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No easy budget solutions

Workshop discusses school district finances in tough times

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Solving the issue of where and how to make cuts ended with a lot of tough questions and few answers Monday night.

During a scheduled workshop and joint meeting, Superintendent Chris duBois presented members of the District Site-Based Decision-Making Committee and one school board member considerations regarding next year's school budget. The committee is made up of administrators, teachers, school staff and community members.

The board member in attendance was Board President Ray Don Myers. All board members were invited to attend and a notice of the meeting had been posted as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Like other school districts around the state, CCCSD is facing the possibility of budget cuts due to the Texas Legislature struggling with a \$15 billion-\$27 billion projected state budget deficit over the next two years.

Due to this, all state agencies and services will experience reducing funding which includes \$10 billion targeted for public education.

Many school districts across the state have already started making cuts, mainly in staffing and teachers.

At the workshop, duBois said the district plans to cut the district's budget by 10 percent and have a contingency for a 15 percent cut, which means around or over \$1 million.



SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS DUBOIS discusses issues pertaining to next year's school district budget in a Monday night workshop with District Site-Based Committee Members and one school board member.

This year's budget already had \$700,000 cut and didn't include any major items such as roofing or resurfacing the track which are needed, duBois said.

After recapture, the district operates on an \$11.5 million budget, with 71 percent of that being payroll, duBois said.

"There is no room in the budget now," he said. "We didn't budget anything big. We're trying to get a lot of mileage out of everything we do. We're not a frivolous district."

Raising taxes, which unless the legislature approves it, would have to be done with an election, and wouldn't solve the district's problem, duBois said.

For every dollar the district raises that means less money from the state, and

district's like Ozona are subject to money being recaptured by the state.

Also, teacher salaries cannot be reduced due to a state mandate. The state also required school districts to give teachers raises this year, which cost the district \$150,000 and the state will require those raises again next year.

Reducing expenses is also another area the district is looking at, but that also doesn't solve the district's problem, he said.

"We've talked about trimming budgets. You can look at operating, you can look at how many sports teams you've got and you can look at the type of meals you provide your kids. Only way we can raise money is to get more kids or increase taxes which I won't recom-

mend," he said.

During the meeting, committee member talked about different avenues of spending reduction, including office supplies, meals on trips, extracurricular activities, electives, contracting out food service and custodial services, but eventually discussion would come back to staff cuts.

duBois said the UIL is looking at cutting middle school and sub-varsity non-district games to save on travel costs.

OES Principal Houston Hendryx mentioned district employees paying \$100 of their health insurance, which all employees at the meeting were in agreement with.

Currently, the district covers all cost of the employees' health insurance.

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Commissioners ask State Comptroller to use real oil and gas numbers

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A message to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on using real numbers for oil and gas property values is what Crockett County Commissioners are taking to Austin this week.

During a special meeting Monday, the commissioners approved a resolution asking the state comptroller's office to use actual market prices instead of estimated forecasted prices for the 2011 estimated property taxes.

For the past three years, the comptroller's office has produced an estimated forecast for oil prices that has averaged around 35 percent below the actual market price, which has forced counties to shift the burden by increasing tax rates or cutting budgets and services, the resolution stated.

County Judge Fred Deaton said many counties in Texas, including Crockett County, receive a majority of their property tax revenue from mineral values.

Last year, the average price for oil was \$76 but the state used a forecasted price of \$69, which was a 9.28 percent decrease on the oil side and a 37 percent decrease of the county's mineral values, Deaton said.

The comptroller's current method gives a price advantage to the oil and gas companies and not to the counties.

If the comptroller's office uses real numbers, instead of estimated forecasted ones, county officials believe that property tax figures will be closer to actual budget estimates.

"The oil and gas industry is very volatile. They've (the comptroller's office) tried to line it out as a steady com-

modity. Appraising taxes off of a forecast is very hard to do," Deaton said. "Don't forecast, use actual values from year's past."

Deaton and the Crockett County Commissioners were heading to Austin to meet Tuesday with State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, about this issue.

Deaton said officials at Uresti's office have told him the state senator is looking at filing legislation that would favor the counties on this issue.

"The tough situation is fighting the oil and gas lobbyists, who are very strong," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

If this issue should pass in favor of the counties, it would also benefit Crockett County CCSD which is fighting a budget shortfall like other school districts in Texas.

"I don't know what exactly our income will be until the end of the legislative session," Deaton said. "This is a major hurdle for our county."

Combs spoke at a hearing last week, where she said she can't imagine solving the current budget crisis through cuts alone. The current two-year budget cycle is \$4.3 billion short and, under the Texas Constitution, that deficit must be made up by Aug. 31.

The state is also facing another projected \$27 billion shortfall in the next two-year budget.

She also pointed out that if lawmakers did not make funds available to cover the deficit, she is obligated under the state constitution to borrow money from the state's \$9.4 billion Rainy Day Fund to pay the state's bills.

Iraan woman killed in accident

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Iraan woman was killed Saturday night during a vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 190.

Stormee Nix, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne.

Nix was passenger in a 2009 Toyota passenger car driven by Michael J. Alexander, also from Iraan.

The accident occurred six miles east of Iraan on U.S. Highway 190 around 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

According to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Al-

exander fell asleep at the wheel causing the vehicle to drift to the south side of the road.

The vehicle then struck a guardrail and tumbled multiple times down a steep rock embankment.

Nix was ejected from the vehicle. The report stated she was not wearing a seat belt.

Alexander, who was wearing a seat belt, was treated and released for minor injuries at Iraan. He was taken by Pecos County EMS.

Iraan, Ozona and Sheffield Fire Departments all responded to assist in locating the accident and assisted at the scene.

Lions named All-District Basketball



ABEY LARA
First Team

AUSTIN SUDDRETH
Second Team

JERROD DUBOIS
Newcomer of the Year

Elementary hosting open house Thursday

Ozona Elementary is celebrating Texas Public School Week, March 7-11, with several events this week.

The following activities are planned at OES:

- Breakfast from 7:30-7:50 a.m. - "Goodies for Grandparents," today, March 9.

Elementary Community-Wide Open House, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, with the Fourth Grade presenting a Texas-themed musical at 7:30 p.m.

The OES Library will be hosting a Spring Book Fair throughout the week.

Vargas advances to HOSA state contest



IRENE VARGAS placed first in First Aid-Rescue Breathing at the HOSA area competition held in Abilene, Feb. 25. "It is quiet an accomplishment for this Ozona student who competed against many large Health Magnet schools," said OHS Teacher Linda Coates, also pictured. She will advance to the State competition on April 16 in Corpus Christi.

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OZONA INVITATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT
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KEVIN BROWN received a \$1,400 in donations from Ozona Middle School last week. The school hosted "Benefit for the Browns Week" last month raising money to help Kevin and his wife Autumn through Kevin's illness.

Relay For Life teams urged to attend Thursday meeting

Crockett County's Relay for Life team captains and team members are urged to attend this week's meeting to be held at the Ozona Middle School Cafeteria on Thursday, March 10 starting at 6 p.m.

Important information pertaining to the event will be shared and discussed. The event has stirred up much enthusiasm in Ozona,

at the time this article was put together there are a total of 18 teams with 157 team members and approximately \$6,000 raised, thus far.

The relay's chairs are excited and are busy making the final plans as we are one month away from the much anticipated event.

Any individual, business, or organization wanting to make financial donations

may still contact Shelly Childress at 277-5381.

Luminarias can be purchased from Luminaria chairs Sylvia Longoria at the public library or call 226-1993 and Valerie Fierro at 226-3446.

Please mark Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at the Ozona Middle School Cafeteria on your calendars and make plans to get the latest information for the event.

Extension service offers tips for Fix-A-Leak Week

BY SUSIE BISHOP
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Household water leaks rob homeowners of 12 percent of their water bill through problems such as worn-out toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking valves. As part of Fix a Leak Week, WaterSense - EPA, Texas AgriLife Extension in Crockett County ask for your commitment to repair your household leaks.

improvement retailer, or licensed plumber. Susie Bishop recommends that you take the old flapper to the hardware store for comparison to make sure you buy a new flapper that fits your toilet model. You can also check the owner's manual, if you have it, or the manufacturer's Web site for the appropriate replacement part number for the flapper.

irrigation system, check it each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing. You may want to hire a professional irrigation installer to inspect it for you. If possible, choose a Water Sense certified irrigation professional. These professionals have passed a certification program focused on water efficiency. They will not only help you detect and correct leaks in the system, but also maximize its efficiency.

Crockett County AgriLife Extension agent, Susie Bishop will have a display set up at Triple C Hardware on March 15 from 9 a.m. until items run out with information on how to check for leaks, fix leaks, and have free items to help you reduce your water use.

Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets. Many tutorials are available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets. Here are a couple of examples:

- The Do-It-Yourself Network has a handy reference on faucet repairs.
- YouTube has numerous video tutorials on how to fix a dripping faucet.

Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

Fixing leaks around the house doesn't have to be difficult. If you are handy around the house, you likely can fix most of your leaks. Common types of leaks found in the home are leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are easily correctable, in most cases requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks. For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handyperson or licensed plumber.

Have you done all that you can to try to eliminate leaks from your home but still can't nip that drip in the bud?

If you've already determined you have leaks and you find these step-by-step solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures. If you consult with a plumbing professional, and look for the WaterSense label if you are considering a new toilet or faucet, you could increase your home's water efficiency.

A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper (sometimes called a "valve seal"). Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for your water woes. To fix this leak, consult your local hardware store, home

Tip: It's also a good idea to check and, if needed, replace the washer or "o" ring inside the showerhead while making this repair.

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It's a boy

Ricky Nathaniel Ortega was born on Feb. 15, 2011 at 5:21 p.m. at Shannon Women's and Children's Center in San Angelo. He weighed nine pounds, three ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Ricky and Cassandra Salazar-Ortega. He is named for his daddy and his deceased maternal great-grandfather. Grandparents are John and Diana Sanchez-Lewis of Ozona, Abel and Roxie Salazar of San Marcos, Dodi Salazar of Kyle, Texas and Ricardo and Blanca Ortega of Brackettville. Great-grandparents are the late Rosario (Chayo) Sanchez and the late Daniel (Cobra) Sanchez of Ozona and Orfelio and Eneledia Escamilla of Roma, Texas. Aunts and Uncles are Amber Lewis of San Angelo, Paige Lewis and Kyle Lewis of Ozona and David Ortega of Brackettville.

March 19 benefit for Diana Sanchez-Lewis

A benefit Tardeada for Diana Sanchez-Lewis will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Rodeo Park Arena Slab. The event will start at 2 p.m. and will feature music by DJ TKO. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, a cake walk, Wii Dance Challenge and Inflatable Jumpers will take place.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 9

- Ash Wednesday
- "Goodies for Grandparents," 7:30-7:50 a.m. at the elementary school.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, March 10

- Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.
- OMS Track Teams at the Fort Stockton Relays.
- Relay For Life meeting, 6 p.m. at the OMS Cafeteria.
- Elementary Open House, 6:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, March 11

- Early Release Day for Ozona Schools.
- Lions at the Region I Powerlifting Meet in Sundown.
- OHS Tennis Team in the Ozona Invitational Tournament at the tennis courts.
- Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- OHS Track Teams in the Cactus Relays in Junction.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.

Saturday, March 12

- Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.

Sunday, March 13

- Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 14-March 18

- Spring Break for Ozona Schools.

Monday, March 14

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, March 15

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Woman's Forum, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Grape Creek, 11 a.m. at Grape Creek.

Wednesday, March 16

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

- March 9 - Destiny Perez, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Teresa Yeager and Noe Alba
- March 10 - Evelio D. Mata, Lillian Payne, Dean Fierro and Jolissa Payne
- March 11 - Madison Reid Fierro, Gary Mitchell, Marivel Mata, Amelia Tambuga, 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

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OHS Computer Science Teams compete in Austin, Abilene



OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAMS recently competed in Austin and Abilene. Pictured are: (top photo, left to right) Vivian Medina, Duncan Knox, Clarissa Burciaga, Jayce Logan and Cuatro Jones; (bottom photo, left to right) Cris Taylor, Erik Carrizales, Jayce Logan, O'Rion Bilano, Duncan Knox, Cuatro Jones (front row, left to right) Clarissa Burciaga and Vivian Medina.

BY CATHY ENGLISH
OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ozona High School's Computer Science Team had a busy month in February.

They began by placing second behind Lubbock High School in Sonora on Feb. 5. This contest involved only the written portion of the exam.

At this contest, Duncan Knox placed fourth and Jayce Logan placed sixth as individuals.

The next weekend found the students traveling to the University of Texas where two teams competed in a full contest, with both written and programming tests.

During the written portion, the students are given 45 minutes to take a 40 question multiple-choice

test over the Java programming language.

This is followed by the programming contest, where the students are given a packet of twelve problems to solve.

During this high-pressure contest, the students try to complete as many of the problems as possible during the two hour contest.

By the end of the day, the team of Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan and Clarissa Burciaga had placed fifth and the team of Vivian Medina and Cuatro Jones had placed seventh in the small schools division.

During the week of Feb. 19, the teams didn't travel, but instead took an evening to host the Computer Science team members from Iraan High School.

During this fun-filled workshop, our students

coached and instructed their guests on tips and strategies to compete in a programming contest.

As UIL has increased the requirements for computer science contests, it is becoming important for schools that want to compete in the contest to know how to write programming solutions.

So, by putting our experienced students together with beginners, we hope to help more schools become involved with the contests.

The teams wrapped up the month of February with an exciting trip to compete in the Abilene Christian University Lifeline Programming Challenge.

This contest is different from the UIL-based contests that Ozona students usually attend. Instead, in this contest, the students are given three hours to complete solutions to eight very difficult problems, which are developed by the professors at the university.

During the contest, the teams are allowed three ten-minute lifelines to ask questions of coaches, professors, or members of ACU's winning computer science teams.

This is a great opportunity for the students to work with people who are active in the computer science fields and the research community.

Ozona High School sent three teams to compete in the contest and the team of Duncan, Jayce and Clarissa placed third.

However, one of the most interesting parts of this contest is the debriefing given by the professors after the contest is over.

During this time, the professors discuss solutions with the students and point out things that the teams did well and help them find ways to improve their skills.

Our students were given special recognition for the elegance of some of their solutions.

Also competing at this event were Cuatro Jones, Vivian Medina O'Rion Bilano, Erik Carrizales and Cris Taylor.

After an interesting presentation of door-prizes, the teams headed for home, anxious to continue preparations for the District contest, which will be held at the end of March.



LADY LIONS competing at the Feb. 26 Junction Track Meet: (left to right) Cynthia Garcia, Melanie Miller, Daisy Guerra, Jennifer Marquez, Lexi Poindexter, Sierra Trevino, Nicole Higgins and Alex Rodriguez. Not pictured: Rebecca Hernandez and Nancy Rodriguez.

Lions, Lady Lions compete at Sonora Relays

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions track teams battled the wind and chill Saturday as they competed in the Sonora Relays.

"There was good competition at this meet and our athletes competed well. We had baseball players who got home at 3 a.m. Saturday and loaded the bus at 7:20 a.m. to go compete. We were really pleased with the effort and attitude of all our athletes. They represented the community and school well," said Coach Todd Iglehart.

In field events, Mark Gallardo continued to show promise as he took third in the discus and high jump while Abey Lara placed fourth in the triple jump.

In the JV Division, Michael Ybarra received the bronze medal in the shot put and placed fifth in the discus.

In the running events, our sprint relay (Lara, Mark Gallardo, Alex Borrego and Erik Duenes) took fifth with a much improved time from last week. Gallardo, with an improved time, placed sixth in the 100-meter dash. Our 800-meter relay (Gallardo, Lara, Borrego and Austin Suddreth) and mile relay (Lara, Borrego, Suddreth and Saul Vargas) continue to improve each meet and look forward to their dedication and hard work in the future.

Others competing and not mentioned were shot/discus throwers Jose Lozano and Mario Sifuentes, pole vault Michael Vargas, 3200-meter runner Josiah Jurado and Saul Vargas, 800-meter runner S. Vargas, 100-meter runner Duenes and M. Vargas, 400-meter runner Ely Montanez and Noah Tambunga, 200-meter runners Suddreth, M. Vargas and Tambunga, and 1600-meter runner Jurado.

JV runners include 100-200-meter runner Josue Damian and 800-1600-meter runner Deep Patel.

"Our kids are determined to work hard this week and excited about the opportunities this Friday at the Cactus relays in Iraan," Iglehart said.

Varsity Girls Results:
Team Standings - 1.Sonora, 195; 2. Wall, 141; 3.

Crane, 102; 4. Junction, 64; 5. Ozona, 54; 6. Reagan County, 11
3200 meter - 3. Guerra, 12:49.25.
400 meter relay - 4. Ozona, 58.42.
800 meter - 3. Rodriguez, 2:39.81.
100 meter - 2. Higgins, 13.83.
300 hurdles - 2. Rodriguez, 51.14.
200 meter- 4. Higgins, Ozona, 30.50.
1600 meter - 3. Guerra, 5:55.52.
1600 meter relay - 4. Ozona, 4:39.18.

Several Lady Lions also placed at the Feb. 26 Junction meet.

Melanie Miller - first in 100-meter hurdles and second in high jump and

triple jump.

Alex Rodriguez - second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Nicole Higgins - third in the 100-meter dash.

Lexi Poindexter - second in the 400-meter dash.

Daisy Guerra - second in 1,600-meter run.

Jennifer Marquez - sixth discus and fifth 100-meter dash and fifth in the shot put.

Nancy Rodriguez - fifth in the 800-meter run and discus.

800-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay - second place, Miller, Rodriguez, Cynthia Garcia, Higgins, Poindexter and Higgins.

Other runners were Sierra Trevino and Rebecca Hernandez.

Lions Baseball building their winning record

BY NIKKI LAFITTE
OHS BASEBALL

The Ozona Lions Baseball team traveled to Sweetwater to play in their wood bat tournament this past weekend.

The first game Thursday afternoon for the Lions was against the Post Antelopes.

Austin Suddreth started on the mound getting one strike out in the six inning game. Kyle Dean, Austin Suddreth, Abey Lara, Alejandro Mendez, Andrew Sanchez, Saul Vargas and Alex Borrego all had base hits during the game.

The Lions scored three runs in the competition, but fell short of a win.

Later that evening, the Lions were up against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes for their second game of the tournament. Alejandro Mendez pitched the first four innings for the Lions, striking out five during his time on the hill.

Nathan DeHoyos came in to close the game, striking out one batter in the final inning played.

Offensively, Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, and Alex Borrego all had base hits. Dean and Lara are also credited with doubles during the game.

The Lions got their first

win of the tournament, finishing with a score of 3-1.

On Friday, the Lions faced the Slaton Tigers for their first game of the day.

Abey Lara pitched against the Tigers adding five K's to his record.

Nathan DeHoyos, Ismael Castro, and Saul Vargas all had base hits during that game with Kyle Dean hitting a double.

The Lions came away with the victory with a score of 6-0 with the game called in the fifth due to time expiration.

The final Ozona competition for the round robin tournament was the game between the Ozona Lions and the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Nathan DeHoyos pitched for the Lions getting six strike outs during the four innings of play.

DeHoyos got a base hit and Abey Lara hit a double during the game. The Lions took the lead in the second inning.

The game was called due to time expiration in the fourth inning, leaving the two teams with a tied score of 5-5.

The Lions have a 7-1-1 record. They will travel to Midland to participate in the West Texas Classic Thursday through Saturday of this week.

Venegas, Hernandez compete at Region I Powerlifting meet

Jenny Venegas and Dalia Hernandez represented Ozona High School at the Region I Girls Powerlifting Meet on Saturday, March 5.

Venegas totaled 605 pounds and finished 11th in the region.

Hernandez totaled 555, but was lifting as an alternate. Both girls battled illness and competed well in spite of being under the weather.



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THE LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM PLACED SECOND in the San Angelo West Texas Girls Fastpitch Tournament this past weekend. Team members are: (back, l. to r.) Lexi Poindexter, Kodi Glosson, Cynthia Garcia, Vivian Medina, Samantha De La Garza, Bethani Trevino and Arleen Castillo. Front row: Adrienne Sanchez, Melanie Miller, Britni Mitchel and RaeLynn Arredondo.

Lady Lions get second at San Angelo Tourney

BY BUTCH GONZALEZ
OHS SOFTBALL

Congratulations to your Lady Lion softball team as they competed successfully at the West Texas Girls Fastpitch Tournament in San Angelo.

The Lady Lions went undefeated, winning all six games and got second place.

"Great Job ladies, you did an amazing job of competing you are our 'champions,'" said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

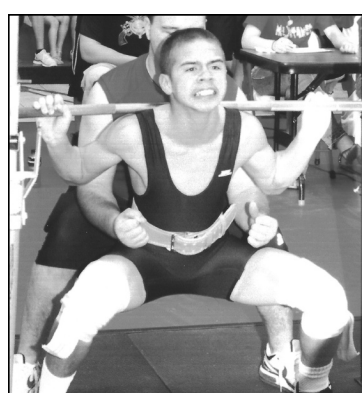
The ladies came home with a second place trophy and team medals.

All-Tournament selections were: Kodi Glosson, Adrienne Sanchez and Melanie Miller.

The Lady Lions will be in action this week at the Junction Tournament.



OHS LADY LIONS NAMED TO THE ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM in the San Angelo West Texas Girls Fastpitch Tournament this past weekend are: (r. to l.) Kodi Glosson, Adrienne Sanchez and Melanie Miller



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OHS Powerlifting Regional Qualifier
Good Luck in Sundown!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ashley & Hailey



to
Cynthia & Ray Villarreal

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March 14-18, 2011



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Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

OMS Track Teams compete in Colt Relays

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Colt Relays last week in Sonora.

Seventh Grade Boys Results:

Team Totals - 1. Lincoln, 214; 2. Wall, 181; 3. Sonora, 174; 4. Ozona, 93 and 5. Ballinger, 44.

Discus - 1. Graham, 81-feet, 11.5-inches
Triple Jump - 4. Martin, 29-5.75.

Long Jump - 4. Perez, 13-10.
Shot Put - 1. Graham, 31-6.5.

2,400-meter run - 1. Landa, 9 minutes, 11.40 seconds.

400-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 57.05.
800-meter dash - 2. Medina, 2:38.20.

100-meter dash - 3. Lee, 13.24; 5. Gomez, 13.59.
800-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 1:59.4.

400-meter dash - 5. Medina, 1:05.78; 6. Talamantez, 1:07.55.

300-meter hurdles - 4. Martin, 54.87.
1,600-meter run - 2. Landa, 5:57.34.
1,600-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 4:42.67.

Eighth Grade Boys Results:

Team Totals - 1. Sonora, 172; 2. Wall, 151; 3. Lincoln, 149; 4. Ozona, 92 and 5. Ballinger, 45.

Discus - 2. De Hoyos, 103-3.
Triple Jump - 3. Porras, 33-7.75

Long Jump - 3. Jayton Rodriguez, 17-1.5.
Shot Put - 3. Sifuentez, 39-5.

Pole Vault - 6. Porras, 6-0.
2,400-meter run - 2. Rodriguez, 9:15.46; 4. Porras, 9:40.78; 5. Aguilar, 9:42.98.

400-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 51.87.
800-meter dash - 6. Rodriguez, 2:46.27.

100-meter dash - 2. Rodriguez, 12.18.
800-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 1:49.93.

300-meter hurdles - 6. Lombrana, 52.02.
200-meter dash - 4. Porras, 26.49.

1,600-meter run - 4. Porras.
1,600-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 4:24.58.

Seventh Grade Girls Results:

Team Totals - 1. Wall, 187; 2. Lincoln, 128; 3. Ballinger, 127.5; 4. Sonora, 71.5 and 5. Ozona, 69.

Discus - 5. Mejia, 54-8.5.
Triple Jump - 2. Newlin, 28-5.

Long Jump - 1. Sanchez, 13-5.5; 2. Newlin, 13-2.25; 4. Rodriguez, 12-8.5.

Shot Put - 3. Miles, 20-10.5.
2,400-meter run - 5. Newlin, 11:10.46.

400-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 1:00.11.
800-meter dash - 5. Vega, 2:59.81.

800-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 2:14.18.

300-meter hurdles - 4. Newlin, 59.02.
1,600-meter run - 3. Childress, 6:37.87 and 6. Vega, 7:01.27.

1,600-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 5:20.92.

Eighth Grade Girls Results:

Team Totals - 1. Wall, 176; 2. Ballinger, 140; 3. Sonora, 129; 4. Lincoln, 84 and 5. Ozona, 70.

Discus - 1. Gallardo, 75-feet, 2.5-inches.
High Jump - 5. Munsell, 4-5 and 6. Martinez, 4-6.

Long Jump - 3. Elston, 13-8.
Shot Put - 3. Gallardo, 25-8.5.

2,400-meter run - 2. Mata, 10:48.58; 6. Salazar. 400-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 1:01.99

100-meter hurdles - 2. Elston, 19.26.
100-meter dash - 3. Kaylenn Elston, 13.68.

1,600-meter relay - 5. Ozona.
800-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 2:11.90.

1,600-meter run - 6. Marisa Held, 7:03.05.

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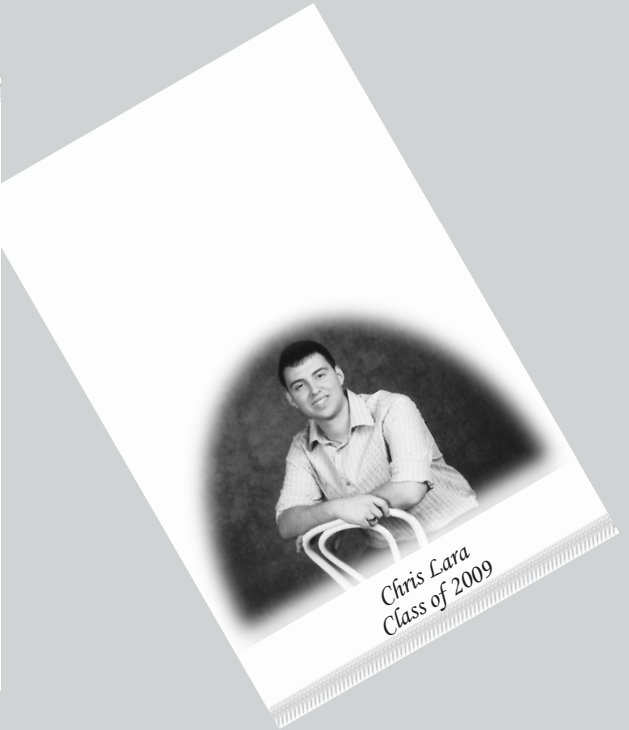
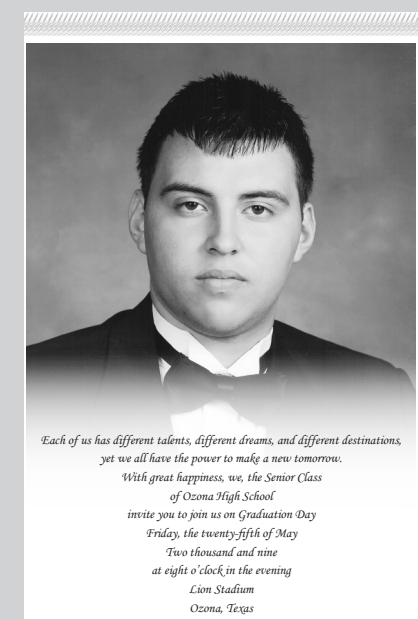
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District Pinewood Derby winners



OZONA HOSTED THE DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY Saturday at the Davidson Gym. Top photo: Webelos Winners (left to right) Murray Logan, first place; Jordan Martin, second; Tristan Reyes, third; Marcus Perez, fourth and Mark Akeman, sixth. Not pictured: Josh Knaack placed fifth. Bottom photo: Cub Scout Winners (left to right) Justin Yeager, first place; Austin Moran, second; Levi Sullivan, third; Leland Wellman, fourth and Braeden Gutierrez, fifth.



OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL has added two additional students qualifying for state competition in the Texas Math And Science Coaches Association meet to be held at the University of Texas in San Antonio in April. Sixth grade students Kamryn Lozano (far right) and Rachel Mendoza (second from left) qualified in the calculator division this past Saturday at the TMS-CA academic meet at Lincoln Middle School in San Angelo. Kamryn and Rachel will be competing with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from 1A - 5A across the state. Sixth graders Garry Held (first left) and Julie Marshall qualified for state competition in February at the Crane Middle School Meet. All four of the OMS students are coached by Ernesto Rivera, eighth grade math teacher at Ozona Middle School.



OMS TEACHER KATRECE HALE (left) is pictured with 14 OMS Students that recently attended the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Conference in San Angelo.

OMS Students attend STEM Conference

Fourteen girls from Ozona Middle School recently attended the 3rd annual STEM Conference at Angelo State University. STEM-science, technology, engineering, and math- workshops are held for teenage girls throughout the United States to promote career opportunities which are traditionally held by males. The event was part of the Expanding Your Horizons network, an organization with a mission to encourage young women to be creative and innovative thinkers.

The conference offered a unique experience for the girls

to be in a university setting. They attended four hands-on workshops throughout the day led by female professors and ASU students. Workshops with names like "Tap a Tendon, "Cracking the Code," "The Chemistry of Harry Potter," "Prime Designs," and "If Quest for Cold" were five of the 20 sessions offered. An extremely popular workshop, "If Eggs Games," allowed the students to design and test protective gear for a stunt egg as she competed in eggs-treme sports.

A panel of three female engineers, the math department chairperson from Central High School, and a biomedical graduate student from Texas A&M spoke during the luncheon encouraging the young women to enter the STEM fields and identified challenges to entering these professions. At the conclusion of the seminar, the ASU physics and chemistry teams demonstrated numerous scientific experiments.

Adult sessions were offered as well which included a program at the planetarium, an eye-opening presentation on "cyberbullying," geology exploration around the campus, and information on admission and financing college.

Those attending the conference were members of the Gifted and Talented class and the National Junior Honor Society. This included eighth grader Jadie Marshall and seventh graders Narda Aguilar, Kim Borrego, Madie Childress, Noel Fierro, Maria Mejia, Lauren Miles, Alyssa Newlin, Dulce Rodriguez, Estefania Torralba, and Ashley Vargas. Sixth grade attendees were Asia Lara and Dacie Taylor. Sponsor for the group was Katreece Hale.



LITTLE DRIBBLER'S TEAMS the Celtics (top photo) and the Sparks won their games Friday night.

Little Dribblers' game results

BY AUSTIN ELGUEA
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

On Friday night the Sparks sparked the night away. Asia Lara, who is on the Sparks team, alone had 8 points, 6 steals, and 1 foul. She also rejected a pass by one of the Rage teammates and is one of the only two people who scored for the Sparks that night.

Rachel Mendoza was the other person. The talented basketball player had 8 points, 4 steals, and 1 foul. One of those points was from a fast-break. Rachel doesn't actually play for the Sparks, but was helping them out due to not enough people showing up.

Another player who that did good that night was Madalyn Harris who had 3 rebounds, but 3 fouls also. Coach Abel Lara subbed someone in for Madalyn, afraid she might get fouled out.

Gabby Flores who is an actual Spark had 1 foul and 1 steal. The other two players who made up the team were Jasmine Talamantez and Azaylea Tovar. Jasmine had 2 steals while Azaylea had 1 foul and 1 steal.

For the Sparks, the score at the end of the first period was 4. Scoring 6 points in the second period, the halftime score was 10. Making two buckets the score was 14 at the end of the third and the final score was 16. The Sparks had won by five points.

Over on the Rage, Madison Galindo had 7 points, 4 steals, and 2 fouls. The tall sixth grader had a very good game Friday against the Sparks.

Another Rage teammate, Kamryn Lozano had 2 steals. Meagan Shook who helped get the team's final score, got 2 points.

Paige Lewis also had 2 points and a steal. Number six, Sierra Sanchez, had no points, but a foul, and a

steal. For the Rage, the score at the end of the first period was 4. At halftime, the score was only six. The end of the third period was 9 and their final score was 11 to 16 in favor of the Sparks.

The second game I watched Friday night was the Celtics vs. Mavericks. Celtics won the game 15 to 13. Nathan Graham made the most points which was 5. He also had 1 foul, 2 rebounds, and 4 steals. Nathan scored the winning bucket in double overtime for the win. Jake Everett had the second most points with 4. Another Celtics player, Gary Held, had a foul, but no points. During the game, Gary got hit in the nose with the ball and had to get subbed in. Murray Logan had 2 points to help make up the win. Jared Everett had topped everybody defensively. He had 7 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 points.

One other Celtic named Elon Soto got a rebound and 1 foul. The total number of fouls for the Celtics was 2. At the end of the first period, the Celtics were leading 3 to 1. By half-time, they were still leading 9 to 5, but at the end of the third period the Celtics were losing 7 to 9. The final score was 15 to 13 in double overtime.

On the Mavericks, Preston McCutcheon had the most points with 7. The player also got 5 steals, 2 fouls, and a rebound. He also made the shot that took the Mavericks into double overtime. Mark Ybarra had the second most points for the Mavericks with 4. He also had 2 steals, a rebound, and 3 fouls. Kabir Shah had no points, but played some really good defense, getting 2 steals. Another Maverick, Peyton Rohan, had 2 rebounds, a steal, and 1 foul. Raven Perez had a steal. The Mavericks did have some few open people that didn't get the ball, but did play really good offense and defense. They lost 13 to 15.

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OHS One Act Play hosting March 21 Dinner Theatre

Ozona High School will host a Dinner Theatre featuring their 2011 UIL One Act Play entry "Flowers for Algernon" at 6 p.m. March 21 at the OHS Cafeteria and Auditorium.

A Spaghetti Dinner with salad, breadsticks, tea and cheesecake will be served.

Tickets are available from any of the UIL OAP students or you can come by the Ozona High School office to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information, call Dottie De Leon at 392-5501 ext. 5711 or e-mail dottie.deleon@ozona-schools.net.

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