mexico

**SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging all Texas Spring Breakers to avoid traveling to border cities in Mexico.

"There is an increase in Mexican drug cartel related violence in the northern Mexican border cities. Parents should not allow their children to visit these Mexican cities because their safety cannot be guaranteed," said DPS director Steven C. McCraw.

The U.S. State Department web site lists several travel alerts related to violence in Mexico. Travelers should always check that web site for the most up-to-date information related to security issues in Mexico.

The web site is [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_970.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html).

During the Spring Break season, DPS will have extra troopers on patrol looking for DWIs, seatbelt violators and speeders.

"We want Spring Break to be memorable, but in a good way," said David Baker, assistant director, Texas Highway Patrol. "You don't want to get arrested for DWI, receive a ticket or be injured somehow because you were irresponsible. Have fun, but please be safe."

DPS is offering several tips for a safe Spring Break.

- Don't text while driving.
- Wear your seat belt.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Find a sober friend to do the driving.
- Don't leave your drink unattended, and don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Keep a fresh driver behind the wheel, or stop every couple of hours to rest and walk around.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.
- Keep your friends close.

## FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**

- Jarred McGhee, Lubbock, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Billy W. Smith, Midland, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Armando Castillo, Odessa, driving while intoxicated, first, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Olga Ortiz Borrego, Junction, possession of a dangerous drug, third-degree felony, \$20,000.

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

## CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

**Crockett County Constable's February Monthly Report:**

- Traffic Citations: 2
- Bailiff: one County Court, one District Court and one Justice of the Peace Court.
- Civil Papers Served: 12 for Justice of the Peace, one for District Clerk, one mail in from Lubbock County and \$380 citation fees submitted to treasurer's office.
- Assisted local officers, stranded motorist and unlocked eight vehicles.

## 'Texas Groundwater - Your Future' conference set for April 17

SAN ANGELO - Groundwater Management Area 7 will conduct the "Texas Groundwater-Your Future" conference beginning at 8:45 a.m. April 17 in the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center auditorium at San Angelo.

The center is located north on U.S. Highway 87. The meeting is free and open to the public. A noon meal will be served.

"The one issue we'll address that will have an effect on all the people within the area beginning Sept. 1, is the legislative mandate requiring every state groundwater management area to establish goals for the pumping of groundwater," said Allan Lange, Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District General Manager. "By law, the groundwater conservation districts within Area 7 are required to establish the 'desired future conditions' of the aquifers within the area by the Sept. 1 deadline. Currently, that means that the district must set goals for the condition of each aquifer at the end of a 50-year period."

The law requires the groundwater districts to establish "desired future conditions" for all aquifers within their management area, including those areas not located within a groundwater district, Lange said.

Once the recommended conditions are approved, they are submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. The board then notifies each district concerning the amount of groundwater that can be permitted for pumping to meet the 50-year goal.

The implemented plans must then be reviewed and updated every five years.

Groundwater Management Area 7 covers 32 West Texas counties and includes 20 groundwater districts, including Crockett County.

Program speakers will include: Dr. Bill Hutchinson, director of groundwater resources for the Texas Water Development Board; Greg Ellis, attorney and executive director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts; Dr. Archie Ruiz, West Texas Weather Modification Assoc. consultant and former State Rep. Bob Turner.

Presentations will include talks on water issues, policy, law, legislation, geology, water quality, weather, riparian areas and brush control.

"By hosting the conference, the groundwater districts hope to give the general public the opportunity to better understand the water issues we're facing now and in the future," Lange said.

For more information, call Lange at (325) 469-3988 or e-mail [lkwd@centex.net](mailto:lkwd@centex.net).

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Cole, who turned down an offer of parole in exchange for admitting guilt, maintained his innocence throughout his time in prison. In 1995, five years before Cole's death, another suspect confessed to the crime. Cole died in prison of an asthma attack on Dec. 2, 1999, having served nearly 15 years of the wrongful sentence.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY SITE DEBUTS**

A Web site created by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Brenham-based Blinn College, [www.txindependence.org](http://www.txindependence.org), debuted on March 2, Texas Independence Day.

The site spotlights the convention held at Washington-on-the-Brazos in 1836 when 59 elected delegates met, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico and created a new nation, The Republic of Texas.

**UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPEATS**

On March 3, the Texas Workforce Commission reported the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in January, the same as in December 2009.

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<b>Schleicher County</b>				
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<b>Sutton County</b>				
Operator	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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**Thank You**

On behalf of the Little Dribblers Youth League, I would like to thank the following: Mr. Dubois (Superintendent), for allowing the use of the C.C.C.S.D. Gyms; Coach Hernandez (Athletic Director), for helping me put this program together; Coach Rohan, Coach Elguea and Doc, for their personal time, effort and patience (which made this program successful); all volunteer coaches, for their hard work; Weatherford (Johnny Smith), for their donation of all concession stand items; and of course, all of the parents and fans, for their unwavering support of these young athletes in their pursuit of becoming "Ozona's Finest."

Sincerely,  
Eddie Lozano

**Card of Thanks**

To the Rockets Little Dribblers Basketball Team,

First of all let me tell you how proud I am of all of you. Second let me apologize for you not getting the same recognition as the other teams after the last game. These boys are just as important as the other teams. So let me properly introduce the Rockets Little Dribblers Team. # 24 Phillip Vargas, # 19 Jake Everett, # 21 Murray Logan, # 1 Jared Everett, # 15 Bladen Hernandez and # 22 Gerry Held. Little Dribblers is not about winning or losing. I don't know of anyone that likes to lose but it is how you handle the loss that makes you a winner no matter the score. I as a parent volunteer my time to coach because I love the game and I want the opportunity to give every little boy out there a chance to learn to play and have fun no matter if they have ever played any sport and to build confidence in each and everyone of them. To know that if you believe in your heart and in your mind that you can do it then you can. It is about young men learning to play the game of basketball, to be responsible and show up to practice, to be competitive, but know there is a difference between a bad foul and a good foul, to keep your grades up at school, to play like men on the court but act like gentlemen off the court, learn to have good sportsmanship attitudes and to play as a team and not as one. Not one time this season did you give up no matter what the numbers on the scoreboard showed or how tired you were by the end of the game. All six of you played your hearts out all the way to the end. There were times you had to play the referee, and if anyone has played sports before, you know that you will always have to do that, but it's the attitude after the game that makes the difference. What I am the most proud of is that each and everyone of you learned how to do a lay-up properly, you learned to shoot a free-throw, but most of all you learned to play as a TEAM! You realized that it takes everyone on the team to play and that you don't rely on one person to make the team. That is what Little Dribblers is all about- playing as a team and having good sportsmanship conduct win or lose. Thanks to Juan Hernandez for filling in as assistant coach and to all the parents and friends that supported this team. Thanks to Eddie Lozano for getting this program started. We couldn't have done it without you.

Coach Julia Everett

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