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Advancing to the next level

Tennis, track athletes head to regional competition

Ozona High School athletes reached a goal last week of advancing to regional competition.

At the district tennis and track meets, Ozona had eight make it to the next round.

In tennis, Senior Stefan Wilson won the boys singles division. In the championship game, Stefan defeated Brady Clark of Wall. Stefan will compete in the Region I Tourna-

ment April 19-20 in Odessa.

Kramer Hall and Jenny Venegas placed third in mixed doubles and Daniel Gonzales finished fourth in JV boys singles.

OHS athletes then headed to Ballinger for the two-day district track meet.

For the Lady Lions, Senior Melanie Miller



STEFAN WILSON (left) won Boys Singles at the District Tennis Meet last week in San Angelo. Athletes qualifying for the Region I Track Meet are: (left to right) Alex Rodriguez, Mark Gallardo, Daisy Guerra, Melanie Miller, Nicole Higgins, Kyle Dean and Cynthia Garcia.

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Thirteen take early resignation incentive

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

School district personnel contracts were renewed and resignations approved during a special called board meeting on April 7.

Nine teachers and four staff employees chose to take the early resignation incentive. The board approved these and other resignations by a vote of 4-0. Board member Dwight Childress abstained.

Employees that resigned with the incentive were Shana Granger, OMS language arts, Jill Crawford, OMS social studies, Dedra Rohan, OMS science, Kristie Williams, OHS science, Paul Volpe, OHS science, Ted Rohan, OHS social studies, David Porter, elementary physical education, Dena Porter, kindergarten, Leticia Guerra, fourth grade, Juan Hernandez, custodial, Joe Perez, maintenance, Jeanie Thompson, OHS aide and Felice Gutierrez, elementary aide.

The board approved an early resignation incentive during their March 23 regular board meeting. Professional employees employed under term employment contracts received 15 percent of their annual base

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HOPE



SYLVIA DEHOYOS-LONGORIA (right) lights Luminarias while her granddaughter, Jezzie, looks on during Friday's Relay For Life at Lion Stadium. The event was a first for Crockett County and raised more than \$26,000 for the American Cancer Society. More photos, page 8.

Sunday proclaimed 'Pray for Rain'

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

While rain hit Crockett County Sunday night, lightning caused Ozona firefighters to spend Monday fighting two blazes.

At the regular commissioners' court meeting, a proclamation from Bishop Michael Pfeifer making Sunday, April 17, a Day to Pray for Rain.

"We need to beg our God for this wonderful gift that is so needed for our lives, our animals, all of nature and two prevent more terrible fires," Pfeifer stated.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga is asking everyone to join him at 3 p.m. Sunday at the town square in praying for rain.

Along with the proclamation, the commissioners also approved the county-wide burn ban for another month and restricting no aerial fireworks for Cinco de Mayo.

Reports of .08 to a half-inch of rain and up to golfball-size hail in parts of Crockett County were received Sunday night. On Monday and Tuesday, Ozona Firefighters responded to grass fires 28 miles south off of Pandale Road and out by Live Oak Road off of Interstate-10 west. The fires were caused by lightning Sunday night.

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Fiscal Challenges for Ozona Schools

This is the fourth in a series of guest articles on the impact of the current state budget crisis on Ozona Schools. The aim is to help Ozona residents be as fully informed on this issue as possible and to understand more about how their schools are funded and operated. Citizens are encouraged to contact Superintendent Chris duBois at (325) 392-5501 to learn more or to direct questions about Ozona Schools' financial condition.

BY CHRIS DUBOIS
CCCCSD SUPERINTENDENT

In last week's installment, we provided LOTS of information about programming and services in Ozona Schools. I understand that we presented way more information than can be easily digested in one sitting - but educating children well takes a LOT of resources, and you deserve to have a complete picture of the system we are trying to maintain for the benefit of your children.

This week, I would like to lay out a few financial challenges CCCCSD has faced for while now; look forward to some new realities; and review some strategies we are applying to meet these challenges head-on. Many people I meet in the school business ask "So what's it like to have all of that money?!" because they know CCCCSD is one of several West Texas districts known as Chapter 41 - or property wealthy, schools. My standard reply is "I'll let you know when I find it!"

Ozona School revenues for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) are subject to recapture, or wealth redistribution according to some very complex funding rules and formulas. This has been the case for many years and is not new information for any Stockman readers. I have mentioned in previous installments that it really all boils down to a pretty simple fact: For

every dollar we get to keep here - we send over \$1.50 to TEA.

Our local discretion in setting tax rates to support schools is limited to a legislatively determined compressed rate of \$1.00 / \$100 valuation, plus another \$0.04 allowed at a slightly different recapture rate for a total possible M&O rate of \$1.04 / \$100. Additionally, the district can levy Interest & Sinking taxes to pay for long-term debt, generally bonded debt for facilities and capital improvements. This year we levied \$0.22 cents for I&S, paying off the bonded portion of the New Elementary school in three years at an interest savings of about \$425,000. Next year, there will be no I&S collections, so taxpayers can expect an M&O - only tax rate for school in 2011-2012.

Even under recapture, the formulas that determine what

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A Hot Ride



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A PICKUP TRUCK CAUGHT FIRE last week at mile-marker 359 on Interstate-10. The pickup was pulling two other vehicles on a trailer. Ozona Firefighters extinguished the vehicle blaze, along with a small grass fire near the truck. No injuries were reported.

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VS. WALL FRIDAY AT WALL

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Three Smartphones apps for business, personal efficiency

I am excited to say that I have recently joined the millions of other people in the world who have a magical device called a "Smartphone."

Please keep in mind that I can only speak to what is available today as technology is always changing.



JESSICA LAMBERT

quire but both of these apps allow you to open and edit Microsoft Word and Excel files from your phone. They also allow you to remotely access your files.

Simply bump your contact information to a new contact and they instantly have it stored. This nifty application is currently free.

store various types of information so you never lose another recipe, idea, or link again. All the applications are currently free, however, OneNote does require the accompanying Microsoft OneNote software and Evernote has a premium package for a fee if you find yourself storing a large amount of data.

tral hub, and apps that can help you stay on budget. Also, new apps are being released every day into the iPhone and Droid markets. I just want to encourage you to take some time to look into what is available that could help you become more efficient and mobile.

Prayers for more rain needed

The heavens opened up a bit Sunday night and brought a little rain to Crockett County. However, more is still needed for our dry country.



MELISSA PERNER

29 mayors and county judges in the San Angelo Diocese, to make the proclamation.

As I travel from my house located in the southwestern part of Crockett County to town each week, along with the trips San Angelo we all make, I see brown, dry grass.

The burn ban states that outdoor burning is restricted except for burning related to fire fighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, planting or harvesting of agricultural crops or burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, National Resource Conservation Service, the Wild/Or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

As Crockett County citizens, we can do our part by obeying the county's burn ban and thinking before we decide to light anything up.

Out of Texas's 252 counties, 180 of them (including Crockett County) have adopted burn bans.

The Texas Forest Service also suggests to not park or drive in dry grass, double check for loose chains hanging from a moving vehicle that may make contact with the pavement, wet down the work area when welding and keep a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher nearby, clear combustible materials away from the house and always check the weather conditions before doing any outdoor burning.

The order does not prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times. That means keeping water handy when you decide to grill steaks.

Also, keep lawn mowers and agricultural equipment in proper working condition and avoid rocks and other materials which might cause a spark.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Pray for rain.

Dead Giveaway



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

There has been a marked increase in trust funds for pets after the "Queen of Mean," Leona Helmsley, died and left a \$12 million trust fund for her Maltese Poodle and Florida heiress Gail Posner left her \$8.3 million Miami mansion, plus three million dollars in cash, in trust for her Chihuahua, Conchita.

Lap dogs are living in the lap of luxury as some rich dead people have specified that their millions go towards organic dog food, regular teeth cleanings and squeaky toys. One college was evidently so hard up for cash that they created a program where owners could leave their pets with the college for their lifetime care for only \$50,000 for dogs and \$30,000 for cats.

After spoiled kids, angry wives and greedy mistresses challenged some of these pet trust funds in court they have now been declared legally enforceable in 43 states! Knowing that many ranchers would like to leave their ranches to their Border Collies, and also knowing that preparing such a trust can cost upwards of \$2,500, I thought I'd write up a trust for you.

mind and body, do hereby request that someone please notify my other spouse and kids living in Baltimore of my passing. Ha, ha. Just kidding! I'm just checking to see if you're still paying attention.

After having managed to save three million dollars and put together a four million dollar ranch through hard work, skill, courage, good business practices and a \$100 million inheritance from my parents, I hereby leave in trust for my daughter who turned into a vegetarian PETA radical my hot shot, branding irons and squeeze chute.

him a joy ride in the pickup at least twice a day, that she freshens up his drinking water by flushing the toilet at regular intervals, brushes his teeth with her toothbrush like I used to do, and that she frequently scratches his belly in that place that makes his leg jerk uncontrollably.

When Airbag dies I ask that the ranch and all remaining assets be used for any offspring that may have been conceived at the time of Airbag's passing.

State budget proposals draw stakeholders to Austin

AUSTIN — A crowd, estimated at 5,000 people from across Texas, gathered at the Capitol to participate in a "Save Our State" rally on April 6.

Participants, many of whom are state employees with jobs on the chopping block, came to protest cuts proposed in the 2012-2013 state budget approved by the House on April 3, and to ask for greater consideration as the budget-writing process continues.

The Senate must produce its own version of the budget. Two weeks ago, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, asked a subcommittee under the direction of Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, to go on a \$5 billion revenue hunt.

This week Duncan and committee, who have been searching the state's financial woods, plains and caves, are expected to produce a report with findings that might yield a solution less painful than the House's state budget, which thins the ranks of state employees and lops off billions of dollars in education and health services.

REPORT EYES HEALTH CARE SPENDING

State Comptroller Susan Combs on April 6 released a new report, "Health Care Cost Drivers in Texas," examining where health care dollars go, why costs are soaring, and analyzing cost saving proposals the Legislature is considering.

Health care accounts for more than 34 percent of all Texas government spending from state, federal and other funds, Combs said in an April 6 news release.

Among cost saving proposals examined in the report are these: expansion of managed care in the Medicaid program, a statewide smoking ban, requiring state employees who use tobacco to pay more for health insurance than non-users, and requiring state employees and retirees to pay a greater share of the cost of their health insurance benefits.

SPOTLIGHT TURNS TO CATHOLICS

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and eight other Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Texas were honored in person in the Senate Chamber on April 6 in an honorary resolution by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, coauthor of the resolution, took a turn at the microphone to speak in favor of the measure.

"The state budget is a moral document that reflects the priorities and values of our state," Zaffirini said.

Zaffirini then asked Catholic members of the Senate and a large contingency of members of the Catholic Conference in the Senate Gallery to stand and be recognized.

The resolution passed unanimously. Then, Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, a Roman Catholic who chairs the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee, spoke up and asked for two things: that all members' names be added to the resolution, and that the bishops "keep praying for us."

TXDOT APPLIES FOR RAIL FUNDS

The Texas Department of Transportation last week submitted applications for about \$43 million in federal high-speed intercity passenger rail grant funds for two Texas

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Ramos-Ramirez to wed in June

Ray and Wilda Ramos of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Britney Nicole Ramos to Adam Ramirez, son of Juan and Pearl Ramirez of Big Lake, Texas.

Britney is a 2005 graduate of Ozona High School and received a bachelor of business administration in management from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2010. Britney is currently employed by Veritas 321 Energy Partners, LP as a Project Manager.

Adam is a 2004 graduate of Reagan County High School and is currently employed by E & P Wireline Services as an Operator.

The couple will exchange vows at Guardian Angel Cathedral, on Saturday, June 11, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. After the wedding, the couple will continue to reside in Midland.

Kevin Brown Benefit Wolf-Chase Saturday

Kevin Brown Benefit Wolf-Chase will take place April 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ozona Gun Club.

Championship round will start at 4:30 pm.

Grand prize is an 85qt Yeti Ice Chest. The grand prize is sponsored by: Anadarko Petroleum Corp, Wool Growers, Creek Roustabout & Swabbing, Mesquite Contract Pumping and Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Cost is \$10 per round, enter as many times as you like. Winner will receive \$5 and \$5 will go toward the Kevin Brown Fund.

Winner of each round advances to the championship round. There is no entry fee for the championship round.

Anyone else can buy in to the final round \$20. There will be unlimited buy-backs in the championship round for \$10 each.

Depending on turnout, participants should be able to shoot at least two rounds per hour.

All money in championship round goes to the Kevin Brown Fund. No Drinking During Shoot.

For more information, call Jimmy Jumper (325) 226-8302 or Cade Clark (325) 226-4191.



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THE GRAND OPENING OF TAQUERIA 163 was held April 7. Staff pictured is Rebecca Galvan, Laura Galvan, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Susana Chavez and Laura Borrego. Not pictured is Paula Martinez. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m., closed Wednesdays. Menu includes an every day special of beef or chicken Tapatios with a drink. Menudo and barbacoa served Saturdays and Sundays only.



New pastor at Templo Siloe Assembly of God

Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church welcomes Ruth Posadas as new pastor. An installation service was held March 13 with the Rev. Abel Luna, San Angelo Section Presbyter, officiating. A celebration lunch was held afterwards.

Pastor Ruth Posadas, originally from Guatemala, comes from El Paso where she studied and graduated from the Philadelphia Bible Institute in May 2007 and then received a degree in theology from Instituto de Superacion Ministerial in San Antonio on August 2010. She is married to Gerson Posadas who will lead the Royal Rangers Ministry for boys in grades kindergarten through 12th. They have three children, Katherine, who lives in El Paso and is studying at the University of Phoenix and is a personal banker, Andy, who is attending the University of Texas in El Paso and Danny, a fifth-grader at Ozona Elementary School.

Pastor Ruth and Gerson are looking forward to meeting and serving the community.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 13

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the elementary school.
- Ozona Head Start Pre-Registration, 2-6 p.m. at 1310 Avenue G.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, April 14

- OMS Track Teams at the District Meet in Ballinger.
- Ozona Head Start Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1310 Avenue G.

Friday, April 15

- Tax Day
- Eighth Grade Students at Band Competition in Junction.
- Lions Baseball vs. Wall, 4 p.m. at Wall.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Wall.

Saturday, April 16

- OMS Tennis at Sonora.
- Kevin Brown Benefit Wolf-Chase, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ozona Gun Club.
- OHS Prom at the Civic Center.

Sunday, April 17

- Palm Sunday
- Pray for Rain, 3 p.m. at the town square.

Monday, April 18

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 19

- OHS Tennis at the Regional Tournament in Odessa.
- Ozona Woman's Forum, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, April 20

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Tennis at the Regional Tournament in Odessa.
- Lunch and Learn, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

April 13 - Cynthia Garcia, Melissa Miller Garza, Cecilia Longoria, Mickey Leija, John Tom Tijerina, Lupe Galvan and Ann Stapper

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, Emmanuel Venegas, Misty Bishop, Libby Martinez, Murphy 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

Ozona Head Start Pre-Registration today, Thursday

Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 Ozona Head Start will take place from 2-6 p.m. April 13 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 14 at Ozona Head Start on 1310 Avenue G.

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). Ozona Head Start offers: Individualized early childhood education in a structured environment.

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Personalized family support services.

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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.

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

CCSWCD sausage fund-raiser

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their first Pork Sausage Fund-raiser.

Orders for homemade sausage will be taken until April 15. Cost is \$4 a pound with a minimum of five pounds per order. Sausage will be ready for pickup by April 21.

For more information, or to pre-order, call (325) 392-2301 ext. 3.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program April 29

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, April 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN, at 392-3060.

Card of Thanks
Thank you to all that donated items and especially those of you that helped us with the benefit Tardeada. Most sincere thank you to DJ TKO.
Sincerely,
John & Diana Lewis

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Rivera!
We so appreciate you for taking time out of your own lives to go the extra mile with our kids. To encourage our kids to attempt to qualify in Mathematics for State competition at the 6th grade level was above and beyond. The students that made it to State competition, truly thank you for believing in them. Also, thank you to our school district for supporting and encouraging our children to participate in these and many other academic competitions. As the parents of these children, we will never forget.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Things are looking up with the rain we received in Ozona last Sunday night. It was refreshing and wonderful. At this point and time, we pray that the showers will continue in the very near future.

Betty Hartley dropped by on Monday for a short visit and to eat lunch with us. It was good to see her and to know Bob is still coming along.

We were happy to learn that Rosalind Williams is back here at home in Ozona. She was missed so much here at the Senior Center. Welcome home, Rosalind.

I have heard so many wonderful comments on the Relay For Life that was held Friday night. It was truly a community affair with many people contributing their time to make

this event a success. The funds collected were very generous.

Dale Bebee was by the Senior Center last week and told us that he would be having surgery in Austin on April 25. It is a heart procedure to adjust the rhythm of his heartbeat. We wish you well Dale.

Monday, April 18, we will have our Senior Bingo Social here at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. We will be serving chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, tea, coffee and water. Please plan to come and bring a bingo prize.

The Ozona Woman's Forum will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members are urged to attend.

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using

our Senior Center.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to play dominoes. You can play in late a.m. or early afternoon. If you would like to set up a game, call Lynn English at 392-9094.

On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get down and have a fun time playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta, domino games and puzzles.

We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and screen and have added a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults only.

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

BY MELINDA KAY MALONE
DIRECTOR

Our prayers have been answered with the refreshing rain.

Last Wednesday, April 6, I attended a one day Ben E. Keith Food Exhibition at Dallas Market. It was a long day from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. as Arthur Franco of Circle Bar can verify. It was beneficial and provided great information and experience for me.

I will be attending the Meals On Wheels Texas Convention from April 12-15. Becky, Mona, and Laura will continue to prepare and deliver their outstanding meals.

Everyone knows that money is tight and especially in funding. As a business in Ozona, please consider sponsoring Helping Hands. I will be personally contacting each company in the coming weeks.

We have a wish list of

- these items. Three mouse pads with wrist cushion or three wireless mouse setups, two wireless adapters, stacking In and Out boxes, sticky notes, colored printing paper and colorful stickers to decorate paper lunch sacks. Thank you, Ozona for your generosity.
- Volunteers would be appreciated for office tasks, kitchen tasks and delivering meals.
- If you have at least an hour or more to volunteer, please contact us.
- For more information on volunteering or qualifying for the meal programs you can reach us at (325) 392-5026, by fax (325) 392-8006, email hhozona163@yahoo.com, or come by to see Melinda at (325) 226-4460, Becky, Laura, and Mona. Se habla Espanol.

- Marinated Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Coconut Cake, Milk
- Thursday, April 14**
- Beans & Cornbread, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Tidbits, Carrot Cake, Milk
- Friday, April 15**
- Cream of Tomato Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Italian Coleslaw, Chocolate Brownies, Milk
- Monday, April 18**
- Herb Baked Fish, Wild Rice, Glazed Carrots, Apple Rings, Oatmeal Drop Cookies, Milk
- Tuesday, April 19**
- Beef Tips & Noodles, Yellow Squash, 3 Bean Salad, Herbed Tomato Roll, Peach Crisp, Milk
- Wednesday, April 20**
- BBQ Pork Chops, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Wheat Roll, Bread Pudding, Milk

Menu is subject to change
Wednesday, April 13
- Aloha Chicken, Wild & Long Grain Rice, Broccoli,

DEATH NOTICES

R.J. Ogle

R.J. Ogle, 87, died Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in Kilgore. Services were held Friday, April 8, 2011, at Danville United Methodist Church with burial following at Danville Cemetery with military honors.

His survivors include his wife of 42 years Irene Ogle of Kilgore, brother Lowell Ogle and wife Glendean from Kilgore, son Michael Davenport of Granbury, Texas, daughter Gail and husband Pat Collins of Granbury, daughter Debra and husband Roger Williams of Edmond, Okla., son, Robert Ogle of Ozona, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Rader Funeral Home, www.raderfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

Leroy E. Pearl



Leroy E. Pearl, 85, of Big Spring, Texas, passed on to glory peacefully at his home, Sunday morning, April 3, 2011 with his partner, Thelma Roberts, by his side.

He was born to George Alvah Pearl and Lila Irene Ivy of Junction, Texas on June 25, 1925 in Little Saline Community five miles northeast of London, Texas.

Leroy volunteered and proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II from May 5, 1943 to April 25, 1946 on the USS Ticonderoga in the Pacific as a parachute rigger. After being honorably discharged, he married Naleen McCollum of London, Texas. Leroy ranched, worked in the oil fields in West Texas, and finally retired from operating heavy equipment with the Operators' Local Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Lila Beth Brown of Junction.

Leroy is survived by his six children, three daughters, Kathy Duncan of Shirley, Arkansas, Patsy Matheson of Deatsville, Alabama, and Wannetta Quick of Norman, Oklahoma; three sons, Reggie Pearl and Eddie Pearl of London, Texas and Ronnie

Pearl of Ozona, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Church of Christ in London, Texas on Sunday, April 10, 2011.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in his memory to a Veteran's organization of choice.

The family wishes to thank Crossroads Hospice, the VA Hospital and the many citizens of Big Spring that helped with their father.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelech.com

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Turn memories into a story

Genealogy is like a treasure hunt. Here are 10 tips for turning your family memories into a wonderful story to be included in the new Volume 2 of "A History of Crockett County" book. The Historical Commission urges everyone to get their info and pictures in now because they want everyone in Crockett County to be included. Volume 2 will begin where the old book left off in 1976 up to present day.

Don't begin at the beginning. Just start writing your favorite memory. Record names, dates, and places.

Be specific. Details make a good story come alive. Begin recording info and stories about your parents, siblings, spouse, children and grandchildren. Create a Family Tree to keep generations straight.

Set a deadline. Be deliberate in finding time to write and gather info. Schedule interviews at family gatherings and events when you are likely to see distant relatives.

Timeline or Time Periods. Break your story up in time periods or decades. A timeline of your family can also help jog memories and help keep people and events straight.

Memories and Traditions. Keep your family traditions alive by writing where they came from and how your family shares them. Create a Keepsake CD or DVD full of digital photos, old documents, family charts and records to share with other family members.

Military service and news makers. Honor an-

cestors who served in the military or held down the home front during times of war by recording their stories and experiences. Record any newsworthy family members and moments that made the newspaper. Clippings and photos provide excellent resources.

Family recipes and remedies. Foods evoke strong memories of special times with family. Consider telling your story around favorite recipes or special occasion foods. Remember home remedies passed down from generation to generation provide fascinating stories.

Places and important dates. Commemorate your family's journeys - their origins, did they immigrate or migrate from another country. Find the old family home or places where they settled. Remember birthdays, anniversaries, and other special family dates by making a perpetual calendar.

Check your sources. Always document people, dates and details. Take family legends with a grain of salt. Just because Grandma said so doesn't make it true.

Confirm identities. Names are so common so use other identifying information, such as Census age and spouse's name, to make sure you've got the right John Doe. Forget the "right" spellings and look for variations in ancestors' names. And last, but not least and most importantly, have fun with your research and get it submitted today to be included in the new History book. Good hunting!

INHERENT DESIGN DEFECTS

The WWII Mark XIV torpedo was flawed from the beginning and was the US submarine's standard fleet torpedo. It was designed in the 1930's and not until many misses and dud tests the reliability of the torpedo was questioned and even then the complaints were rejected. It looked good and in some minor tests it exploded but in combat it failed many times. One time it even sank the submarine it was fired from. Eventually it was discovered that it had many design faults and all built, were faulty. And as one stated, "The only reliable feature of the torpedo was it's unreliability". Many Submarines were destroyed and many US Sailors lost their lives to the faulty torpedo. Many of the faults were finally corrected but it was eventually replaced with the Mark 16 torpedo. That torpedo reminds me of something in the Bible. When God created man it was a unique design but there was one way it could go astray. God gave man the freedom to chose, (Genesis 2:15-17), He could either obey God or disobey, and Adam and Eve chose disobedience, (Genesis 3:10-18, 23). Every descendent of Adam is flawed, (Romans 5:12). That flaw leads to sin, death and eternal separation from God. But God loves us and developed a plan to fix the problem. God's fix it plan was the shed blood of Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:16-21). See you in Church next week. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. 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.</p>	
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<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>			
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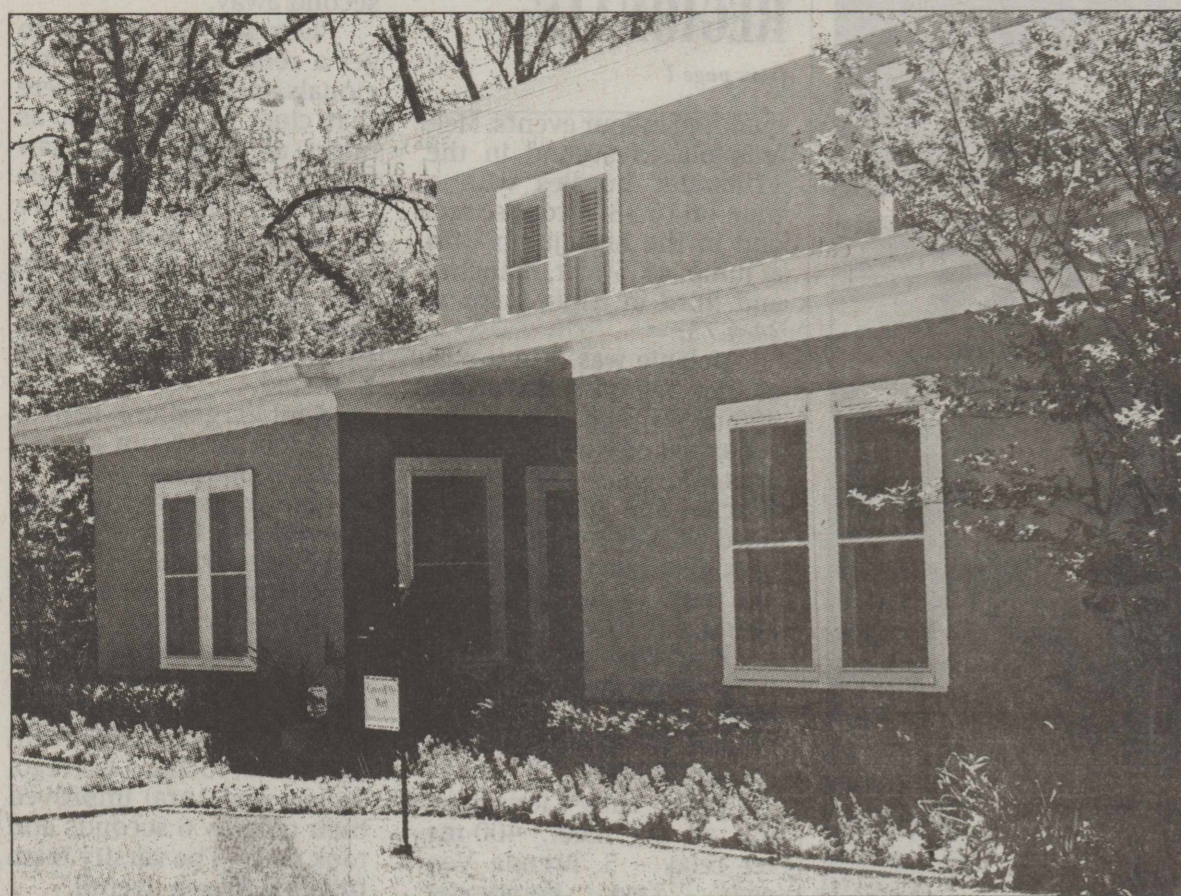
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Once again the love and generosity of people from Sonora, Ozona and West Texas has been shown. The Benefit Golf Tournament for Valeri Savell was an overwhelming success! A huge thank you to Benny Granger, who organized it, the Sonora Golf Club and everyone who helped, worked and gave. Our prayer is for God to bless each one in a very special way!

Sincerely,
Bill and Barbara and the Savell Family



GARDEN OF THE MONTH: The home of Karin and Ira Childress at 1204 Avenue C has been chosen as the April Garden of the Month by the Ozona Garden Club for its beautiful spring flowers and well-manicured lawn.

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Shotgun shoot seeking entries

A Crockett County Shotgun Shoot, sponsored by Ozona Trap & Skeet, will be held May 14 at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex.

The event will feature 50 Five Stand, 50 American Trap and 50 American Skeet. Cost is \$75 per 150 birds and deadline to register is May 1. Late entries are \$85 per 150 birds.

Awards for top five places in all divisions: High Point Over-All Individual Awards 4 Divisions - Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 and Senior 2 Divisions.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and matches start at 9 a.m. Cut off for registration is 10 a.m. Concession Stand will be open.

This is a "Whiz Bang" for 5 Stand and Sporting Clay qualifier. Lunch will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

For more information, call Tom Anderson at (325) 392-3774 or Ken Stokes at (325) 392-3282.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE CROCKETT COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD honored outgoing Museum Director/Coordinator Camille Allen (left) and welcomed incoming Museum Director/Coordinator Emily Guerra with a lunch at their board meeting last week. Camille still plans on remaining part of the museum after being voted a member of the board.

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PUBLIC NUISANCES: HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Commissioner Eligio Martinez presented chapter 343 of the Texas Health and Safety Code during the meeting. The chapter in the code deals with unincorporated areas of a county in prohibiting public nuisances.

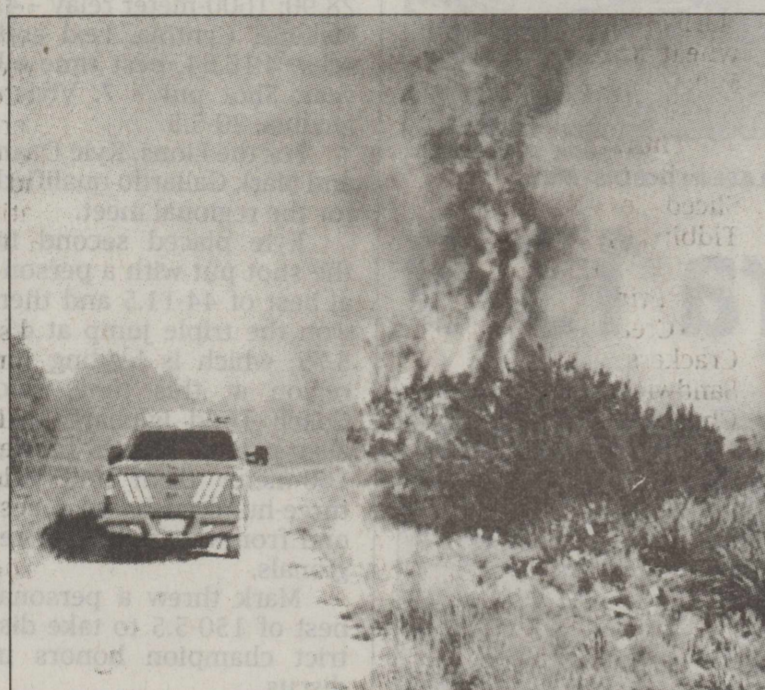
The code states that a public nuisance can include maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin or disease carrying pets.

Martinez said he has had numerous complaints about the smells of horses and livestock, as well as bugs and rodents due to this.

"People who are private property owners can't enjoy their own property because of what is going on next door. This applies to an unincorporated area of a county. Just because we are an unincorporated area doesn't mean people can go and do what they want," he said. "I want to bring public awareness that we do recognize this and that this is a law does apply. This is not an ordinance we are creating. It's just time to be considerate of your neighbor."

County Judge Fred Deaton said the code is a state law. Anyone, a citizen or a commissioner, can file a complaint to the Crockett County Attorney's Office through this code. There is a process that then takes place and can eventually land the person or persons in justice of the peace or county court. A judge can issue fines for violating the code (read the entire code chapter on page 12 under Crockett County Public Notice).

The code also states that the person, who had the complaint filed against



GEORGIA MORROW | OZONA FIRE DEPARTMENT

A GRASS FIRE rages off Pandale Road at Gate 29, about 28 miles south of Ozona. Ozona Firefighters spent all day Monday fighting grass fires. Crockett County Commissioners proclaimed Sunday, April 17, as a Day of Prayer for Rain.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez also has the right to defend themselves in court. Dr. Marcus Sims, the county health officer, said he would be in favor of helping enforce this code if the commissioners' court also enforces the code.

"This is a tool to use," Deaton said. "This has given us something to work with."

Commissioner Childress III also reminded the court that the county has a place to house and keep horses, for a fee.

Sims and Crockett County Attorney Jody Upham said they would also bring more information on the code at the May meeting.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT GRANT RESOLUTION

The commissioners approved a resolution for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office in order for the office to be eligible for a state criminal justice grant.

Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton said his office is asking for three new automobiles fully equipped and a license plate reader.

Sutton said the grant application has been received by Gov. Rick Perry's office and that notification of grant approval will be sent in June. The grant does not require matching funds.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

In-kind contribution to the Crockett County Interpretive Trail at the Visitors Center.

Advertising bids for county depository contract.

Continue an engineering study on the bridge across Johnson Draw at Pecan Street and seek possibility of grants for construction.

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ACROSS
1 TXism: "checking my eye ___ for leaks" (napping)
5 TX B.J. Thomas' "Eyes of a York Woman" ('68)
6 man
7 "Mackenzie State Recreation ___"
8 TXism for "self-reliance" (4 wds.)
17 chili ___ carne
18 TX is one of 18 states not allowing a voter or referendum
21 Dallas' WBAP station
22 TXism: "neon light ___" (inspiration)
23 TX-based Exxon Mobil is on Fortune's "___ 500" list
24 "brain ___"
29 Fairfield, TX FM
30 Caterpillar M520 "___" was 70s Army heavy tactical truck
31 TX-born Steve Martin '91 film: "___ Story"
32 TXism: "___ gossip at a church meeting"
34 fancy appetizer: ___ d'oeuvres
35 architect I.M. ___ designed Dallas City Hall building
36 fuel sellers: gas ___
37 trucks pulling cars
38 Bruce of film "The Glass House" with TX-born Kathy Baker
39 "Hollywood" nickname
41 Texan-by-marriage Greer Garson '43 film "Madame ___"
42 TXism: "fits like sardines ___ can"
43 country singer Judd
44 TX cyclist Armstrong
45 Hidalgo Co. salt lake: "La ___ del Rey"
46 "it's ___ with me"
47 TX choreographer Alvin
48 Norton of "Fight Club" with TX Meat Loaf
50 flies high
51 in '71 TX Lee Trevino won "S. ___ Hickok" award
52 ___ Colinas, TX
53 chant for TX QB Brees: "Who ___?"
DOWN
1 Beaumont university mascot (2 wds.)
2 TXism: "nervous as a long-tailed cat ___ of rocking chairs"
3 in Comanche Co. on hwy. 6 & 16
4 TXism: "never let 'em see you ___"
9 "howdy" substitute
10 wallet stuffers
11 Scala of "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Audie Murphy
12 Cowboys 5th quarter? (abbr.)
13 difficult conditions
14 TX Evans and NASCAR Earnhardt
15 Grand Prairie has Ripley's "Believe ___ Not!" museum
16 Rush Limbaugh's "network" (abbr.)
19 TX-born model & actress Perrine
20 Steinbeck's TX wife
22 ___ State Park in Burnet Co.
24 he was "Magnum" & "Jesse Stone" (init.)
25 "encapsulated" file format (abbr.)
30 formal, long dress
33 ___ Fresno, TX
34 TX Byron Nelson book: "___ Played the Game"
35 Houston defense attorney Foreman
37 TX Jim Reeves sang "Welcome ___" ('64)
38 So. Padre Island sight: "___ buggy"
40 amphibians
41 Lakers state (abbr.)
44 hats?
47 police seizure
49 Abilene High class



THE OZONA LADY LIONS JUMP FOR JOY AFTER DEFEATING SONORA 13-9 ON APRIL 9 AND SECURING SECOND PLACE IN THE DISTRICT. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Lady Lions slam Sonora 13-9

The Ozona Lions sealed their second place district position with a powerhouse 13-9 win over Sonora Saturday.

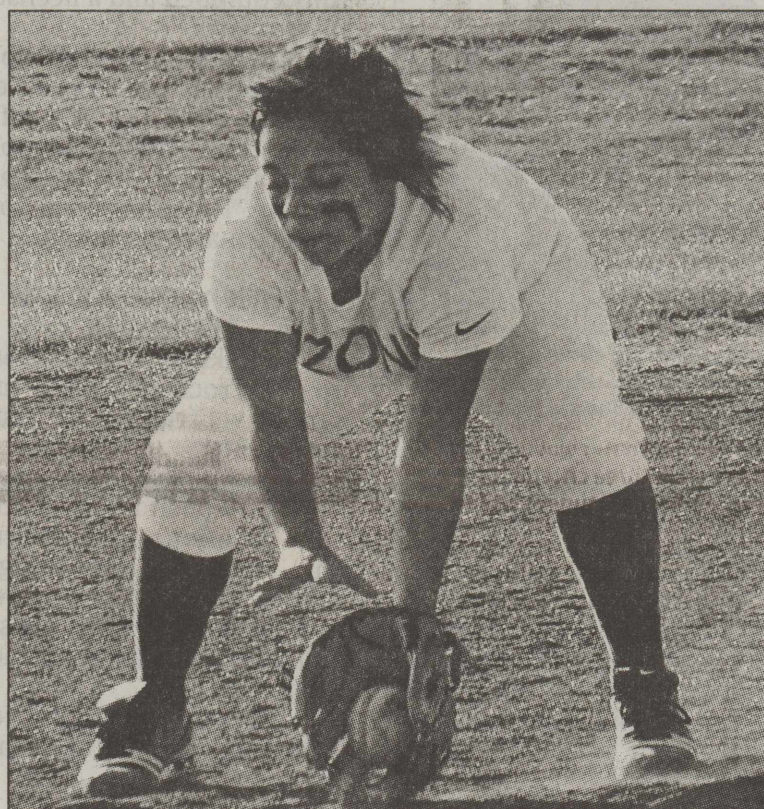
Throughout the game, the Lady Lions and Lady Broncos battled back and forth until the bottom of the seventh inning. Ozona was trailing 9-7 when Senior Melanie Miller stepped up to the plate and managed two homeruns bringing the Lady Lions a victory.

"It was like any great boxing match. They punched, we punched back. There was feeling if we kept punching and swinging, at the end whoever had the bat last was going to win," said Coach Butch Gonzales. "I'm so excited for the girls. At this point of the season, it's

more of them and less of me is how I like to describe it. The seniors (Miller, Britni Michel and Raelynn Arredondo) have really 'rallied the troops' and will compete regardless of the circumstances. I sent the girls a message after the game about how there is something special about winning they way they did. That bond that they share with one another makes it special."

Winning pitcher and catcher - Adrienne Sanchez and Kodi Glosson.

Leading players - Glosson 3 runs; Sanchez 1 run; Mitchel 1 run, Miller 3 runs and 2 homeruns; Arleen Castillo 2 runs; Vivian Medina 1 run; Bethani Trevino 2 runs. Also playing: Arredondo, Cynthia Garcia, Sta-



BETHANI TREVINO nabs a grounder in the Lady Lions April 9 win over the Sonora Lady Broncos. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Lion baseball plays Ballinger, Sonora

BY NIKKI LAFITTE
OHS BASEBALL

The varsity Lions traveled to Ballinger last Tuesday to compete against the Bearcats. Saul Vargas started on the mound for the Lions striking out one before turning it over to Abey Lara in the third inning. Lara pitched the final five innings of the game adding one strike out to his defensive record.

The Lions competed fiercely against the Bearcats with Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, Alejandro Mendez, Ismael

Castro, and Alex Borrego all getting base hits during the competition.

The Lions scored six runs against the Bearcats; however, they did not secure the win. The teams completed with competition with a final score of 8-6.

Ozona hosted Sonora in a late afternoon game on Saturday. Abey Lara started on the hill for the Lions, striking out four Broncos before turning it over to Nathan DeHoyos late in the fifth inning. DeHoyos

REGIONALS:

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qualified in four events. Melanie placed second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.38 seconds, second in the high jump with a jump of 5-feet, 2-inches and third in triple jump at 34-4.75.

Melanie was also a part of the regional qualifying 800-meter relay, which also consisted of Nicole Higgins, Alex Rodriguez and Cynthia Garcia. The girls finished third with a time of 1:52.56. Alex also qualified by placing third in the 300-meter hurdles at 50.47.

Rounding out the qualifiers for the Lady Lions was Daisy Guerra. Daisy placed second in the 3200-meter run at 12:36.38.

Other Lady Lions placing at the meet: 400-meter relay - 5. Brenda Venegas, Lexi Poindexter, Stacie Quiroz, Nicole, 54.97; 110-meter hurdles - 6. Jenny Venegas, 17.88; 400-meter dash - 6. Lexi, 1:08.28; 200-meter dash - 7. Nicole, 28.90; 1600-meter relay - 4. Melanie, Cynthia, Lexi and Alex, 4:16.84, best time all year; Shot put - 7. Vivian Medina, 29-5.5.

For the Lions, Kyle Dean and Mark Gallardo qualified for the regional meet.

Kyle placed second in the shot put with a personal best of 44-11.5 and then won the triple jump at 45-8.75, which is leading the region at this time, said Coach Todd Iglehart. Kyle also placed fourth in the 100-meter dash and was three-hundredths of a second from qualifying for regionals.

Mark threw a personal best of 150-5.5 to take district champion honors in discus.

Mark and Kyle were also part of the 800-meter relay team which placed fourth, one second away from qualifying for the regional meet. Also on the relay was Alex Borrego and Abey Lara.

"Our kids showed a lot of heart in every race that they ran. The thing about a district with great competition, it usually comes down to seconds and it was literally seconds for us in the running events," Iglehart said.

The sprint relay (Dean, Austin Suddreth, Erik Duenes, Lara) was in the same situation as they took fourth, which was also one

second away.

"Our kids set a goal to get a relay team out to regionals and when they were that close you feel just as upset as they do. I saw in our kids they were distraught because they were so close, but they ran the hardest I've seen them run and both relays improved their times. That is something to be proud of," Iglehart said.

Saul Vargas took fifth in the 3200-meter run as well as the 1600-meter run.

"He is just a freshman and will be a force in the future," Iglehart said. Jerrod duBois scored points in the high jump with a mark of 5-8 and will also be an asset in the future, Iglehart said.

The mile relay team (Luis Soto, Richard Borrego, duBois and Lara) improved their time by 6 seconds and took fifth. The varsity team finished fourth overall.

"We have several young athletes on the varsity squad and looking forward to seeing them develop next year," Iglehart said.

In the JV division, Josiah Jurado was crowned the district champ in the 3200-meter and 1600-meter runs with improved times in both events.

"Josiah is another promising freshman and when you put him and Saul together next year, watch out," Iglehart said.

Three other promising freshmen are Josue Damian, Michael Ybarra, and Michael Vargas. Michael placed third in the shot put with a toss of 35-8.25 and fourth in the discus with a 95-1.25 mark. Josue took third in the discus with a 96-9.75 mark. Michael Vargas took second in the pole vault with a vault of 9-6.

The 800-meter relay (Ely Montanez, Noah Tambunga, Michael Vargas and Rocky Venegas) took fourth with an improved time. Ely also took fourth in the 400-meter run with an improved time of 61, which is not bad for a lineman. Rocky Venegas took sixth in the 200-meter run with a time of 25.9.

"Rocky is going to be another asset next year and I feel that he is only going to improve in all that we do. We feel that it was a pretty successful year and we are very proud of all our athletes," Iglehart said.

The Region I Track Meet will take place May 2-3 at Odessa.



RAE LYNN ARREDONDO has her eye on the ball when she is at bat for the Lady Lions in their 13-9 victory over Sonora. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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OMS students compete at state math competition



OMS STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE MATH AND SCIENCE COMPETITION: (left to right) Kabir Shaw, Rachel Mendoza, Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall and Garry Held.

On Saturday, four sixth grade students from Ozona Middle School competed in the Texas Math & Science Coaches Association competition at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

The contest, open to all Texas public and private schools, is the largest of the year. Each participant qualified for this competition earlier in the spring at various contests held throughout the region.

Students competed in the with students in the 2A division throughout the state of Texas.

The team of Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall, and Rachel Mendoza finished in 11th place in calculator skills competition.

Individually, Rachel Mendoza placed sixth and Kamryn Lozano and Julie Marshall tied for 10th place.

Also competing was Garry Held in the mathematics division. Sixth-grader Kabir Shaw served as alternate.

These Ozona Middle School math students are coached by Ernesto Rivera, eighth grade math and algebra I teacher.

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FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS participated in an introduction of defining simple machines. According to teacher Debra Fred, in the 2010-2011 school year, TEA remodeled the Science TEKS for public schools. One change was to add the introduction of simple machines to the fifth grade. First we started by defining what a simple machine is, and looked for examples in our environment. We then researched on the internet. I was amazed at all the resources we found. Then we discussed "building" simple machines. There were three criteria for the project: 1) the creation had to be a simple machine; 2) it had to have a purpose; and 3) the student had to "build" it. The students were very creative in their ideas. The saying, "Necessity is the mother of all invention," was proved several times over. I think the students will remember their efforts for a long time. My favorite idea was the remote sink drain. Instead of having to plunge your hand into a sink of dirty water, you could lift the drain plug remotely. This was a very satisfying experience for me as a teacher because I could see the understanding and mastery of the idea shining in their eyes and from their hands. I think the students enjoyed their projects because they could see their thoughts and ideas come to fruition. WOW, science is great!

OHS Parent/Teacher Leadership Team

The OHS Parent/Teacher Leadership Team
What is that? It's a team of teachers and parents collaborating to improve communication between students and their families, and school.
How? The team meets regularly to brainstorm ideas on just that, and then goes out and visits students and parents in

their homes. We call these visits Lions Walk for Success.
The team also helps lead parent information sessions that take place at the school.
Do you have the time and desire to be part of such a group for the 2011-2012 school year? If so, call Susie duBois at 392-5501, ext. 5740.

The 2010-11 OHS Parent/Teacher Leadership Team will take their final Lions Walk for Success on Thursday, April 14. OHS Parents, be looking for us!

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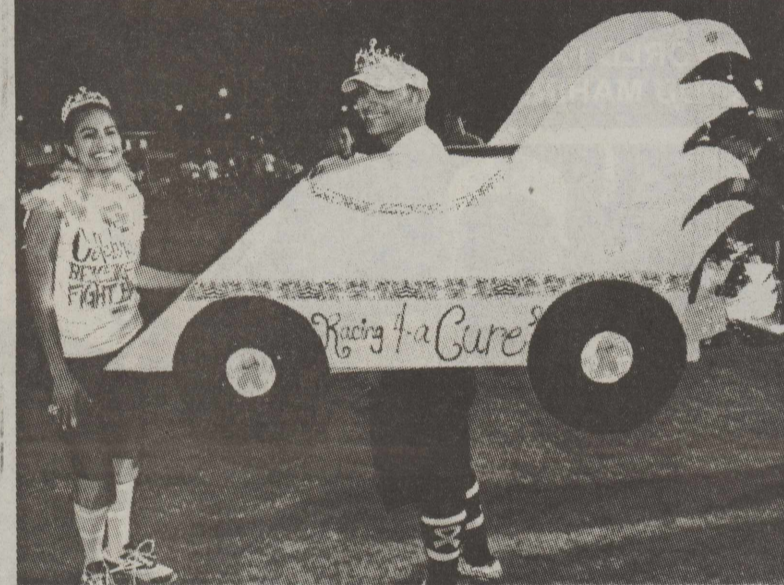
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PHOTOS from the Crockett County Relay For Life Friday. More photos can be found on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all the people who helped organize Ozona's first Relay for Life which was held last Friday night. Members of the committee were Houston & Maria Hendryx, Elliott & Esmi Barrera, Sylvia DeHoyos-Longoria, Valerie Fierro, Maria Perez, Diane Lott, Jessica Everett, Mingo Perez, Shelly Childress, Marta De La Garza, and Frank Tambunga. We most especially would like to thank Maria and Houston Hendryx for all their hard work on this project. Thank you for giving your time to this project and caring about this community enough to start a Relay for Life here in Ozona. We appreciate your hard work! Ozona has always been a very generous community when it comes to helping someone in need. The success of this project was one more illustration of the generosity of our citizens. It was a great experience to be a part of such an important fundraiser. I don't know anyone that has not been touched by cancer in some way. Our team from the middle school had a great time.

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LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS



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THE LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS held their 25th annual Festival this past weekend. The event featured square dancers from all over West Texas and included a tribute to Leroy Adcock. Leroy was a part of the square dancing festival for 22 years and the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club with his wife Carol. "It was his baby until his death in 2009," Carol said.



BOY SCOUTS of the top 15 popcorn salesmen of the Concho Valley Council were rewarded to a Mr. Gatti's pizza party and a Tinseltown movie gift card. From Ozona attending were Anthony Hester (far right) and Marc Flores (front row, third from left). Also pictured is Scout Council Alicia McLester. Marc and Anthony would like to thank everyone for their support during the popcorn sales.

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we get to keep here in Ozona Schools are based on enrollment. Services to children are accounted for on a weighted basis, with more expensive programming and services contributing to higher per-pupil allotments - but we still only get to keep finding according to how many students we serve. More students, more dollars, less students - you get the picture. Since 2000-2001, CCCSD has experienced significant decreases in enrollment. Although we have more or less held steady the last two or three years - we still have approximately 160 fewer students today than in 2000. However, staffing has actually increased over that time. Significantly. We have 11 or so more personnel units serving in the district today than in 2000. Fewer students, but more adults. This arrangement is simply not sustainable.

No one wants to see valuable employees let go - and for several school year cycles, CCCSD has tried to manage staffing by attrition. It just has not been a very successful effort. For several years now, the district's Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas (FIRST) results have reflected negative ratings for high staff-student ratios and overall staffing numbers too high for our enrollment according to TEA standards. We have run out of time to address and correct this trend. The legislative debates in Austin today point to school district inefficiencies as a key target for funding reductions. The new FAST, or Financial Allocation Study of Texas, has created a new measure of school effectiveness - a "bang-for-the-buck" model essentially comparing student performance to school costs. School patron Orlando DeHoyos has recently identified CCCSD's recent 2-Star FAST rating as unacceptable in opinion posted in this paper. I agree completely. Although the FAST system reports ratings based on three-year-average data ending several years ago (our current 2-Star rating reflects financial numbers from 2006-2009, but school performance ratings from 2009 - 2010), all districts are compared on the same measures - and we still don't stack up very strongly. Even though we are a TEA Recognized performing district now, our FAST Rating will remain low for the next several years simply because we have carried high staffing and operating expenditures through today. The highest cost driver in schools is personnel. Until our staff numbers are trimmed significantly, we will continue to fare poorly on efficiency comparisons like FAST and FIRST. Similar measures are currently under development to assist in determining future school district Accreditation status in Texas - so we definitely need to be serious about attending to staffing and efficiency concerns. But if slashing staff just to get another Star results in poor service to students, that's not a good trade-off, either.

Since before my acceptance to lead the district, I have been well aware of this particular challenge. So we got right to work on it. We reduced staffing last year by 5 personnel units while increasing services to students on many fronts. The district just completed an Early Resignation Incentive program to assist us in identifying departing staff a bit earlier than usual (CCCSD has had an average turnover of 25 percent or so for several years - so we just incentivized folks firming up plans earlier) so that we can get started adjusting some more. I expect that overall, CCCSD will be somewhere around 15-17 staff members lighter than the start of 2009-2010. This is significant progress - and despite perception otherwise, no one has been fired in efforts to manage staffing. The Incentive program was voluntary and very successful. Although we won't know our financial lot in life from Austin for quite a while yet, we have got a good jump on reducing operating expenses in anticipation of grim fiscal forecasting. We may end up re-visiting staffing as a last resort after final school allocations are announced this summer, but Crockett County tax payers should be confident that we are working hard and fast

		Crockett County CCSD Staffing Totals 2000 - 2011										
		2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
ADM EXEMPT	ADM NON-EXEMPT	2	4	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
OHS EXEMPT	OHS NON-EXEMPT	30	31	31	32	33	28	30	31	35	36	33
OMS EXEMPT	OMS NON-EXEMPT	23	23	22	22	21	20	20	21	22	22	21
OIS EXEMPT	OIS NON-EXEMPT	16	16	18	18	16	17	17	17	16	16	17
OPS EXEMPT	OPS NON-EXEMPT	20	20	19	20	18	19	21	22	19	20	21
CAFETERIA	MAINTENANCE	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	15	14	14
TRANSPORTATION		1	1	3	5	6	4	4	5	4	4	3
TOTAL EXEMPT		91	92	92	94	89	85	89	92	93	95	93
TOTAL NON-EXEMPT		65	64	72	74	73	74	73	77	75	75	73
Total Staff		156	156	164	168	162	159	162	169	168	170	166
Student Enrollment		926	841	849	842	823	775	770	769	750	746	761

right now to improve our efficiencies in this area while preserving quality service to students.

Another significant challenge for us will be to operate on fewer resources and still attend to several facilities and maintenance issues. We have roofing work overdue on both school buildings and school houses. The stadium track is beyond maintenance and needs re-surfacing badly (we cancelled all track meets on it this year, in fact). We have some significant facility equity concerns to address eventually as pointed out even by OHS students last Spring, and we have a variety of mechanical and energy efficiency concerns developing throughout the district. Your Board will be discussing options to get started on some of these concerns in coming weeks, and I feel very good that we have some tools they can employ and still be prepared for whatever Austin throws at us this summer. But there's no money just laying around, despite perceptions of our status as a Chapter 41, "rich" district.

The CCCSD audited undesignated Fund Balance as of Aug. 31, 2010 has been reduced to just over \$4.8 million dollars. The district elected to use approximately \$4 million in previous reserves to supplement the cost of New OES; another \$1 million or so in badly needed instructional technology and technology infrastructure improvements last year; and current year liabilities give us an as-of-today undesignated Fund Balance of about \$4.2 million or so. However - in the

Chapter 41, no-state-payments-to-start-the-school-year world we live in, school operating bills for the first several months get paid directly from the cash reserves that the bulk of our Fund Balance represents. Tax collections really don't start coming in until later Fall, so we have to have about \$3.6 - \$4 million to operate on until December or so. TEA knows this, and so for districts like us - they recognize that a \$4 million Fund Balance is really just our grocery money - it's not disposable. Now amounts beyond that - that's the Fund Balance portion that TEA would come looking for eventually (if it existed), just as Mr. DeHoyos and other concerned taxpayers suggest. We just don't have it to take. It may sound like a good thing to be lean and mean in Fund Balance, since they can't take it away - but it also means we haven't much of a cushion against unexpected cost increases like fuel and energy price spikes. Even groceries will cost more as world events impact domestic prices of all types. Bottom line - we have a healthy Fund Balance - but barely. I for one do not want the district to be borrowing money to make November payroll next fall.

These are just a few of the issues facing us squarely as we make decisions now for teachers, their families, and our students. There is so much we don't, and won't know for a while. Anyone who thinks CCCSD will get off with a few hundred thousand dollar financial ding in Austin this summer really needs to listen and watch carefully to a variety of sources. I shared legis-

lative financial runs related to the proposed House budget this week with CCCSD staff and Board members. I have faith there will be some middle ground gained - but HB 1 as proposed today would take \$3.4 million away from Crockett County schools each of the next two years. I have to believe reason will prevail - but I wouldn't stake a whole lot on it. There is a strong fiscal conservative current in Austin this year - and districts everywhere are planning for the worst, hoping for the best. The best news we could get from the legislature now would be talk of recognizing that if they can't fund us - then they need to return some discretion to local boards to make up some of the difference if needed to avoid truly harmful cuts.

Please watch the news from Austin seriously. Contact our representation and let them know that we are doing all we can on our end to be efficient and effective - but voices of reason need to prevail and allow school boards to help themselves some also. Legislative contact information for Crockett County is posted at www.ozonaschools.net

As always, please contact me any time with any questions or concerns.

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salary, up to a maximum payment of \$8,000. At-will employees received 15 percent of base salary, up to a maximum payment of \$5,000.

Employees will be ineligible for rehire with the district for a period of 12 months after receiving resignation compensation.

The resignation incentive program was available on a first-come, first served basis. Administrators, employees with a bilingual certification and employees on probationary contracts were excluded from the incentive.

Cost of the incentive payment at 15 percent of base salaries for the 13 employees is \$83,769. The salary and benefits associated with these employees is \$616,485.

Like other school districts across the state, CCCSD is facing the possibility of a budget shortfall due to a \$15 billion to \$27 billion deficit in the Texas Legislature. The incentive was the district's way of possibly facing state funding cuts.

As of right now, school districts will not know final funding numbers until late May or June.

"This was a good stepping stone. I know we will have to make a couple of replace-

ments," said Superintendent Chris duBois.

The resignation from Amaro Villarreal, OMS physical education and coach, was also approved at the meeting.

All resignations are effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

In a separate motion, the board approved the termination of Maria Hendryx, elementary counselor. The termination takes effect at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Once again, Childress abstained from voting.

Along with resignations, the board unanimously approved renewal on teacher contracts for Elizabeth Bouquin, Whitney Brockman, Autumn Brown, Kristin Bunge, Dottie DeLeon, Vance Gohlke, Kimberly Harris, Karrah Iglehart, Ariel Kellogg, David Kennedy, Rita Kennedy, Eugene LaFitte, Ethan Lunn, Rob Phillips, Allison Vasquez, Erica Venegas and Vicky White.

A new high school science teacher was also approved. Zachary Youngblood will be moving to Ozona from San Angelo. Youngblood is a 2010 graduate of Angelo State University and a 2005 graduate of Lake View High School.

The regular board meeting will take place April 27 with a workshop at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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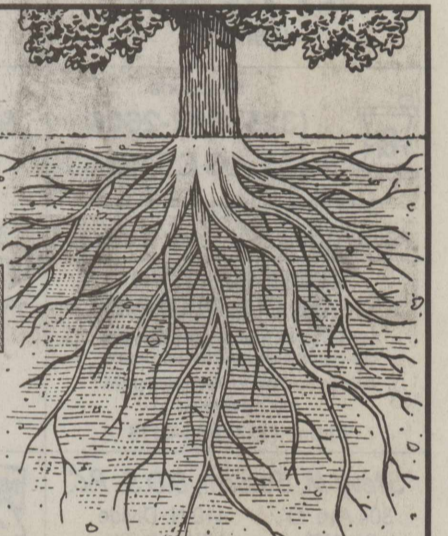
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The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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Spring Chicken Affair Sunday

BY DEE LACKEY
WEST TEXAS REHAB CENTER
Sunday, April 17 - that's the date brightly colored tents will dot San Angelo's skyline, fryers will bubble with 9,000 pieces of chicken and musical entertainment will fill the air.

The occasion is the 29th annual Spring Chicken Affair set to begin at 11 a.m. on Knickerbocker Road behind First Financial Bank to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Tickets are \$7 per person and are available in advance at the sponsors of this popular fund-raiser: First Financial Bank, H-E-B Food Store and Foster Communications. Also, tickets will be available at the event.

For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out meals will be available. Also, thanks to Home

Motors Towing Service, volunteers will deliver food to homebound individuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending.

Call WT Rehab at 223-6300 today, April 13, to arrange for delivery. Featured entertainment will be provided by the Manny Campos Band.

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GARAGE SALE

Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. at 126 Man O War. Lots of stuff!

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Texas Health & Safety Code Chapters 341 and 343 SUBCHAPTER B. PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITED

§ 343.011. Public Nuisance

(a) This section applies only to the unincorporated area of a county.

(b) A person may not cause, permit, or allow a public nuisance under this section.

(c) A public nuisance is:

- (1) keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle;
 - (2) keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street;
 - (3) maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease carrying pests;
 - (4) allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood if the weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment;
 - (5) maintaining a building in a manner that is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to safety, health, or public welfare because of inadequate maintenance, unsanitary conditions, dilapidation, obsolescence, disaster, damage, or abandonment or because it constitutes a fire hazard;
 - (6) maintaining on abandoned and unoccupied property in a neighborhood a swimming pool that is not protected with: (A) a fence that is at least four feet high and that has a latched gate that cannot be opened by a child; or (B) a cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child;
 - (7) maintaining a flea market in a manner that constitutes a fire hazard;
 - (8) discarding refuse or creating a hazardous visual obstruction on:
 - (A) county-owned land; or
 - (B) land or easements owned or held by a special district that has the commissioners court of the county as its governing body; or
 - (9) discarding refuse on the smaller of:
 - (A) the area that spans 20 feet on each side of a utility line; or
 - (B) the actual span of the utility easement.
- (d) This section does not apply to:
- (1) a site or facility that is;
 - (A) permitted and regulated by a state agency; or
 - (B) licensed or permitted under Chapter 361; or
 - (2) agricultural land.
- (e) In Subsection (d), "agricultural land" means land that qualifies for tax appraisal under Subchapter C or D, Chapter 23, Tax Code.

§ 343.012. Criminal Penalty

- (a) A person commits an offense if:
- (1) the person violates Section 343.011(b); and
 - (2) the nuisance remains unabated after the 30th day after the date on which the person receives notice from a county official, agent, or employee to abate the nuisance.
- (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200.

- (c) If it is shown on the trial of the defendant that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense under this section, the defendant is punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000, confinement in jail for not more than six months, or both.
- (d) Each day a violation occurs is a separate offense.
- (e) The court shall order abatement of the nuisance if the defendant is convicted of an offense under this section.

§ 343.024. Authority to Enter Premises

- (a) A county official, agent, or employee charged with the enforcement of health, environmental, safety, or fire laws may enter any premises in the unincorporated area of the county at a reasonable time to inspect, investigate, or abate a nuisance or to enforce this chapter.
- (b) Before entering the premises, the official, agent, or employee must exhibit proper identification to the occupant, manager, or other appropriate person.

§ 343.025. Enforcement

A court of competent jurisdiction in the county may issue any order necessary to enforce this chapter.

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

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