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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



THE OHS TENNIS TEAMS brought home district championships last week. The Lions won the District 4-AA meet in Big Lake, while the Lady Lions were Co-District Champions. Four team members qualified for the Regional Meet to be held April 20-21 in Odessa.

Lions, Lady Lions win it all, four qualify for Regional Meet

The Ozona High School Tennis Teams competed in the District 4-2A meet last week in Big Lake.

The Lions won the District Championship, while the Lady Lions finished Co-District Champions.

Individuals qualifying for the Regional Meet to be

held April 20-21 in Odessa were:

- Kyle Dean, first place boys singles.
- Alma Elizondo, second place girls singles
- Johnny Kolster and Britni Mitchel, first place in mixed doubles.
- Also placing at the

meet:

- Jordan Martinez, third place boys singles.
- Jennifer Venegas, third place girls singles.
- Layla Perez and Leandra Hernandez, fourth place girls doubles.
- Corey Kelley and Austin Whitten, fourth place

boys doubles.

- Taylor Newton and Alex Macias, third place mixed doubles.

In the JV Tournament, Kramer Hall and Austin Perez placed second.

The teams are coached by Wendy Justiss and assisted by Ronny Clayton.

Martinez wins runoff election

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Eligio Martinez is the winner in Tuesday's runoff election for Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Martinez won the election with 162 votes to incumbent Alfredo Tobar's 118 votes.

"Thank you," Martinez said as he headed into the courthouse annex after the vote totals were announced Tuesday night.

In the week-long early voting, Martinez had 78 votes, while Tobar had 34.

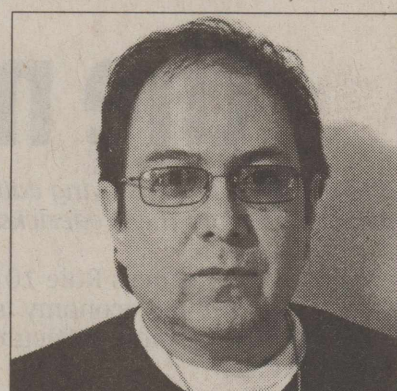
On Tuesday, each candidate had 84 votes a piece.

The total number of ballots cast was 280.

In the March 2 Democratic Primary Election, Tobar captured the most votes with 97, followed by Martinez at 80, Dee Montanez with 64 and Jesse De La Garza at 43.

Martinez is a 1984 Ozona High School graduate and earned an associates of music/video business with a minor in copyright law from the Art Institute of Houston in 1991.

He has been employed with the Crockett County Care Center as a Building Maintenance



ELIGIO MARTINEZ

Assistant since 2001.

Martinez will not be fully elected as a commissioner until the Nov. 2 General Election, providing no one running as a write-in or independent candidate files to run against him.

If he is elected in November, then he will not take office until Jan. 1, 2011.

In statewide runoff races, Francisco "Quico" Canseco had an early lead over Will Hurd for the Republican seat in U.S. Representative District 23. Canseco had 4,056 votes to Hurd's 3,248 with 90 of the 249 precincts reporting.

The winner will face U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, in the Nov. 2 General Election.

Lady Lions take second, advance to the next level

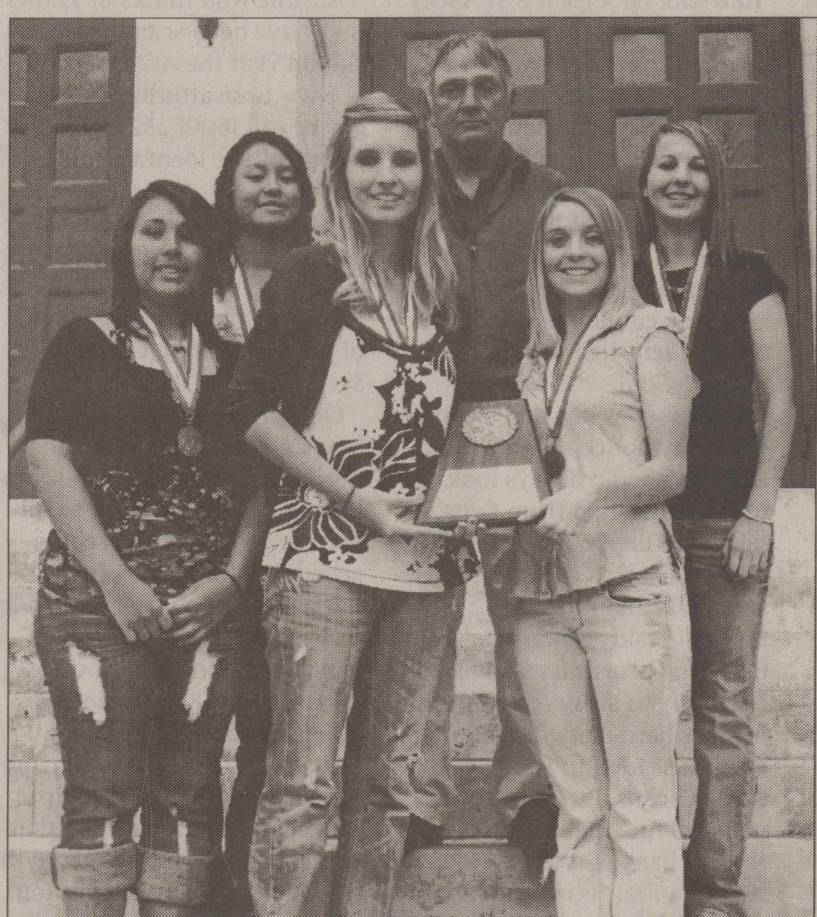
The OHS Lady Lions took second at the District 4-2A Golf Tournament Monday in Fort Stockton.

The second place finish qualifies the team for the Regional Meet to be held Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20, in Midland.

Coming from behind, Ozona shot a 427 team total Monday, which put them ahead of Crane that shot 452. Crane was leading Ozona in the first round, held April 7, by 11 strokes.

Team Totals - 1. Kermit 373-346-729; 2. Ozona 426-427-853; 3. Crane 415-452-867; 4. Alpine 442-460-902; 5. Reagan County 484-482-966.

Other scores for Ozona: Kelsey Childress 105-110-215; Raelynn Arredondo 119-109-228 and Jessica Borrego 135-139-274.



THE OHS GIRLS GOLF TEAM finished second at the District 4-2A Tournament in Fort Stockton Monday. They will advance to the Regional Meet next week in Midland. Pictured are: (left to right) Raelynn Arredondo, Jessica Borrego, Kelsey Childress, Coach Ubaldo Elguea, Jenice Elguea and Kelbie Renfro.

On the boys side, Ozona placed fifth in the tournament.

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 328-322-650; 2. Crane, 365-354-719; 3. Kermit, 354-370-724; 4. Alpine, 357-375-732; 5. Ozona, 419-411-830; 6. Crane II, 453-

435-888; 7. Reagan County, 451-441-892; 8. Alpine II, 496-489-985.

Playing for Ozona were: Trey Fierro 105-99-204; Lane Hale 97-93-190; Zeth Hernandez 97-103-20; Cris Taylor 120-138-258 and Jeffrey Sanchez 132-116-248.

Give her a twirl: Square dancers show off at festival

BY TRACYE YOUNG
 LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers held their 24th annual Festival this past weekend at the Crockett County Care Center.

Friday, guest callers were Tracye Young and Tom Harrison from Abilene, Texas.

On Friday there were three squares on the floor.

Saturday afternoon, a square got together to assist new caller Tracye Young with her calling with her and Bill calling "Rub It In" together, followed by a yearly officers meeting of the Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Association with new officers elected.

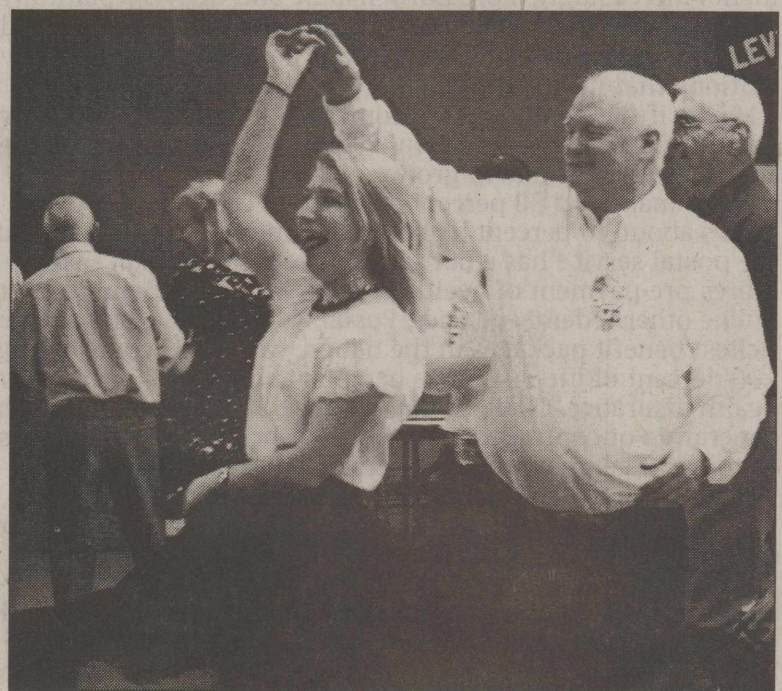
A workshop was enjoyed by many Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night, the clubs had the Grand March before getting ready to dance.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga welcomed the clubs and presented a plaque and county proclamation that proclaimed April 9 and 10 Levis and Lace Days.

Clubs who attended the festival were Allemanders from Odessa; Hi Sky from Midland; Shake a Leg Squares from Ballinger; Rip Tides from Eastland; Roadrunners from Del Rio and Concho Squares from San Angelo.

Raul De La Rosa celebrated his birthday at the event. He is 29 and holding, and we won't say how long he has been holding.



GINA HOCHREITER gets twirled by Bobby McDonald during the Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival Saturday at the Civic Center.

His family that was in attendance was: Ruth and John Craig from Weatherford, Texas, Rita De La Rosa and Michael Urias from Odessa, Raul De La Rosa Jr. from Madison, Wis., Jessica and Jordan Alba from El Paso, Maia Contreras from Andrews and Elma Buckner from Ozona.

We would like to thank Melissa Perner for all her hard work in taking pictures and writing articles; Allen Williams and his staff from the Civic Center for all their assistance;

Precious Memories Jewelry, vendor from Crane; Webloes and Bear Den Cub Scout Packs 153 for doing the flag ceremony; Frank Tambunga, senior Crockett County Commissioner, for welcome and presentation; Bobby McDonald for praying; Tammi Monzingo for singing the national anthem; Elia Prichard, wife of the caller for all of her help and Danny Monzingo for being our "El Director" and getting together out program for the Texas State Fair, his hard work is appreciated.

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Broadband as big as Texas

GUEST COLUMN BY ROBERT S. HOWDEN

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has recently released its highly-anticipated National Broadband Plan which, at its core, is a program to bring broadband access to the Internet to every home and business in America.

This strikes a particular note here in Texas because of the sheer size of our state and the need to ensure equal access to technology whether a person lives in Harris County (population about four million) or Loving County (population 42). The vast acreage dedicated to agriculture means that population density is low, but the need for the

most modern technology is high. Having a broadband connection available to every household will make an immediate difference in how Texas educates its children. As we look down the road to high national unemployment for years to come, it is obvious that the better educated a job seeker is, the better chance he or she has of a successful search.

A report by the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress proves that while the overall unemployment rate remains in the high single digits, people with

college degrees is about half the unemployment rate for the entire workforce.

For students in small towns, the ability to get the same research materials from the libraries in the University of Texas system or any library or museum in the world is a huge advantage in getting better grades in high school, qualifying for increasingly competitive seats in our colleges and Universities.

Health care is another area where broadband access has immediate impact. In urban areas, seniors who are living independently can be equipped with relatively inexpensive devices, en-

abling them to send their vital signs to their physician's office, rather than having to take an expensive or physically difficult trip. Many physicians say just being able to "see" their patients through a webcam, can help them tell whether any medical intervention is needed.

In rural areas, the ability for a local doctor to call on a specialist at Baylor or M.D. Anderson without having a patient endure hours of travel can make a huge difference in medical care throughout the state.

In fact, research into tele-medicine has even shown that after a major procedure, people in ru-

ral towns do better because they are more likely to keep up with their post-operative medications and therapy if they can travel to their local medical facility to be checked out by the specialist in Dallas or Houston, rather than facing the long ride to see them in person.

Finally, the ability to build a world-wide business from every den or spare bedroom in Texas has become a realistic dream. People don't have to work in the high-tech corridor in Austin to be able to create the next "must-have" iPhone app, or produce videos for clients that can be seen by people around the world.

A small manufacturer in San Antonio can market and sell to a potential buyer in London or Rome. And a retailer in Tyler or

Kilgore can find and see unique merchandise on the Internet no matter where in the world it is being made. The Internet is a powerful force in the 21st century world. Broadband access to the Internet has gone from a rarity only available to major corporations, government entities, and academic institutions to a necessity which should be available to everyone.

Robert Howden is the Executive Director of Texans for Economic Progress, an Austin-based, non-profit advocacy group that monitors the competitive process in key sectors of the Texas economy. TEP keeps its finger on the pulse of Texans and works closely with elected officials and regulators at the local, state, and federal level to further educate them on issues impacting competition in communications. TEP also works to generate public awareness of how Texans' lives and finances are impacted by decisions made on these issues by our policy-makers.

Time to change the model

Editor's note: The following editorial is being reprinted with permission from the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post.

Good Business Rule 101: The way to stay afloat in a troubled economy is to offer fewer services and make it more difficult for customers to use your service.

Doesn't sound logical does it? But that's the textbook out of which the United States Postal Service might seem to have taken its business model.

With a push underway by the Post Office itself to end Saturday mail delivery, the question has to come into the minds of many customers and the postal service's "stockholders" (also known as the American people): Does the Post Office really want to stay in business?

Assailed by competition from e-mail, the Post Office has been slammed as "snail mail." Shopping online, paying bills online, corresponding online, reading newspapers and other periodicals online -- it has all hurt business.

The Post Office processed 213 billion pieces of mail in 2006 but expects only 150 million pieces in 2020. If Saturday delivery goes away, then even less mail goes through the system, some post offices and mail processing plants would need to be closed, making for less income, less efficiency and, consequently, less public dependence and/or desire to use the postal service.

When a Gallup poll was taken on the Saturday delivery question last summer, only 35 percent of those asked disapproved of killing off Saturday service. But that question was stated like this: "Would you rather give up Saturday mail, lose your local post office or lay off postal workers in the worst recession in 70 years." Well, when you put it that way...

But maybe it doesn't have to be an either/or -- maybe the public doesn't have to choose between losing Saturday delivery or seeing hard-working postal workers fired; losing Saturday delivery or watching your post office turn into a fast-food restaurant.

Perhaps if the USPS encouraged periodical mail and delivered it in a more timely manner instead of making requirements increasingly more burdensome and delivery painfully slow, more of those businesses would turn or return to mail. Many newspapers -- semiweeklies or dailies -- have Saturday editions that need Saturday delivery.

Maybe if the postal service continues to come up with new products, like their successful Priority Mail flat-rate box, their revenue can continue to grow.

Labor makes up 80 percent of the total cost for the USPS. That's about 30 percent higher than national competitors. Plus the postal service has a burdensome retirement plan that requires pre-payment of health benefits into the federal treasury, unlike other federal agencies. Postal workers have one of the richest benefit packages in the nation, with USPS contributing 100 percent of life insurance benefits and 85-88.75 percent of health insurance. Changes might have to be made and the next generation of contracts might have to slice those percentages or the next generation of workers may have no jobs at all.

With much of the workforce retiring in the next five years, perhaps USPS can restructure its compensation system without pulling the rug out from under a loyal workforce.

The postal service has a huge responsibility -- to reach every household in every community. Every American needs the mail. We still need packages delivered. Most people still get their bills by mail. We can't -- and don't need to -- put our total reliance on the Internet.

Saturday delivery may not sound like a big deal but it is just another example of problems in a business model gone wrong. The USPS doesn't have to be a dinosaur whose time has passed.

There are still nearly 309 million reasons to keep a viable mail service and it is in everyone's best interest if that service keeps coming six days a week.

Flat Cat In A Sack



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I've always believed that cats are an acquired taste. No, no, PETA people, don't get me wrong, when I say "taste" I am not talking about eating the poor things, as they do in some protein-deficient places. I am only saying that some people grow to love felines, while other people put them in the same category as the vermin they chase. Mark Twain and my Grandmother, two of my idols, grew to love cats, while Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte and Benito Mussolini are said to have hated the furry creatures. Which I think speaks well of them. The cats I mean, not the dictators.

In Tudor times cats were burned as symbols of heresy, they are said to bring bad luck, and those who've read the entire book say that cats are not mentioned once in the Bible.

As for me, I can take or leave them, but I get really irritated at cat lovers who insist that cats are smarter than dogs. When was the last time you saw a Siamese herd a flock of sheep or sniff out a victim trapped underneath rubble?

The attitude of Mister Flickenfloss was more in tune with Benito and Julius when it came to cats, although in some ways he was exactly like the felines he detested. For example, he could not be made to like someone or something he never cared for. If you know cats, you know how stubborn they are and how they are not open to a lot of new ideas.

Mrs. Flickenfloss however, otherwise

known as "Cat Woman" behind her back, cared deeply for cats and in many ways loved her cats more than her husband.

The cats of Mrs. Flickenfloss were composed of two regiments, the inside and the outside cats. Loafer was an outside cat. Don't let his lack of access mislead you, Loafer was loved as much as any inside cat by Cat Woman, he just refused to go indoors. Loafer was what some people call

a "feral" cat, although Mister Flickenfloss had other, less complimentary, names for the cat who was always underfoot.

On a monthly trip to the Flickenfloss ranch the liquid supplement salesman had just finished filling up the tubs for the cattle and was on his way out the gate when he saw a cat zip across the road. The thump told him that Loafer had finally used up the last of its nine lives.

The driver, not being the kind of person to hit and run, knew that he could lose a good account over the incident. So he called Mister Flickenfloss on his cell phone, explained what had happened and asked him what he should do.

"The Cat Woman isn't going to be very happy," the rancher said, referring to his

wife. "You know how she loves the worthless creatures. I don't want her to come home and find the cat laying there in the road so take Loafer's carcass into the barn and put it in an empty feed sack and I'll take care of it when I get home."

Usually the rancher was as emotional as a fence post but even he felt a slight sense of loss over Loafer's demise.

You know how it is around a ranch, with more work to do that you can possibly get done?

A person is apt to forget certain trivial, nonpaying tasks that might require his attention. Mister Flickenfloss had a lot on his mind and he quite naturally forgot about the flat cat in the sack. (A Dr. Seussian title if there ever was one!)

Now, Loafer was only forgotten in the sense that a Limburger sandwich left in the sofa cushions can be forgotten. Sooner or later someone is bound to notice! Two days after Loafer's death rancher Flickenfloss heard the most bloodcurdling scream coming from the barn. It was then he remembered about the flat cat in the sack.

The sack holding Loafer's remains was a note bearing the logo of a feed supplement. It read "Here's the cat. I took care of it like you told me to do. I never liked cats much either. Good luck with the Cat Woman."

I am told that Loafer was not the only one sacked as a result of the incident.

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Demand for appliance rebates quickly exceeds funding

AUSTIN — The Texas Trade Up Appliance Rebate Program began and ended on April 7, with nearly 39,000 rebate reservations made before funding was used up.

State Comptroller Susan Combs called the response unprecedented. A staff of 550 answered an estimated 1,000 calls per minute from Texans who wanted a break on the cost of replacing certain functioning household appliances with more efficient Energy Star-rated appliances. The rebate Web site received 39 million hits at a rate of 2,400 per second.

"Regrettably, we were only given approximately \$23 million to implement and administer the rebate program in a state of this size, and there were some people who were not able to get through in time to reserve a guaranteed rebate," Combs said.

Meanwhile, Combs plans to investigate what appears to have been a Web attack that flooded the online reservation system early in the day, using nearly 75 percent of the available capacity.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

BEWARE OF CENSUS-SEASON SCAMS

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on April 8 encouraged residents to participate in the 2010 U.S. Census, but said to watch out for identity theft scams that might be attempted by thieves posing as U.S. Census Bureau employees.

Census employees will be clearly identified with a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice, Abbott said, and one should always look for identification from Census takers before opening the door and agreeing to provide personal information.

Abbott said "con artists are using the program as an opportunity to swindle people out of their hard-earned money and even their identities."

The Census does not request personal financial information such as bank or credit card numbers or Social Security numbers and no official census information will be collected via e-mail.

Anyone who thinks or knows they have been scammed should visit the AG's Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or call (800) 252-8011 for a copy of the Identity Theft Victim's Kit.

REP RESIGNS TO HEAD TSU SYSTEM

State Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, was named chancellor of the Texas State University System in late March.

On April 2, McCall, 51, announced his resignation from the Texas House of Representatives. A special election to fill the House District 66 seat is scheduled for May 8. The winner will serve out the remainder of McCall's unexpired term.

McCall served as a House member for 18 years. In the 2009 session of the state Legislature, House Speaker Joe Straus appointed him chair of Calendars, the committee that controls which bills move to the House floor for consideration and possible enactment.

McCall earned a bachelor

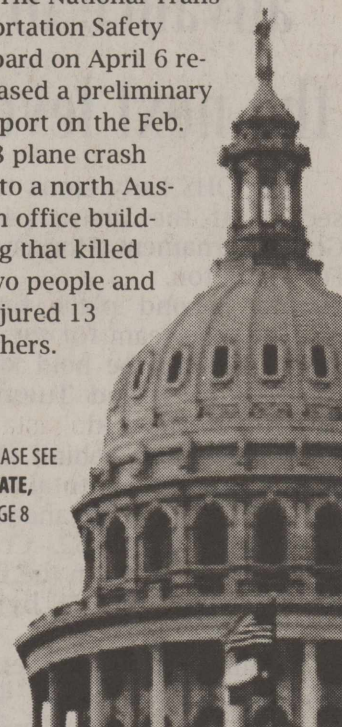
of arts degree from Baylor University, a master of liberal arts from Southern Methodist University and a Ph.D. in Humanities, Aesthetics from the University of Texas-Dallas.

NTSB RELEASES PLANE CRASH REPORT

The National Transportation Safety Board on April 6 released a preliminary report on the Feb.

18 plane crash into a north Austin office building that killed two people and injured 13 others.

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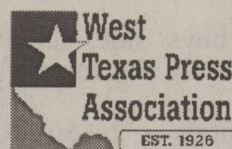
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CORRECTIONS

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

Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration today

Pre-registration for the 2010-2011 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held today, April 14, at Ozona Elementary (Intermediate) School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 9 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1-4 p.m.

To be eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, a student must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, eligible to participate in the National Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program or is homeless. The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2010.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card in order to register the child. If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Pre-kindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration.

Parents enrolling their children for Pre-kindergarten must bring a copy of their recent check stub. Income will be verified prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten students must be five on or before Sept. 1, 2010. Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card to registration.

A copy of these documents will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law in Chap. 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school:

1. Hepatitis A
2. 4 yr. old booster (DTaP, Polio, and MMR)
3. Varicella (chicken pox)
4. Pneumococcal (PCV7)

Miercoles, 14 de Abril, 2010 sera la pre-matricula para pre-kinder y kinder en Ozona Elementary (Intermediate) School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 9:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. Para ser elegible en pre-kinder, se requiere que el estudiante le falte el idioma ingles, podra participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o precio reducidos o ser sin hogar. El niño tiene que tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2010. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su niño/a (del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Si su niño habla español se le tomara una prueba par a ver

si su niño califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer a su niño con Ud. También necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheque.

Estudiantes de kindergarten que tener 5 años en o antes del 1 de septiembre 2010. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su niño/a (del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social.

Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o después del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela:

1. Hepatitis A
2. La vacuna de 4 años (DTaP, Polio y MMR)
3. Varicela
4. Pnuemococcal (PCV7)

Head Start pre-registration Monday and Tuesday

Ozona Head Start will host their 2010 pre-registration Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20 at their facility on 1310 Avenue G, across from Sonic.

Registration will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday and 3-6 p.m. Tuesday.

Parents need to bring:

- PROOF OF ALL INCOME (1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs or letter from employer).
- Child's birth certificate.
- Child's shot record.
- Food Stamp case number (if applicable).
- Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or private health insurance (if applicable).

The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at no cost. Head Start provides individualized care

and guidance to all eligible children, including those with disabilities.

Each child in Head Start is considered a unique person with previous experiences, current needs and potential for future growth. The Head Start approach is well suited to helping children with physical, mental or emotional disabilities as well as children with severe disabilities.

Head Start offers individualized Early Childhood Education in a structured environment, highly qualified and dedicated teachers, specialized services for children with a disability and personalized family support services and nutritious meals and snacks.

For more information, call Tracy Ybarra at (325) 392-3429 or Ofelia Barron at (325) 944-9666.

Ozona Fast Pitch Softball Tourney April 23-25

The Ozona Spring Classic Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament will be held April 23-25 at the Crockett County Softball Field located at Bueno Vista and State Highway 163 South.

The tournament is for

girls 12 and under.

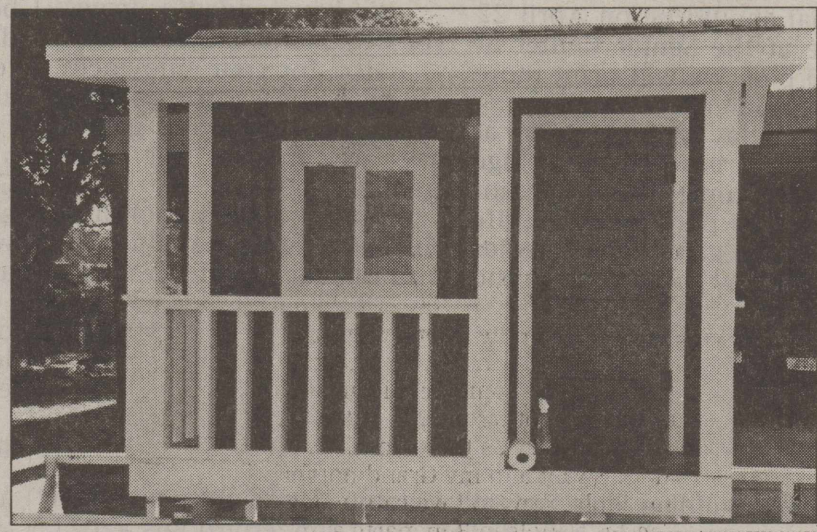
Sign-up deadline is April 17. ASA and VTD Sanctioned.

For more information, call Eddie Lozano at 226-9262 or 392-5620 or sign-up at www.fastpitchsoftball.net.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

HEATHER HILL CLABURN is the new owner of **Small Fashions** located on the square in downtown Ozona. Heather is a graduate of Ozona High School and Texas A&M University. Her and her husband Allen have twin boys, Braxton and Braden.



IRA CHILDRESS | SUBMITTED PHOTO

THIS COLORFUL PLAYHOUSE could be yours for the purchase of a \$5 ticket at Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Small Fashions or The Ozona Stockman. Proceeds benefit the Crockett County Health & Wellness Center Fund. Drawing to be held during the Ozona Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Sponsored by Ozona Remodeling & New Construction Ira Childress, Triple C Hardware & Lumber and Sherwin Williams.

Commissioners hold monthly meeting

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Cadets from the Texas Challenge Academy, of Sheffield, will be in Ozona May 15 to perform community service duties.

The commissioners discussed the various projects during Monday's regular meeting.

Road Superintendent Eddie Moore said 90 cadets, ages 15-19 both boys and girls, will be performing various work around town including general cleaning of trash, mowing and weed eating of streets and alley and painting of all fairground and arena areas, as well as other painting and general maintenance around town. Students will be working in three groups, of all boys or all girls.

The county is providing equipment and lunch, while the cadets are providing labor at no charge to the county, Moore said. Lunch will be held at the arena.

"Volunteers are welcome to help with the lunch," Moore said.

The Texas Challenge Academy is a volunteer program for 16 to 19 year old teens that are at risk of dropping out or that have already dropped out of high school. The program is open to

all students, without regard to race, sex, religious affiliation or household income.

COURTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

The commissioners decided to host an open house at 3 p.m. May 10 upstairs in the Crockett County Courthouse to show off the newly renovated building.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

The commissioners approved new record management software for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Cost of the software is around \$6,200 for the one time setup and installation and then \$446 per month.

Amend the budget to cover juvenile and adult probation offices.

Resolution for the Interpretive Trail at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Proclamation honoring Natural Resource Conservation Service on April 27, 2010 as Conservation Day in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the State of Texas.

112th District Court Schedule of Fees for counsel of indigent.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 14

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.- noon Pre-K and 1-4 p.m. Kindergarten at the Ozona Elementary School Intermediate Campus.
- OHS Cheerleading and Mascot tryouts, 3:30 p.m. at the Davidson Gym. This event is closed to the public.
- OMS Mandatory Cheerleading Meeting for students wishing to participate in cheerleading for the 2010-2011 school year, 3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Phillips' classroom at the middle school.

Thursday, April 15

- OHS Track Teams at the District Meet in Crane.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, April 16

- Lions Baseball and Lady Lions Softball vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at the baseball and softball fields.

Saturday, April 17

- Spring Sidewalk Tree and Plant Sale, 8 a.m. at the town square.

Monday, April 19

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Head Start pre-registration, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 1310 Avenue G.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 20

- OHS Tennis at the Regional Meet in Odessa.
- Head Start pre-registration, 3-6 p.m. at 1310 Avenue G.
- Lions Baseball and Lady Lions Softball vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at Kermit.
- OMS 2010-2011 Cheerleaders Mandatory Parent Meeting, 6 p.m. at the middle school.

Wednesday, April 21

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

Happy Birthday

April 14 - Fred Deaton, David Lott, Randy Crawford, Mariano Urbina and Alfonso Ramirez III

April 15 - Brandi Crawford, Emma Camarillo, Belia Cardenas, Paige Tambunga, Rosalind Williams, Vance Worthington, Jim White and Jimmy Longoria

April 16 - Helen White, Raul De La Rosa, Ray Garcia, Emanuel Venegas, Misty Bishop, Libby Martinez, Murphey Black and Zak Shaw

April 17 - Mellisa Galvan,

Henry Cruz, Chris Beckham, Oscar Valadez, Jackie Moran, Michael A. Jenkins and Richard Gonzales Jr.

April 18 - Melissa Hokit
April 19 - Eric Hendren, Sarah Vargas, Mysti Michelle Mata, Nat Hernandez Jr. and Michelle Gonzales

April 20 - Lupe Martinez, Abe Rodriguez, Viola Perez, Frankie Skinner, Jerold Savala, Clarissa Hernandez, Chelsea Gonzales, Ricardo Borrego, Tommy Conner and Albert Madrid

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BRIDAL GIFT SELECTIONS:
Erin Enke, bride-elect of Wilson Stokes

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Saturday, April 17
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Crockett SWCD Annual tree and plant sale Saturday

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District of Ozona will be having their annual tree and plant sale.

They will hold a sidewalk sale at the south side of the town square from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 17. The owners of Native Ornamentals Nursery in Mertzon will be available to answer questions

about trees or plants.

Available trees include: Live Oak, Texas Red Oak, Pinon Pine, Common Hackberry, Desert Willow and more. The bigger trees are available by pre-order only.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will have all pre-order trees at the square on April 17 to be

picked up. To insure an available tree, order in advance.

For more information, details and prices on the trees available, call Sharon Martin at the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District at 392-2301 ext. 3 or visit the office located at 201-D 11th Street in Ozona. Pictures are also available of most plants and trees.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

You guessed it! My doctor released me to return back to work on April 7 after having surgery on March 23.

I am very happy to be back at work and back at my desk.

I would like to thank the Crockett County Senior Board for keeping everything going here at the Senior Center. I want to especially thank Veronica Fierro for her part and JoAnn Couch for writing the column in the paper a few weeks back.

When I returned, I was very sad to hear that Bernice Cota had passed away. She and her

husband Bill Cota have been coming to the Senior Center for lunch and most of our activities for many years. We all will miss Bernice.

We learned that Babe Womack passed away Saturday, April 10. Babe had lived in Ozona many years and will be missed very much.

Our next Senior Bingo Social should be on April 22 here at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. We will print more on this later.

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

always have a fun afternoon.

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

We have added a projector with stand and a screen.

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

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

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Over 60?

Come on out to the Senior Citizens Building, sign up with Helping Hands and enjoy Free Lunches and Fellowship. Free transportation will be provided via the Thunderbird Bus #2021. Invitation by the Helping Hands Board Of Directors.

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

APRIL 14
Dorito casserole, salad, roll and dessert

APRIL 15
Pork roast, mashed potatoes, frozen veggies, roll and dessert.

APRIL 16
Hamburger, French fries, tomato, lettuce and dessert.

APRIL 19
Lemon chicken, wild rice, broccoli, roll and dessert.

APRIL 20

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, Italian vegetable blend, roll and dessert.

APRIL 21
Pork chop, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program April 23

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, April 23, 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 in-

terested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Daphna 'Babe' Womack

Daphna "Babe" Womack, 92, died Saturday April 10, 2010 in a local care center.

Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 16, in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Womack was born Jan. 20, 1918 in Callahan County. Survivors include a daughter, Clovie Shannon of Big Spring.

OBITUARIES

Donna Moore Nieri

Donna Moore Nieri passed away Monday, April 12, 2010, in San Angelo.

Funeral service will be held Friday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Community Hills Christian Church in San Angelo. Private burial will follow. Visitation is at Johnson's Funeral Home, Thursday, April 15 from 6-8 p.m.

Donna was born July 2, 1948, in Coleman to Maggie and Buddy Moore. She grew up in her parents' hometown of Ozona where she graduated from high school in 1965. She earned a degree in home economics from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

On Dec. 26, 1971, Donna married Pedro Nieri in the Ozona United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband and by their daughter, Rebecca Hardin-Nieri, and her husband, Scott, and two grandchildren, Olivia and Nico of Colorado and by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Scotty and Linda Moore and Brent and Janet Moore, all of Ozona.

Her parents preceded her in death. Donna was a charter member of Community Hills Christian Church, where she was a member of the board of directors and an elder. She was church secretary for a number of years, also worked with area psychologists and United Campus Ministries at ASU.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband all over the world on Farm Bureau trips. Donna was a talented homemaker who loved to sew, knit and quilt. Thinking of her grandchildren never failed to bring a smile to her face.

Like her Dad, she loved animals, and like her Mom, she loved and respected her family's ranch.

The family is grateful for the care and guidance of Dr. Jim Neill regarding Donna's health and wish to express gratitude for the loving ways Hospice of San Angelo held us all during the transition.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be given to Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat at 9030 Retreat Road, Brownwood, Texas 76801-0587 or to the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center, Box 865, Ozona, Texas 76943.

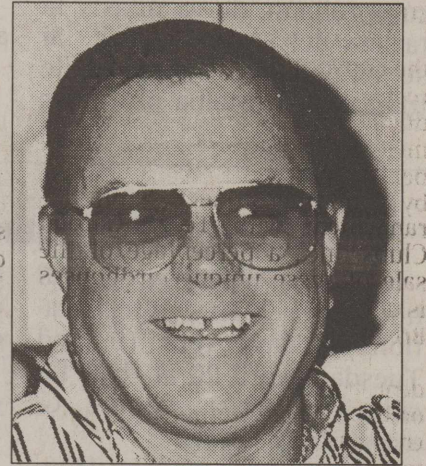
George F. Levett

George F. Levett, 66, of Ozona passed away Monday, April 5, 2010, in San Angelo at Shannon Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 7, 1944 in Kalamazoo, Mich. On March 29, 1961, he married his high school sweetheart Arlean A. Bush who survives him, as well as his mother-in-law Vada M. Baily, both of Ozona.

On Jan. 4, 1963, they were blessed with a son Terry F. Levett who proceeds him in death, as does his mother "Corky" Levett and stepfather Edward Levett.

He will be put to rest in Orangeville, Mich. at Oak Hill Cemetery.



All arrangements were made by Gregg Underwood of Robert Massie Funeral Home of San Angelo.

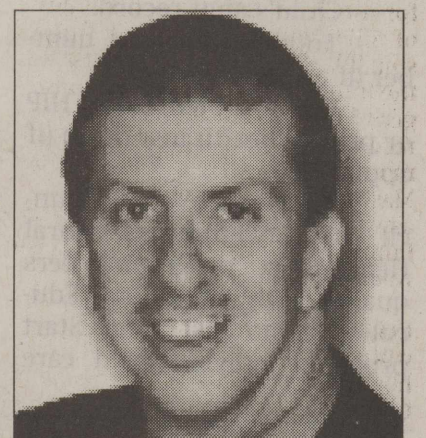
Calvary Baptist Church Revival April 21-25

Calvary Baptist Church will host a Revival April 21-25 featuring evangelist Michael W. Courtney from Times of Refreshing Ministries, of Garland, Texas.

The Revival will be from 7 p.m. nightly and all day Sunday at the church on 611 Avenue I in Ozona.

Courtney has been a pastor for more than 18 years and is now in a full-time ministry that focuses on revival, evangelism and missions.

Courtney and his wife Debbie have been married for more than 25 years and have two grown sons.



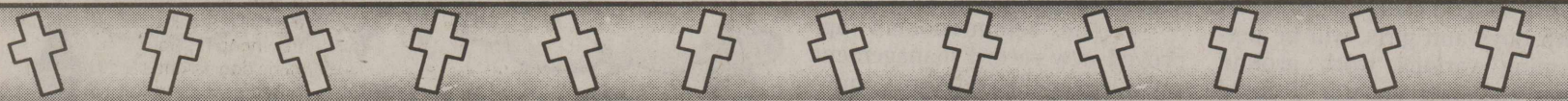
He has preached in local church revivals, Bible conferences, youth camps, retreats, schools, jails, juvenile justice centers and homeless shelters.

He has taught leadership training seminars, conferences and has preached evangelistic crusades in the Philippines, Ghana, West Africa, Mexico and Brazil.

For more information, visit www.mikecourtneytimesofrefreshing.com.

Card of Thanks
"Hold on to what is good, even if it's a handful of earth.
Hold on to what you believe, Even if it's a tree that stands by itself.
Hold on to what you must do, Even if it's a long way from here.
Hold on to your life, Even if it's easier to let go."
Thank you everyone for all your acts of kindness.
Most importantly thank you all for keeping us (Hilda) in your Prayers!
Your thoughtfulness is really appreciated...and so are you.
Joe & Hilda Galvan and family

Card of Thanks
We would like to express how grateful we are to all of you who have taken the time to show concern for our father/husband and for us, his family. All your calls, texts, visits and especially all your prayers which mean the world to us. We would like to give a special thanks to Alan, who stayed by my dad's side until the medic arrived. Also thank you to all the ER team that arrived at the scene and provided the care needed. Your prayers are keeping us all strong and clam during times of trial. Thank you for your prayers and support.
The Mariano Makill Family
Lupe, Maris, Sahsa, Marsha, Jordan, Marianne, Gus and Sylvia



THE SECURITY OF LOVE

Kids look for love. They seek the security of knowing mom and dad are there and care. Husbands and wives mourn the loss of security and love. The security of love is important to personal well-being. The Bible is full of expressions of love. Take Jude 1-2 as an example. "Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you."

Jude, a brother of the apostle James and half brother of Jesus, writes to those having the love of God poured out in their hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). He writes to those having a reservation in heaven and kept by the power of God (1 Peter 1:4-5). These people know the mercy of God's forgiveness. Because of this mercy and forgiveness, they have peace with God. They have peace of conscience. They have peace of heart. They know the love of God.

This is ultimate security. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 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>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. & Thur.: 6 p.m. Wed. & Fri.: 8 p.m. Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo 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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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

'Under a Shower of Green!' Texas Garden Clubs Inc. District VIII Spring Convention

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Circle Bar Truck Coral Restaurant and the Ozona United Methodist Church were the sites of a lively "Under a Shower of Green" Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District VIII convention Friday evening and Saturday, April 9-10. Garden club members and one lonely husband came from Abilene, Big Lake, Breckenridge, Coleman, Del Rio, Midland, San Angelo, Stamford and Snyder, to join 14 Ozona Garden Club members, for a total of 51 attendees. Abilene won the \$25 prize for having the most out of town attendees, while Breckenridge Garden Club won \$50 for obtaining the most new members during the past year - six!

Friday evening about 25 garden club members enjoyed dinner at the Circle Bar Truck Coral Restaurant while being entertained by five members of the Ozona High School guitar class. Our thanks go to Jeannine Henderson and Tammy McWilliams for arranging this delightful treat.

Saturday morning the Rev. Ron Shott, pastor of the Ozona United Methodist Church gave the opening invocation. Weblos Troop No. 153 presented the colors and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Next Crockett County Commissioner Pleas Childress III welcomed our visitors to Ozona, noting that Crockett County often works closely with Ozona Garden Club in various projects to beautify the town. Representing Ozona Garden Club, Carmen Sutton assured our visitors of their welcome to Ozona and that Ozona Garden Club enjoyed hosting the convention. Mary Ann Meroney of Reagan Garden Club, Big Lake, gave the response.

Ozona Garden Club would like to thank Melissa Perner of the Ozona Stockman for attending the convention long enough to photograph our officers and various groups of people and displays.

Charlotte Harrell presented the convention to District VIII Director Pamela Maresch who conducted the business meeting. Pamela's gift of appreciation was a beautiful pink ceramic birdhouse by Louisville Stoneware. By arrangement with Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., a percentage of the sale of these unique birdhouses is donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. President Jacki Simmers of Midland honored and delighted us with her presence, and she lent encouragement to all. She reported on various statewide garden club activities.

For the first time in several years, TGC District VIII was able to award a scholarship to a worthy student. Andrew Sanchez who is studying horticulture at Howard College in San Angelo was highly recommended by the San Angelo Garden Club. Mr. Sanchez, his wife and baby were our guests for lunch so that his scholarship of \$570 could be presented personally. He is twice a veteran of the Iraq War, 24 years old, and eager to be the first in his family to receive a college degree. He does much volunteer work with the Master Gardeners of San Angelo, as well as working to support his family. He received many good wishes from our members.

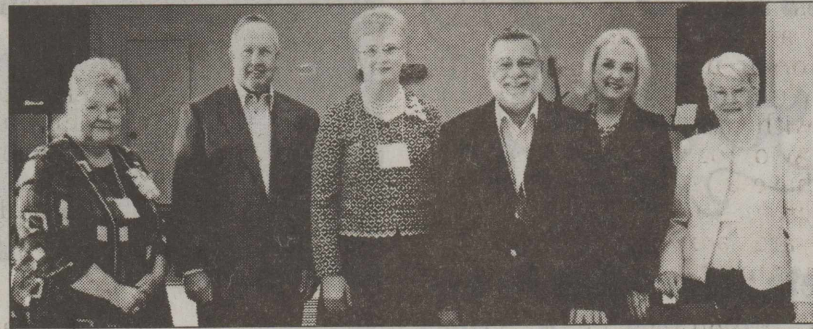
The Abilene Garden Club officially announced that it, along with all clubs in District VIII, will host the 2012 Fall Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. convention in Abilene. The club will also host the District VIII Fall convention in November 2010. Awards Chairman Doris Purcell of Abilene presented Certificates of Awards to the clubs.

The District VIII Nominating Committee, chaired by Winnie Barclay of Breckenridge, proposed that Carol Looney of Breckenridge be selected TGC Trustee from District VIII for a four-year term. Presently, Mrs. Looney is serving the remainder of her predecessor's term. She also proposed that Charlotte Harrell of Ozona be selected TGC board member from District VIII (office to be determined by state nominating



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OFFICERS FOR THE TEXAS GARDEN CLUBS INC. DISTRICT VIII SPRING CONVENTION: (left to right) Terry Bridgford, corresponding secretary; JoAnn Denson, treasurer; Winnie Barclay, third assistant director and scholarship chair; Jacki Simmers, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. President; Charlotte Harrell, parliamentarian; Pamela Maresch, director TGC District VIII; Arlette Brininstool, recording secretary; Charlotte James, first assistant director; Sandra Browning, second assistant director; Carol Looney, District VIII Trustee and Doris Purcell, District VIII Awards Chair.



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OPENING CEREMONIES for the convention were conducted by (left to right) Jacki Simmers, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. President; Commissioner Pleas Childress III; Charlotte Harrell, Ozona Garden Club Parliamentarian; the Rev. Ron Shott, Ozona United Methodist Church; Carmen Sutton, Ozona Garden Club and Mary Meroney, Reagan Garden Club.

committee), and that Winnie Barclay of Breckenridge be the next District Director. All members present voted to accept these recommendations. All of these actions will become effective in Spring 2011. A slate of other District VIII officers will be presented at the fall board meeting in November 2010.

The By-laws Committee, consisting of Charlotte Harrell, Jo Ann Denson, and Winnie Barclay, was instructed to review the District VIII by-laws over the summer and to make recommendations for any needed changes. The proposed changes will be sent to the clubs over the summer and voting will occur at the November convention.

Debi Hamilton and her staff of The Hitchin' Post Steakhouse served breakfast and lunch at the convention, which everyone enjoyed immensely. The Reagan Garden Club of Big Lake sponsored the breakfast. Kathleen Shott offered the luncheon invocation. Throughout the convention members were sneaking over to the Silent Auction tables to bid on a huge array of items, which were all contributed by garden club members from most of the clubs in the district. When all bidding ended, the proceeds totaled \$1,030.50. Forty-percent of the proceeds go to District VIII to support its activities, while 60 percent of the proceeds will benefit Ozona Garden Club activities.

Flower Show Judge Nan Markland of Coleman and her best friend Jane Padgett, an excellent potter, wowed the members with

their creative containers and arrangements therein. Afterward, Jane Padgett sold many of her unique containers to members. Both ladies are multigenerational ranchers in Coleman County, belong to the Town and Country Garden Club, and involve themselves in a host of civic activities. They cannot be thanked enough for transporting a truckload of containers, flowers, and necessary equipment all the way to Crockett County for this program.

Nearly every Ozona Garden Club member contributed mightily to make the convention a success, whether by donating door prizes, silent auction items, corsages, food at cost, the labor of setting up and taking down, making name tags, and lots of organizational work. "TGC District VIII is proud that 'Ozona Garden Club' is a part of the district. The Reagan Garden Club assisted by sponsoring the breakfast and by preparing a beautiful gift basket for TGC President Jacki Simmers. Many thanks go to those ladies. Charlotte Harrell and Pamela Maresch served as co-chairmen of the convention. A debt of gratitude is owed Ozona United Methodist Church for opening the doors of its fellowship hall for use by this convention.

Anyone reading this article and wishing to learn more about the work of garden clubs, should contact Charlotte Harrell or any garden club member for information. Gardeners have lots of fun and all of our garden clubs are eager to welcome new members.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
[FWS-R2-ES-2010-N017; 20124-1112-0000-F2]
Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation; Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Repair of Competitive Renewable Energy Zone Transmission Lines and Related Facilities

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and draft habitat conservation plan; announcement of meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), advise the public that we intend to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an Endangered Species Act permit to the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC, applicant) for incidental take of six federally listed or candidate species from activities associated with LCRA TSC's construction, maintenance, operation, and repair of four Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) "priority" transmission lines and related facilities (i.e., substations, substation upgrades, and access roads) required to be constructed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) (collectively, the LCRA TSC CREZ transmission lines). We also announce plans for a series of public scoping meetings and a public comment period.

DATES: If you wish to submit written comments on alternatives and issues for us to address in the draft EIS, we must receive them by close of business on June 17, 2010. We will hold five public scoping meetings at locations throughout LCRA's proposed 14-county permit area. The scoping meetings will be noticed in local newspapers at least two weeks before each scoping meeting and on the following website: <http://www.LCRA.org>. The dates and locations for the meetings are as follows:

Monday, April 19, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
San Angelo
La Quinta Inn and Suites - San Angelo Room
2307 Loop 306
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Comfort
Comfort Park Pavilion
427 Main Street
Comfort, Texas 78013

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Junction
Coke R. Stevenson Memorial Center
440 North US Hwy 83
Junction, Texas 76849

Monday, April 26, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Lampasas
Holiday House
908 East Fourth Street
Lampasas, Texas 76550

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Fredericksburg
Pioneer Pavilion
432 Lady Bird Drive
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

ADDRESSES: For further information or to send written comments by mail: Field Supervisor, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78758-4460; 512/490-0057 (phone); 512/490-0974 (fax); or Luella_Roberts@fws.gov (e-mail). Note that your information request or comments concern the LCRA TSC draft EIS/HCP.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We publish this notice in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6), and section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We intend to gather the information necessary to determine impacts and alternatives to support a decision regarding the potential issuance of an incidental take permit to the applicant, and the implementation of the supporting draft HCP. We intend to prepare an EIS to evaluate the impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit under the Act. The applicant proposes to apply for an incidental take permit through development and implementation of an HCP. The proposed HCP will cover take of certain species that is incidental to activities associated with the construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and related facilities and will include

Schleicher County Rodeo Association
Marty Acton Memorial Ranch Rodeo & Dance
Eldorado, TX
May 15 • 6:00 p.m.
4 man team \$500 Entry Free

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Taking first 20 Teams PAID
Entries and money due by May 12
\$10 - Admission Rodeo & Dance

Coming in July 2010
Tri-County Roping
Schleicher County Rodeo & Dance

Coming in August 2010
Goat Roping

FMI Contact: Jim Sullivan 325-650-1604
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measures necessary to minimize and mitigate impacts to covered species and their habitats to the maximum extent practicable.

Background
Section 9 of the Act prohibits "taking" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered under section 4 of the Act. The Act's implementing regulations extend, under certain circumstances, the prohibition of take to threatened species. Under section 3 of the Act, the term "take" means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." The term "harm" is defined by regulation as "an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). The term "harass" is defined in the regulations as "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering" (50 CFR 17.3). Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act requires an applicant for an incidental take permit to prepare an HCP that describes: (1) the impact that will result from such taking; (2) the steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate that take to the maximum extent practicable, and the funding that will be available to implement such steps; (3) the alternative actions to such taking that the applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized; and (4) the other measures that the Service may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan. The Act requires us to issue an incidental take permit to an applicant when we determine that: (1) the taking will be incidental to otherwise lawful activities; (2) the applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, minimize and mitigate the impacts of such taking; (3) the applicant has ensured that adequate funding for the plan will be provided; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (5) the measures, if any, we require as necessary or appropriate for the purposes of the plan will be met. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32. We expect that the Applicant will request permit coverage for a period of 30 years.

Scoping Meetings
A primary purpose of the scoping process is to receive suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to consider when drafting the EIS, and to identify, rather than debate, significant issues related to the proposed action. In order to ensure that we identify a range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed action, we invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties. We will conduct a review of this project according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and its regulations, other relevant Federal laws, regulations, policies, and guidance, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact us at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section no later than 1 week before the relevant public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request. We will accept oral and written comments at the meetings. You may also submit comments to persons listed in the ADDRESSES section. Once the draft EIS and draft HCP are completed and available for review, there will be further opportunities for public comment on the content of these documents through additional public meetings and comment period.

Alternatives
The proposed action presented in the draft EIS will be compared to the No-Action alternative. The No-Action alternative represents estimated future conditions to which the proposed action's estimated future conditions can be compared.

No-Action Alternative
Under the no-action alternative, LCRA TSC would comply with the Act by avoiding impacts to listed species where practicable, by receiving coverage under a Section 7 consultation where other Federal law exist, and/or by applying for individual incidental take permits where federal nexus does not exist. This

approach is likely to be more time-consuming and less efficient, and could result in an isolated independent mitigation approach. In addition, under this piecemeal approach, it is unlikely that LCRA TSC would be able to construct the LCRA TSC CREZ transmission lines within the timeline mandated by the Texas Legislature and the PUC.

Proposed Alternative
The proposed action is issuance of an incidental take permit for the covered species during construction, operation, and/or maintenance of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines. The proposed HCP, which must meet the requirements in section 10(a)(2)(A) of the Act, would be developed and implemented by the applicant. This alternative could allow for a comprehensive mitigation approach for authorized impacts and reduce the permit processing effort for the Service. Actions covered under the requested incidental take permit may include possible take of covered species associated with activities including, but not limited to, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of LCRA TSC's CREZ transmission lines and all related infrastructure and facilities such as substations and access roads. The applicant expects to apply for an incidental take permit for six species listed as endangered or threatened or considered to be a candidate for listing within the proposed permit area. It is anticipated that the impacts to listed species associated with the Service's possible approval of the HCP also will be considered pursuant to the interagency consultation procedures of section 7 of the Act and that future consultation on such impacts occurring in accordance with the approved HCP will not be necessary and will not require additional measures of the Applicant. Species proposed to be covered under the requested incidental take permit include: The golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, least tern, whooping crane, and black-tailed prairie dog. Counties included in the proposed permit area include portions of Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton, Mason, Menard, Kimble, Kerr, Kendall, Irion, Gillespie, Llano, Burnet, San Saba, and Lampasas Counties. Species not covered by the proposed incidental take permit will also be addressed in the draft HCP as evaluation or additional species. These species include the ocelot, Concho water snake, Clear Creek gambusia, sharpnose shiner, smalleye shiner, Bee Creek Cave harvestmen, Texas hornshell, Tobusch fishhook cactus, and Texas snowbells. The applicant does not anticipate that covered activities will result in take of the evaluation species. The purpose of addressing these species is to analyze and explain why the applicant believes these species will not be taken by the covered activities. Other alternatives considered will also be addressed in the draft EIS, including impacts associated with each alternative evaluated.

Public Availability of Comments
Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Environmental Review
The Service will conduct an environmental review to analyze the proposed action, as well as other alternatives evaluated and the associated impacts of each. The draft EIS will be the basis for the impact evaluation for each species covered and the range of alternatives to be addressed. The draft EIS is expected to provide biological descriptions of the affected species and habitats, as well as the effects of the alternatives on other resources such as vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, geology and soils, air quality, water resources, water quality, cultural resources, land use, recreation, water use, local economy, climate change, and environmental justice. Following completion of the environmental review, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comments on the draft EIS and the Applicant's permit application, which will include the draft HCP. The draft EIS and draft HCP are expected to be completed and available to the public in early to mid-2010.
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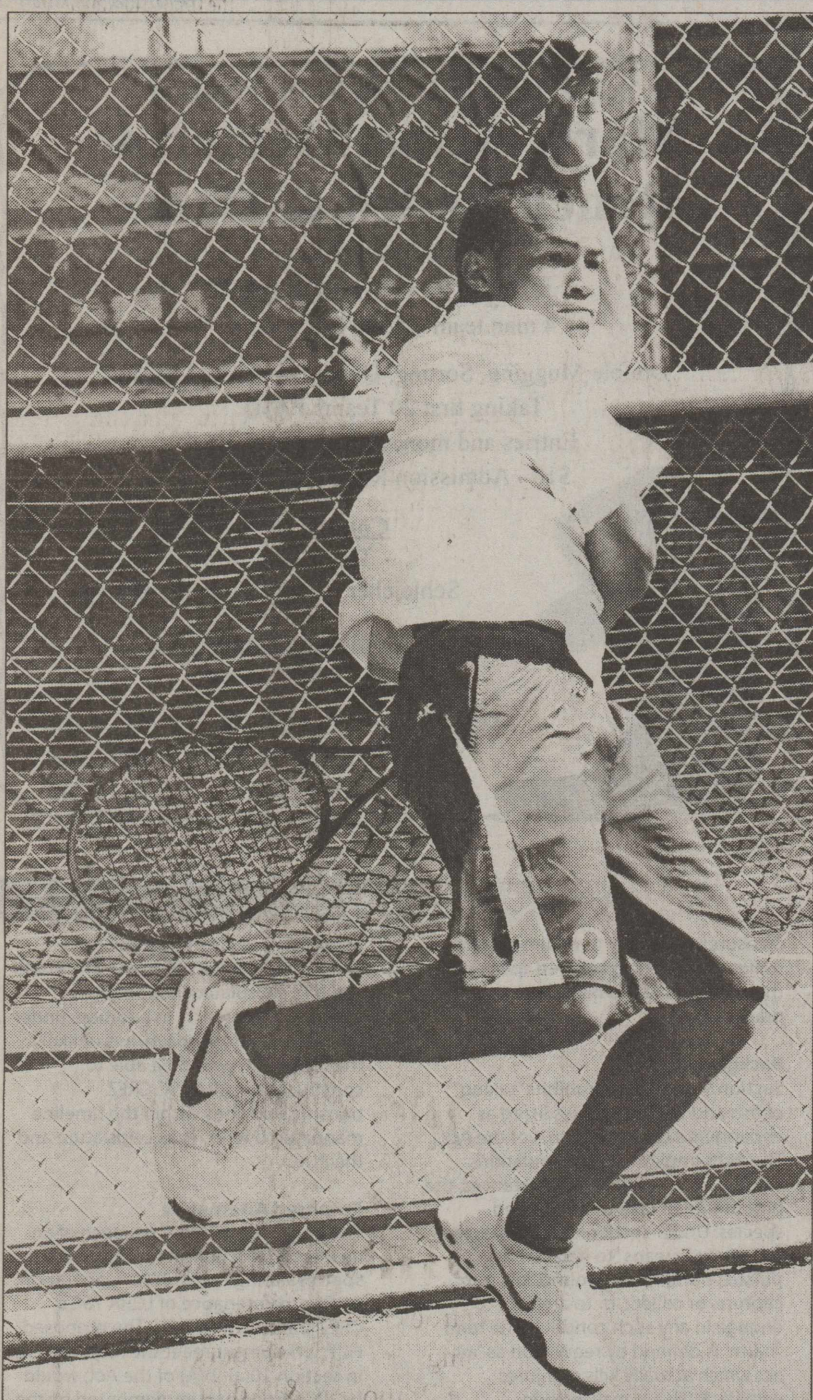
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KYLE DEAN IS THE DISTRICT 4-2A BOYS SINGLES CHAMPION.

Lions beat Crane, fall to Alpine

The Ozona Lions defeated Crane, 10-7, in a nine-inning battle last week at Crane.

Winning pitcher - Nathan De Hoyos, 8 strikes, 2 walks and 2 hits; Russel Komechak, 3 strikes, 3 hits and 2 walks.

Leading players - Komechak, 3-4, 3 runs, 2 singles and 1 double; Johnathan Martin, 4-5, 3 singles, 1 double with 2 RBIs and 1 run and Kyle Dean, 2-5, 1 single and 1 double with 2 RBIs and 1 run.

"They don't make games much more exciting than this! Seems like every game that we play is a nail biter! The kids fought back late in the game twice and never gave up hope. I'm really proud of the effort they gave," said Ray Ramos. "For the kids to play a solid 9... yeah...9 innings is nothing but proof that these are hard working kids and that great things are yet to come. I don't remember the last time that Ozona swept Crane in baseball, it felt great to sweep

a great ball club. My hat goes off to the kids, I'm really proud of them."

Ozona lost to Alpine 5-3 on April 9.

Pitching - Abey Lara, 4 runs, 6 hits, 2 strikeouts and 0 walks.

Leading players - Alejandro Mendez, 1-3, 1 double and 1 RBI; De Hoyos, 1-3, 1 single; Dean, 1-3 and 1 single and Andrew Sanchez, 1-2, 1 run on walk.

"Talk about a tight game! Two plays made the difference in the ball. That was the best 5 innings I had seen out of our boys all season. The kids played really tough and never gave up once. We have a really young team and they are learning how win and overcome adversity. Alpine is a good ball club, but I feel that we were better. We battled back but things just didn't work out. The kids did a really great job, I'm super proud of them," Ramos said.



OHS Track Teams compete at Lone Wolf Relays

The OHS Track Teams competed in the Lone Wolf Relays last week in Colorado City.

VARSITY BOYS RESULTS:

Team totals - 1. Frenship 223. 2. Coahoma 103. 3. Sweetwater 101. 4. Snyder 69. 5. Colorado City 63½. 6. Ozona 62½.

400 relay - 5. Ozona 47.21.

800 - 1. Badillo, 2:05.45. 110 hurdles - 2. Komechak, 15.98.3 and 5. Sud-dreth, 17.79.

800 relay - 6. Ozona 1:38.01.

400 - 6. Badillo, 58.96.

300 hurdles - 4. Komechak, 43.42 and 6. Sud-dreth, 45.68.

1600 relay - 5. Ozona 3:38.13.

Discus - 6. Sifuentes, 100-1.

Long jump - 6. Badillo, 18-8½.

Triple jump - 3. Badillo, 40-6.

Pole vault - 2. Hernandez, 8-6.

High jump - 4. Sewell, 5-10 and 6. Martin, 5-4.

JV BOYS RESULTS:

Team totals - 1. Frenship 265. 2. Sweetwater 118. 3. Coahoma 74. 4. Snyder 67. 5. Colorado 58. 6. Ozona 25.

High jump - 4. Vitela, 4-10.

3200 - 4. Perez, 12:56.58.

400 relay - 6. Ozona, 48.46.

100 - 4. Vitela, 12.17.

800 relay - 5. Ozona, 1:41.88.

400 - 6. Jones, 59.44.

1600 - 5. Perez, 5:49.63.

1600 relay - 5. Ozona, 3:55.26.

GIRLS RESULTS:

Team totals - 1. Frenship 232. 2. Ozona 105. 3. Snyder 103.4. Sweetwater 92. 5. Coahoma 48. 6. Colorado City 33.

3200 - 3. Villareal, 13:15.00.

400 relay - 5. Ozona 55.44.

800 - 2. Rodriguez, 2:26.8 and 4. Ramos, 2:30.78.

100 hurdles - 2. Miller, 16.80.

800 relay - 4. Ozona 1:52.47.

400 - 2. Rodriguez, 1:02.94.

300 hurdles - 3. Rodriguez, 49.69.

1600 relay - 3. Ozona 4:18.33.

Shot put - 3. Elston, Ozona, 31-7.

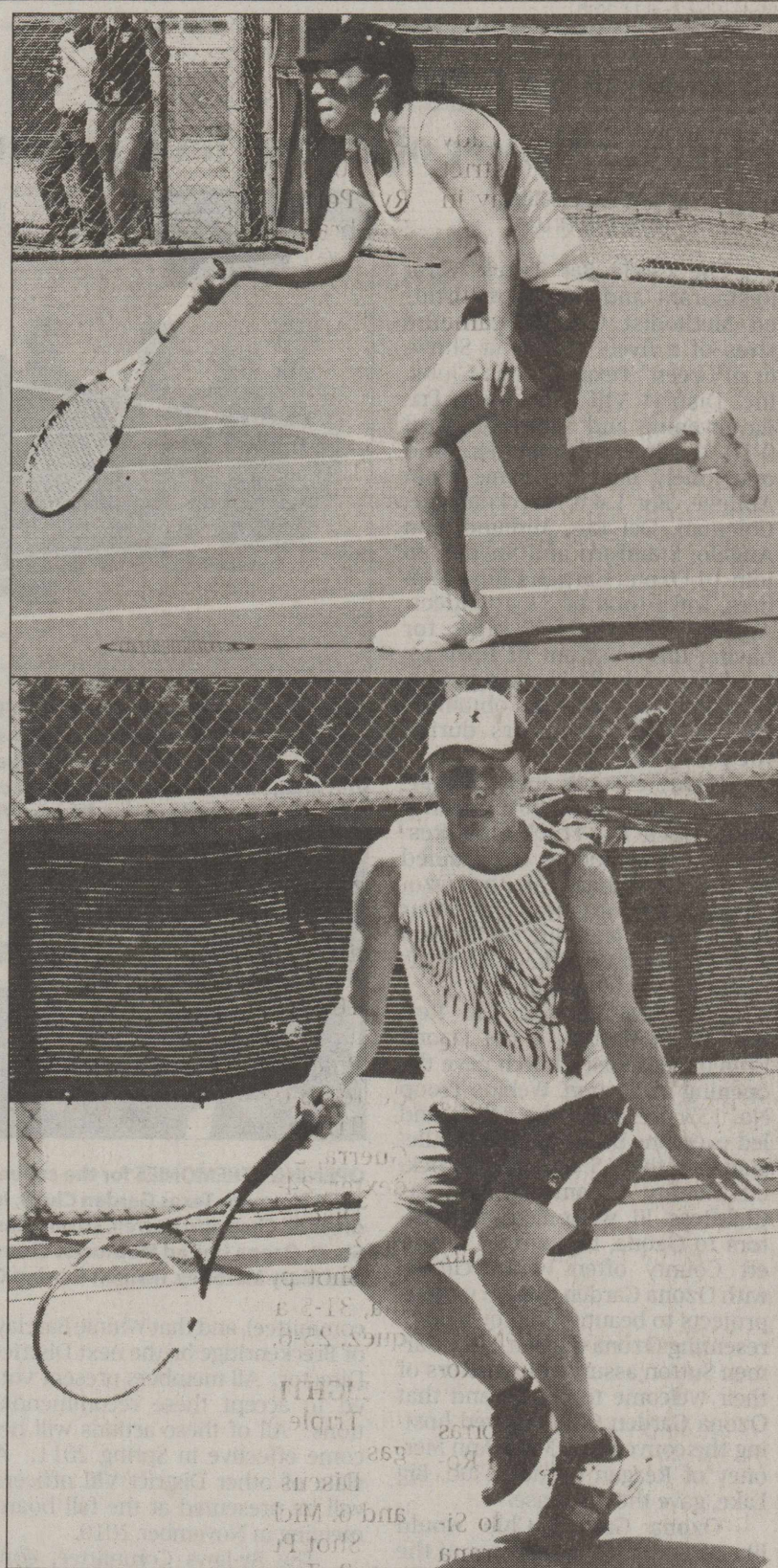
Discus - 4. Hamilton, 87-1.

Long jump - 2. Rodriguez, 15-1¾.

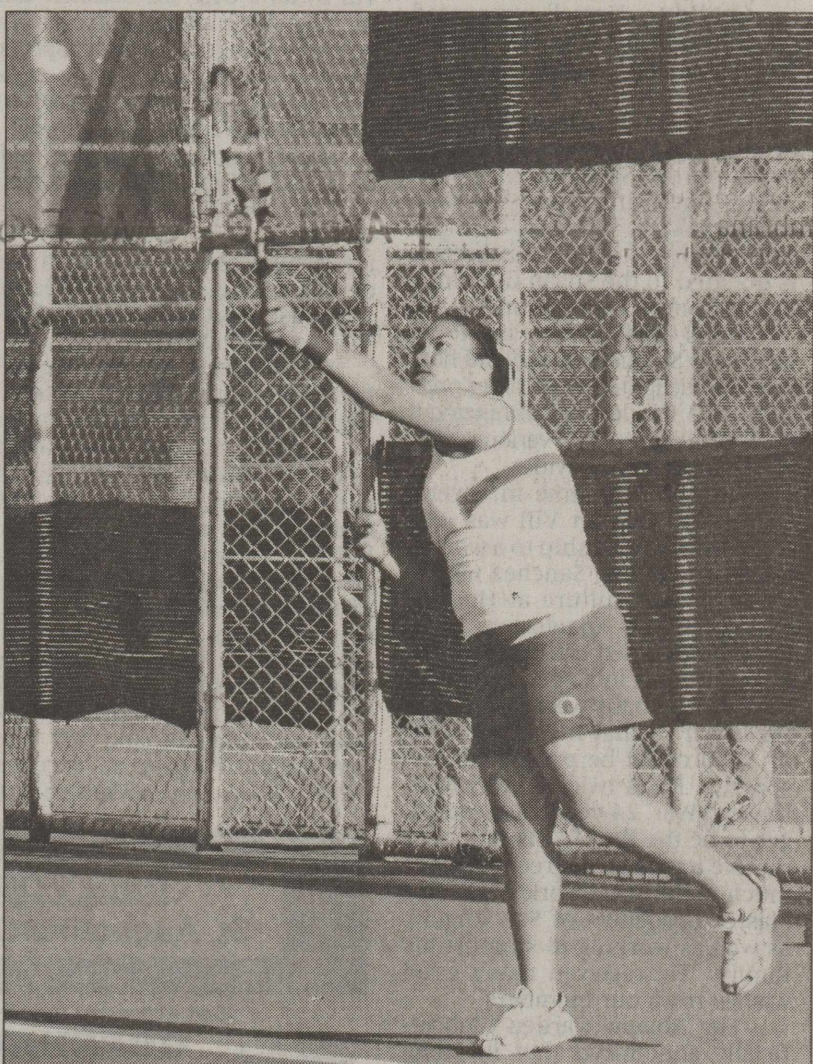
Triple jump - 1. Rodriguez, 35-3¾.

High jump - 2. Miller, 4-10 and 6. Quiroz, 4-6.

Pole vault - 4. Miller, 7-0 and 6. Garcia, Ozona, 7-0.



BRITNI MITCHEL (top) AND JOHNNY KOLSTER (bottom) ARE THE DISTRICT 4-2A MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS.



ALMA ELIZONDO PLACED SECOND IN GIRLS SINGLES AT DISTRICT and will advance to the regional tournament on April 20 and 21.

Applications for local scholarships now available

Local scholarship applications including deadlines, available in the OHS Go Center at this time are:

- Friends of the Library - April 30.
- Ozona Woman's League -

April 23.

• International Right of Way Association Chapter 35 - May 31.

• Ozona Woman's Forum Scholarship - April 30.

• Kurt Knapp Memorial

Scholarship - April 16.

• Tom Green County Farm Bureau Scholarship - April 30

(applicant's parent/guardian must be a member of the Tom Green County Farm Bureau).

• The Guadalupana Society

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• OHS Class of 1989 - April 23.

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OMS Lions, Lady Lions compete at District Track Meet in Presidio

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions competed in the District 4-AA Track Meet Saturday in Presidio.

The Seventh Grade Lions took second in the meet, while the Eighth Grade Lions came in fourth.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions were third and the Eighth Grade Lady Lions fourth.

SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS:

2400 - 2. Becky Mata, 9:00 and 4. Meagan Espinosa, 10:32.

400 relay - 4. Keyanna Perez, Melissa Lozano, Bethany Martinez, Maira Rodriguez.

100 - 6. Keyanna Perez, 15:06.

800 relay - 4. Nydia Valdes, Keyanna Perez, Bethany Martinez, Maira Rodriguez.

1600 - 1. Becky Mata, 6:27 and 3. Melissa Lozano, 7:02.

1600 relay - 3. Becky Mata, Nydia Valdes, Bethany Martinez, Melissa Lozano.

High jump - 3. Sarah De La Garza, 4-2.

Triple jump - 2. Keyanna Perez, 25-8 and 6. Becky Mata, 23-3.

Discus - 1. Elva Galardo, 72-7.

Shot put - 1. Elva Galardo, 29-4.

SEVENTH GRADE LIONS:

Long Jump - 1. Jayton Rodriguez

Triple Jump - 1. Ricky Porras

High Jump - 2. Daniel Lombrana

Shot Put - 1. Fernando Sifuentes, 2. Daniel Lombrana

and 4. Rigo Rodriguez

Pole Vault - 4. Richard Gomez and 6. Ryan Porras

2400 - 6. Angel Aguilar

400 relay - 5. Ri. Porras, Ry. Porras, N. Valdez, D. Lombrana

800 - 4. Bryce Gutierrez

and 6. Josh Porras

110 hurdles - 2. Daniel Lombrana

100 dash - 1. Jayton Ro-

driguez
800 relay - 2. Ri. Porras, Ry. Porras, J. Rodriguez, D. Lombrana

400 - 2. Josh Porras
300 hurdles - 1. Jayton Rodriguez and 6. Nathaniel Valdez

200 - 2. Ricky Porras
1600 - 3. Bryce Gutierrez and 5. Angel Aguilar

1600 relay - 4. B. Gutierrez, J. Porras, J. Badillio, N. Valdez

EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS:

2400 - 1. Daisy Guerra, 9:41

400 relay - 4. Sarah DeLaGarza, Jennifer Marquez, Lexi Poindexter, Kelsie Dean

100 - 4. Kelsie Dean, 14:06 and 6. Jennifer Marquez, 15:18.

800 relay - 5. Sarah DeLaGarza, Jennifer Marquez, Daisy Guerra, Kelsie Dean

400 - 3. Lexi Poindexter, 1:10.

1600 - 1. Daisy Guerra, 6:24.

Pole vault - 2. Lexi Poindexter, 6-0.

Triple jump - 5. Daisy Guerra, 25-2 and 6. Lexi Poindexter, 24-9.

Discus - 3. Vivian Medina, 69-2.

Shot put - 1. Vivian Medina, 31-5 and 6. Jennifer Marquez, 25-6.

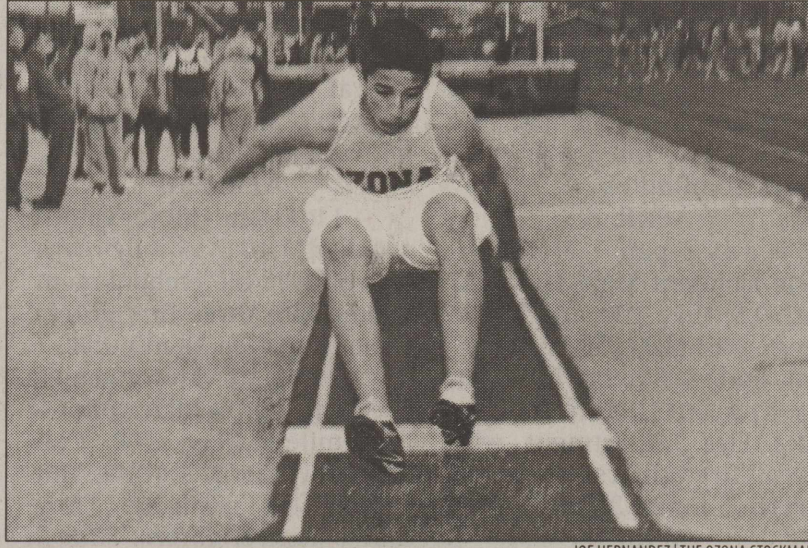
EIGHTH GRADE LIONS:

Triple Jump - 3. Saul Vargas

Discus - 5. Ely Montanez and 6. Michael Ybarra

Shot Put - 3. Michael Ybarra, 2. Tristan Alvarez and 6. Ely Montanez

Long Jump - 6. Eric Duenes



JAYTON RODRIGUEZ is the seventh grade district champion in the 100 meter dash, 300 meter hurdles and the long jump. Rodriguez also placed second in the high jump and was a member of the 800 meter relay team that came in second

High Jump - 3. Tristan Alvarez and 5. Daniel Gonzalez
Pole Vault - 1. Michael Vargas

2400 - 4. Tiger Lewis and 5. Deep Patel

400 relay - 4. M. Vargas, T. Alvarez, EZ Rivas and Erik Dunes

800 - 1. Saul Vargas

100 dash - 1. Erik Dunes and Michael Vargas

800 relay - 3. Rivas, Gonzalez, Alvarez, Dunes

400 - 3. Ely Montanez, 4. Tristan Alvarez and 5. Saul Vargas

300 hurdles - 4. Daniel Gonzalez

1600 relay - 4. D. Patel, E. Montanez, E. Rivas, T. Lewis.

"We would like to thank all those that went to the District Track Meet and participated, and their parents for all of their support. We are very proud them," said Coach Dendra Rohan.

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gram, and after all data has been collected on each child, a committee of educators will review this information and determine which students qualify for the program.

Anyone with a child attending grades six through eight and wishing to nominate them is asked to contact your child's teacher and request a nomination form which needs to be returned to the school by Wednesday, April 28.

Students who were nominated in past years but did not make the program may be nominated again if parents wish to do so.



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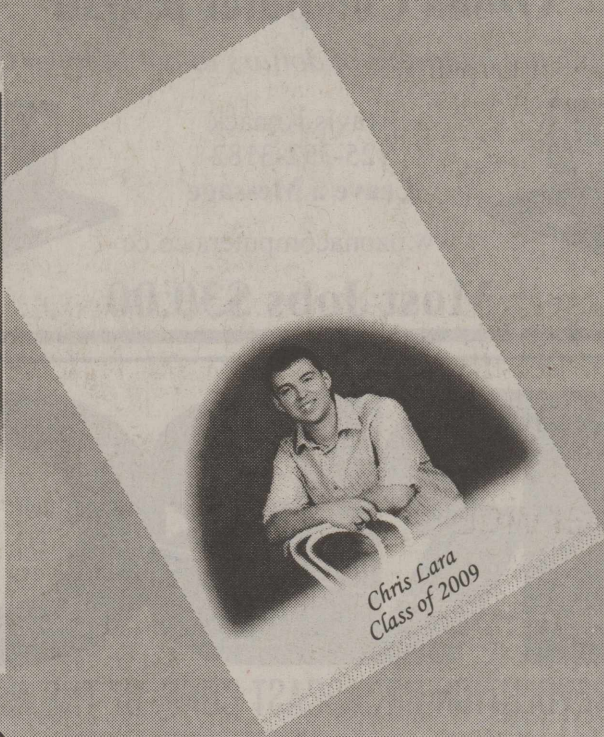
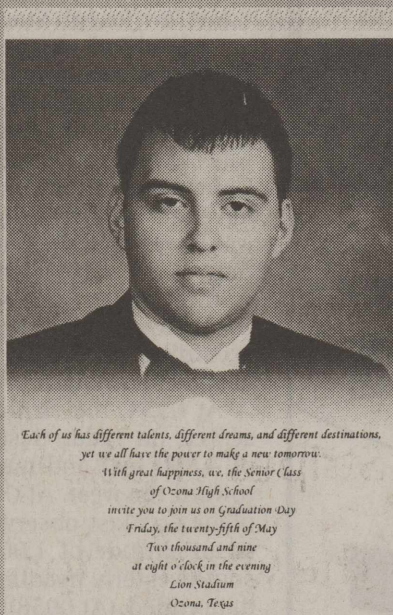
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April 20 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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APRIL 8
• 12:22 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident State Hwy 137 and U.S. Hwy 190, truck rollover, Haz-Mat. Traffic control. Four units, six firefighters, Crockett County EMS, Big Lake Fire Department with three firefighters. Time in service 5 hours 20 minutes.

APRIL 9
• 11:39 a.m. - Grass fire three miles west of State Hwy 163 on U.S. Hwy 190. Out on arrival. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 31 minutes.

APRIL 10
• 11:03 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10, 355 mile-marker, rollover/hit embankment. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 38 minutes.

• 2:57 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, one vehicle rollover I-10 mile-marker 378. Cancelled by sheriff's office unit, vehicle off roadway. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 23 minutes.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

MARCH 29
• Transfer - Patient Transported to Crockett County Care Center
• Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Community Hospital

APRIL 1
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

MARCH 31
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

APRIL 1
• Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Community Hospital

APRIL 2
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

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APRIL 6
• Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center
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APRIL 7
• Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

APRIL 8
• Local Call - No Transport

APRIL 9
• Local Call - No Transport

APRIL 10
• Local Call - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

APRIL 11
• Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Community Hospital

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
• Andy Haque, Midland, driving while intoxicated bond forfeiture, \$10,000

COUNTY COURT
• Danny DeHoyos, Ozona, theft by check, Class B misdemeanor, motion to dismiss granted because defendant paid restitution and court costs.

DISTRICT COURT
Hons: Pedro Gomez Jr. and Brock Jones presiding
• Angela Warren, 33, Louisiana, extradition to Louisiana.
• Justin Lee Mendoza, 22, Idalou, pled guilty of possession of a controlled substance, State Jail Felony, four years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution, 120 hours community service and \$379 court costs;
• also pled guilty to possession of marijuana, State Jail Felony, four years community supervision and \$329 court costs.
• Isaac Leal III, 37, Ozona, order granted terminating probation.

• Antonio Borrego, 55, Ozona, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, Second-Degree Felony, three years community supervision, \$750 fine, 240 hours community service, \$479 court costs and 10 days in Crockett County Jail.

• Christopher Ryan Espinoza, 21, Lubbock, pled guilty to possession of marijuana, State Jail Felony, four years community supervision and \$1,000 fine; pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, State Jail Felony, four years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, \$140 restitution, 120 hours community service and \$379 court costs.
• Ruben Gomez Lopez, 57, Detroit, Mich., charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, case dismissed with prejudice.
• Jim Ramirez Etheridge, 39, Ozona, pled guilty to burglary of a building, Second-Degree Felony, 10 years community supervision, \$240 fine, \$164.71 restitution, 240 hours community service and \$329 court costs.
• David Michael Fraya, 22, pled guilty of possession of a controlled substance, Class A misdemeanor, \$750 fine, \$140 restitution and \$342 court costs.

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

CANCER MEMORIALS

In Memory of:
Pat Hamilton
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'Texas Groundwater - Your Future' conference set for Saturday

SAN ANGELO - Groundwater Management Area 7 will conduct the "Texas Groundwater-Your Future" conference beginning at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, 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 lkwdc@centex.net.

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RIG LOCATIONS
For Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell and Reagan counties

As of April 9, 2010
Crockett County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Approach Operating	9000	University 42-22 #7	Nabors Drilling (O) 349	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	P L Childress - #1207	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Baker - # 1204	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	University 42-22 #8	Ringo Drilling I Lp 18	Drig Ahead 8000'
New Firm Natural Res	5500	J M Baggett Jr #53 H	Patterson Uti/Midland 721	Drig Ahead 4127'
New Legacy Reserves Oper	3000	University -# #10	Sand Dollar Drilling 21	Drig Ahead

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Endeavor Energy Res	12000	Ricker -27- #3	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 9662'
New Energies Res/Midland	12000	H L Gartgrove #8	Capstar Drilling 31	Drig Ahead 9536'
Mariner Energy	11000	Srh #1304	Big Dog Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 8907'
Pioneer Natural/irv	11000	Ruby #20	Lariat Services/Ode 44	As Direct
Mariner Energy	10100	Srh -13- #1312	Big Dog Drilling 24	Drig Ahead 9370'
New Endeavor Energy Res	10000	Coy D Halley -# #3	Big Dog Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 3234'
New Pioneer Natural/irv	9200	Sherrod Unit #2117	Patterson Uti/Midland 430	Drig Ahead 490'
New Pioneer Natural/irv	9100	Sherrod Unit #2322	Helmreich & Payne/O 352	Drig Ahead
Pioneer Natural/irv	9100	Sherrod Unit #1208	Patterson Uti/Midland 196	Drig Ahead 6953'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -B- #109p	Patterson Uti/Midland 39	Drig Ahead 6367'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Taylor -A- #14a	Patterson Uti/Midland 118	Drig Ahead 350'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Srh -C- #14b	Patterson Uti/Midland 710	Drig Ahead 211'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -E- #208d	Union Drilling Texas 205	Drig Ahead 5991'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8800	Edwin S Mayer Jr -# #19	Ringo Drilling (O) 16	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P Tx	8750	A R Jeffers #10	Patterson Uti/Midland 742	Drig Ahead

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8800	Sawyer-Jones #1402	Patterson Uti/Midland 38	Drig Ahead 8804'

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Sandridge E&P Llc	14000	Owens -A- #1031a	Lariat Services/Ode 4	As Direct
Eg Resources/Mid	12385	Allison -# #1	Patterson Uti/Midland 471	Drig Ahead 10253'
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Andrew Joseph Stack III of Austin, identified as the pilot soon after the crash, intentionally flew his single-engine Piper aircraft into the Echelon I building. Stack was killed on impact. Vernon Hunter, 68, of Austin, an Internal Revenue Service employee who was working in the building at the time of the crash, also was killed.

Stack took off in his plane from Georgetown Municipal Airport, according to the report, and headed southbound.

"At 0954, the airplane was observed on radar descending out of 4,800 feet and making a turn toward the west. At 0957, the airplane was last observed on radar at an altitude of 1,000 feet on a southwesterly heading before the data ended. (At 0958) the airplane collided with the office building between the first and second floors and exploded on impact. ... The airplane was destroyed by impact and the post-impact fire."

"As this event was an intentional act, the FBI has assumed jurisdiction and control of the investigation," the report stated.

SLOW PROCESS DRAWS ATTENTION
The Dallas Morning News recently published a series spurred by three pending allegations of abuse against elder veterans at two state veterans homes.

The allegations, made in 2007, have not been resolved. This news prompted a response from Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a veteran himself.

Patterson criticized the slowness of the investigatory process and said, "Bureaucracy should never get in the way of caring for our veterans."

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Housing unit #41 located at 1309 Jones Ozona, Texas 76943

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- Remove existing siding and remove from site and dispose of in accordance with all state and local ordinances.
- Check for level and re-level structure as needed.
- Replace any worn or damaged exterior wall and framing.
 - Install insulation as needed.
 - Install white composite siding.
 - Install window and door trim.

Work must meet all local, state, and federal regulations and be performed in accordance with standard industry practices. All contractors must be insured for general liability and workmen's compensation.

For access to the sites or questions concerning this project contact:

John Kain, Maintenance Director Crockett County CCSD
325-392-5503 office or 830-683-7820 Cell

Mail or deliver bids to:

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Attention: Superintendent
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