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Serial killer pleads guilty in capital murder case

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

SONORA - Closure was finally reached in a capital murder case that had a 22-year history.

On Monday, March 26, Robert Ben Rhoades, 66, pled guilty to two county of capital

murder in district court at the Sutton County Courthouse.

Rhoades was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences by District Judge Brock Jones.

As part of the plea agreement Rhoades waived his right to credit for time served while awaiting trial,

waived his right to parole, and waived his right to all state and federal appeals.

Rhoades is currently serving a sentence of life without parole in Illinois for the murder of a Houston, Texas teenager. The life sentences for the Crockett County case will be served

consecutively to the life sentence he is serving in Illinois.

A former truck driver, Rhoades was indicted by a Crockett County Grand Jury in May 2005 for the capital murders of Patricia Candace Walsh and Douglas Scott Zyskowski, according to court documents.

Walsch and Zyskowski, both originally from Seattle, were newlywed missionaries who were hitchhiking their way across Texas, according to a press release from District Attorney Laurie English.

Zyskowski's body was found along Interstate-10 in Crockett County in Jan-

uary 1990.

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers began an investigation at that time, but the case grew cold as potential leads were eliminated, the release stated.

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First t-ball memory



LANEY SULLIVAN takes a break and checks out the field during her t-ball game last week. Ozona Youth Baseball opened its season on March 22.

CCCCSD takes advantage of STAAR rule change

As Crockett County students are taking new state-mandated standardized tests this week, but ninth graders will not have to worry about how the test will affect their end-of-year grades.

During last week's regular meeting, the CCCCSD School Board unanimously passed a resolution that for one year will suspend factoring State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) scores into students' grades for the 2011-12 school year.

As of March 20, 406 of the state's roughly 1,200

school districts had passed resolutions.

The districts, including CCCCSD, have said they will defer the implementation of a rule that says the new end-of-course exams must account for 15 percent of high school students' grades for one year. They are taking advantage of a change in the rollout of the exams the Texas Education Agency announced in February. For many, it was a welcome compromise as the state transitioned to the new system.

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School board approves teacher, professional personnel contracts

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Teachers and professional staff contracts recommendations received unanimous approval during last week's regular CCCCSD School Board meeting.

After meeting in executive/closed session for an hour and 15 minutes, the

board voted 6-0 to approve the recommendations of campus administration and the superintendent on teacher and professional staff contracts for 2012-2013. Board member Grizz Medina was absent from the meeting.

Professional personnel approved for one year term

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CCCCSD planning a budget with less state, federal funding

BY MELISSA PERNER
REPORTING TEX

Understanding the world of public school finance is not easy.

During the first of a four-part series Monday night, CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois started out with explaining where school districts receive funding.

Talking to a crowd of school administrators, teachers and staff, as well as a school board member and local citizens, duBois addressed the three areas of local, state and federal revenue.

"We want to put school finance out there in a way where everybody can understand what is going on," he said.

duBois mainly focused on local revenue sources,

First in a four-part series

which the bulk comes from property taxes.

Crockett County has a 99 to 98 percent tax collection rate, which is what the district counts on each year.

"We need every dime of that to be budgeted right now," he said.

In his presentation, duBois explained the difference between maintenance and operating budget, or general fund, and an interest and sinking fund.

The maintenance and operating budget (M&O) contains money the district has to fund salaries, maintenance, programs and daily operations.

CCCCSD has around a \$30

million M&O budget, where around \$14 million is sent to the state for recapture.

duBois touched on the state's history of Chapter 41 and 42 school districts and the Robin Hood plan, where property-rich districts like CCCCSD send money to the state to be spread among property-poor districts.

In CCCCSD a \$1.50 is sent to Austin for every \$1 the district collects to operate. Every \$1 of budget has traditionally cost Crockett County Taxpayers \$2.50, he said.

When voters have approved a bond, then a school district has an interest and sinking (I&S) fund.

Last year, CCCCSD had a

M&O tax rate of 1.04 with a .22 I&S rate due to the bond passed for building Ozona Elementary School. Right now the district does not have an I&S rate due to the bond being paid off.

"Most districts that are fast growing have very large debt rates," duBois said.

I&S funds are "virtually

dollar for dollar," especially in property-rich districts like CCCCSD since the funds are not subject to recapture by the state.

In CCCCSD, the cost to pay off a \$30 million bond in 15 years would be around .16 on an I&S tax rate, duBois said.

Around 96 percent of CCCCSD tax base is energy based, such as oil and gas, duBois said. Land values are set by the county, not the school district.

People that own mineral rights are taxed on their production and can't claim homestead exceptions on mineral rights, unlike a house which can be under a homestead exception, duBois said.

"Every county situation is different," duBois said.

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School Finance Workshops

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois will be hosting a series of public information workshops on school finance topics this spring. These sessions are open to the general public.

Sessions will be held at the Ozona Elementary School Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m.

April 9 - Budget Details and the Financial Resource Accountability Guide.

April 23 - Compliance indicators, Maintenance of effort and Schools FIRST.

April 30 - Budget Challenges for CCCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Wake up people!' Government actions should concern us all

Dear Editor,

To whom it may concern, I like this greeting because nowadays nobody really knows who is concerned. Who is concerned about high gas prices? Who is concerned about most of our country's oil being shipped off? Does anybody out there know the answer to any of these questions? You might ask why I like this greeting; well it opens so many doors. For example, if I was to send this to Mr. Obama, which I did, and

he was to look at the title and think to himself "I don't like this." Then he gives it to one of his "advisors" and he/she is concerned with these problems. Then they start asking questions. You see where I'm going with this?

How many of us truly are concerned about the economy we live in today? The answer to that question is easy. None of us are.

You might be reading this and say "hey I care." Well, let me tell you what, if half the

people really cared in this country we would be far better off. I know there are a lot of people that care out there but don't know how to express themselves. Just pick up a piece of paper and start writing. I ask that after you read this you write your own letter, and make sure someone reads it.

So now that the pleasant-ries are over with, let's get our heads out of our...well you know. With all this talk about government being involved in everything from medical to the

auto industry, why are they not controlling our energy resources? We are producing oil at the same rate we were in 2003. So why are gas prices this high? Well, oil is a world commodity and the world market is what controls the price of oil. Government sees this and says "we can't control the whole world." No you can't but you love to tax right? So tax the heck out of these oil companies, when they ship it overseas, to the point that they would lose profit to ship out versus staying in

the states and still make a killing. Greed! "Oh wait, we can't do that because too many 'officials' have stake in those companies." That is a bunch of...well you know.

I'm not going to start on how many corrupt senators and congressmen there are, but I will say that a lot of the people in office nowadays don't see their job as a service to the people anymore. They see it as just another get rich quick scheme.

There are a lot more things on my mind but for now I'll

keep it nice and short. For all the good, honest politicians I'll say this, "Get off your hind ends and remember who you work for, including you, Mr. President." For the rest of them, they ought to be ashamed.

Wake up people! Things are only going to get worse if we don't do something now. Stop taking everything for granted cause sooner or later the sand castle always washes away.

Stephen Maskill
Ozona, Texas

Standardized test is no STAAR

This week, Ozona students join 2.5 million Texas students in taking the new state-mandated standardized test called State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

STAAR joins the long line of standardized tests, replacing the most recent TAKS test, in our state that is becoming a business and becoming a burden to our teachers and students.

Third through ninth graders are getting their first taste of this test, which is to be a more rigorous exam, requiring more complex thinking and application of knowledge. The exams also will have more questions to be answered under a time limit of four hours, compared to a full day's testing under the TAKS exams.

For high school freshmen, the first class that will graduate under STAAR, these students will also be required to take 12 end-of-course exams, three in each of the four main content areas: English, math, science and social studies.

At last week's meeting, the CCCSD School Board adopted a resolution that will defer the implementation of a rule that says the new end-of-course exams must account for 15 percent of high school students' grades for one year.

Students still have to pass the test, but the STAAR score won't go into students' grade point averages or class rankings. Both have an impact on college and university admissions.

The board will also look at passing a resolution at the April meeting that will be sent to state and federal officials over the excessive amount of standardized testing being placed on our students and teachers.

We applaud the school board for passing the resolution last week and encourage them to pass the one in April.

However, state and federal officials need to hear from more people besides school boards and school officials.

OHS Counselor Carol Stevens said next year when STAAR testing and end-of-course testing is fully implemented in our school district, our students will have 45 days of nothing but testing during the 2012-2013 school year.

Doing a little basic math, there are 177 school days in next year's calendar. That means that 25 percent of the year will be testing days.

That is a ridiculous amount of testing days that

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is doing nothing but putting pressure and taking a toll on our students and teachers.

According to a study by the National Academies of Science committee, there are little to no positive effects of using standardized tests and placing incentives, such as graduation requirements, on student learning and educational progress. The study also stated there is widespread teaching to the test.

The Texas Legislator created the STAAR testing stating that every child in the state of Texas needs a chance to go to college. Yes, we should put high expectations on our children to achieve their best and aim to become doctors, lawyers and entrepreneurs.

However, our workforce also needs plumbers, electricians, oilfield engineers, ranchers, farmers, health care assistants and hair stylists. These vocations are desperately lacking in people with skills to fill them due to teachers having to teach a test.

Not every student is going to go to college. That is unrealistic thinking on the part of our state officials. It takes a variety of people in a variety of jobs to keep the wheels turning in our economy.

If all of us were doctors and lawyers then who would fix the toilet when it overflowed?

We are not saying students and teachers shouldn't be accountable. However, that accountability shouldn't put so much pressure on our school system and set students up to possibly fail or, even worse, drop out of high school.

This past weekend, more than 1,000 teachers, students and administrators from schools across Texas rallied at the state Capitol to decry \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education and demand that lawmakers restore some of that funding, along with targeting the STAAR test.

Yes, our state officials implement a new test and cut school district's funding and resources as our state's school population is growing.

State and federal officials need to hear from all of us. We encourage all of our readers to contact their state representatives, state senators and congressional representatives and senators and let them know the damage standardized testing is doing to public education in Texas.

A test should be used as a ruler and not a club.

The Shod And The Shorn



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I suppose that the two men sitting at the lunch counter were what raunchy stage comedians would refer to as "rednecks." You've probably heard all the redneck jokes that seem to have replaced ethnic humor as a result of political correctness. As if they aren't just as demeaning.

The redneck shops for groceries at a gas station and paints his car with house paint; the passenger window in his old truck is covered by a plastic trash bag; his mail box is made out of old auto parts and his dog doubles as a dishwasher.

He still refers to fifth grade as his senior year. Ha, ha.

Admittedly all very funny. Yes indeed. But consider, if you will, the origin of the term. People were initially referred to as "rednecks" because their necks were burned from working hard for hours on end in the glaring sun, day after day. Doesn't it say something about our society that such a person is now the subject of jokes and ridicule?

The horseshoer and the sheep shearer I know were sharing coffee and sparse conversation at a cafe that definitely has a redneck tilt to it.

I suppose that's why I like it. Both the men's necks were definitely red, and the texture of old leather. The skin on their hardened hands was cracked and calloused and both were slightly stooped; the shoer

from countless horses leaning on him and the shearer from years of bending over fleecy objects.

The men talked little, out of practice, I suppose. The horseshoer seldom opened his mouth because usually when he did horseshoe nails would fall out. And anyway, he wasn't the talkative type, this man who could gentle a horse with a whisper.

The shearer's work boots had been shined to a glossy sheen by the lanolin in the fleeces of one ewe after another. One endless mob of mutton. Although the shearer weighed less than 150 pounds dripping wet (which he often was), he could effortlessly throw a ram twice his weight. The Mexican spoke with a quiet dignity, his vocabulary the blending of two cultures. After working hard all day no doubt he sleeps well at night, with no need for counting sheep.

Both men wore scars. The shearer had an eight inch scar running down his forearm where his clippers once took on a mind of their own, and the hoof shaper wore the imprint of a well aimed horseshoe, no

doubt delivered by a cold-jawed wring tail.

They made their living doing honest labor. Two words that seldom find themselves in the same sentence these days. Theirs is the dirty drudgery of piece work. When their backs give out they'll retire without a pension; but their reputations will be intact. They are responsible for their own medical insurance and their own equipment, which they keep well honed. They have not been ruined by the luxury of a steady pay check nor have they been in the habit of stockpiling luxury goods. After a long hard day they enjoy just sitting back with a beer making jokes about what they'll do with the profits from their labor. Maybe start a bank or buy a ranch.

Fat chance of that. Someday these men will probably be replaced by a chemical that makes fleece fall off and a super glue for horseshoes.

As the two said goodbye they shook hands. It was a handshake that would crush rock. The shoer departed to get under yet another horse and the shearer to sharpen his blades for another full day in the shearing shed.

Sitting there I got the feeling of a penny amongst dimes. A mice among men. And the thought occurred to me that we have no right to measure any man by the color of his collar, nor the skin on his neck.

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Drought, wildfire impact persist as big issues

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Even with better-than-normal rainfall in many locales in the last quarter of 2011 and the first quarter of 2012, lake and reservoir levels remain low and widespread concern about drought and wildfire remains high.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 21 announced agricultural losses attributed to the 2011 drought had reached \$7.62 billion. Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists said last year's drought was the costliest on record for the state.

At a March 22 interim meeting of the House Natural Resources Committee, Drew DeBerry of the state agriculture department said the \$7.62 billion figure does not include some \$3.4 billion in timber losses, and that wildfires burned off the vegetation on more than 4 million acres of land.

With the threat of high winds and drought continuing, Gov. Rick Perry last week extended two disaster proclamations, one for drought affecting the state's 254 counties and one for wildfire affecting 86 West Texas

counties. Perry originally issued the drought emergency disaster proclamation on July 5, 2011, and the wildfire emergency disaster proclamation on Dec. 21, 2010.

There's a State Drought Preparedness Plan for emergency responses to severe drought, but future, large-scale needs are addressed in the Texas Water Development Board's 2012 state water plan. Graphs in the plan show the state's population nearly doubling in the next 50 years and the water supply correspondingly decreasing. Recommendations six years in the making — the input of more than 400 people and 16 regional water development boards — are in place for new water conservation and management measures needed to deal with persistent drought conditions.

Included in the water plan is a Jan. 5 "letter to the people of Texas" by Water Development Board Chairman Edward G. Vaughan. "As the state continues to experience rapid growth

and declining water supplies," Vaughan wrote, "implementation of the plan is crucial to ensure public health, safety, and welfare and economic development in the state."

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR CASE

Monday through Wednesday of this week (March 26-28) the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments in Florida v. United States Department of Health and Human Services. The court is expected to render a ruling on the case in late June.

Texas is one of 25 states joining Florida in the case petitioning the high court to declare unconstitutional the national health care law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The states' main objection stems from a mandate in the law that beginning in 2014 will require an individual to purchase health care coverage if their employer does not offer it.

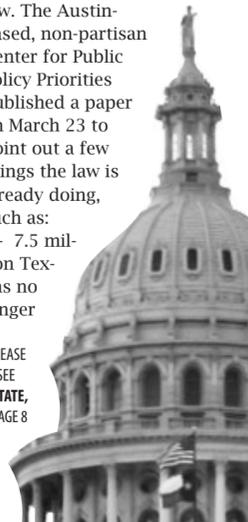
Gov. Perry, Attorney General

Greg Abbott, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and other prominent Republicans have expressed opposition to the law, asserting that it violates states' rights and individual rights.

March 23 was the second anniversary of President Obama's signing the act into law. The Austin-based, non-partisan Center for Public Policy Priorities published a paper on March 23 to point out a few things the law is already doing, such as:

- 7.5 million Texans no longer

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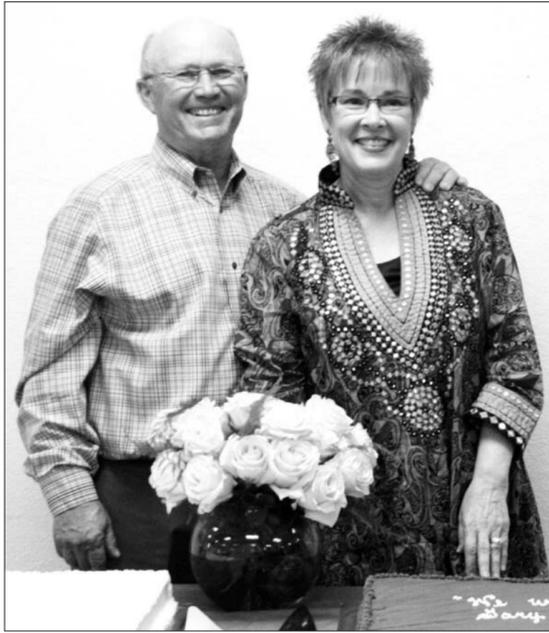
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CORRECTIONS

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



ZELMA JOHNNIGAN celebrated her 90th birthday on March 17. Helping her celebrate were various members of her family and their spouses.



DR. GARY and NANCY VANNOY were honored at a reception Sunday at the Senior Center. The Vannoys are retiring and moving to Abilene.

Pre-K, Kindergarten pre-registration April 12

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Thursday, April 12 at Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 8 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 to be eligible for Pre-K and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 for Kindergarten.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card in order to register the child. A copy of these documents will be

made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law in Chap. 25.002 of the Texas Education Code. Please bring your child with you.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: Hepatitis A -2 doses; Varicella (chicken pox)-2 doses; Pneumococcal (PCV7) or (PCV13)- 4 doses; Hib-4 doses; Hepatitis B-3 doses; DTaP- 5 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday; Polio-4 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday; MMR-2 doses.

For more information, call Ozona Elementary School at 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Jueves, 12 de abril sera la pre-matricula para pre-kindergarten y kinder en Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 8:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. El niño(a) tiene que tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Pre-kindergarten y 5 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Kindergarten. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su niño/a (el del la corte, no el de hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Por favor traiga a su niño (a) el día

que venga.

Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela: Hepatitis A-2 doses; Varicela-2 doses; Pnemococcal (PCV7) o (PCV13)- 4 doses; Hib-4 doses; Hepatitis B- 3 doses; DTaP-5 doses---1 doses despues de los 4 años; Polio-4 doses---1 doses despues de los 4 años; MMR-2 doses.

Para obtener más información, llame a la escuela primaria en Ozona 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Conscious Discipline series starts April 10

Conscious Discipline Presented by Carol White of the Region 15 Service Center is a four-part educational series for parents, teachers, daycare centers, and anyone interested in learning new discipline techniques.

This series will be presented at the Ozona Elementary Library on April 10, April 18, May 8 and May 15. The sessions will be from 6-8 p.m.

Conscious Discipline is an emotional intelligence program consisting of brain smart strategies for responding rather than reacting to life events and challenging behaviors.

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This four-part series will allow participants to learn new skills, and then practice those skills before learning more strategies. Door prizes will be handed out. Registration is due April 4.

For more information, or to register, call Katie Parker, OES Counselor at (325) 392-5501 ext: 5803 or e-mail katie.parker@ozon-schools.net.

Bake Sale for Relay For Life Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. Dollar General, Lowe's & the Town Square By Glenda's Gladiators

Fundraiser for Sarah Vargas Washington trip
Enchilada plate \$8 (3 enchiladas, rice, bean, cupcake and salad.)
Noun Friday, March 30, Call orders to 392-2376 (Minnie Ramirez) or 392-3827 (Paula Ramirez).
Pick up plates at Minnie Ramirez, 1907 Santa Ann. Will deliver.

Men's softball sign ups start April 4

Men's Softball sign ups starting April 4. For more information, call Diego Pena at 226-5885 or Brian Baddillo at 226-2860.

Happy Birthday

March 28 - Marie Maskill, Roky Vega, Leonel Rodriguez Jr., Wendy Wilson, Debbie Arrott, Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan, Romeo Perez III, Veronica Talamantez and Donavon Santiago

March 29 - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips and Maria Jose

March 30 - Fernando Galvan, Alice Borrego, Doug Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill Seale, Allan Stover and Stephanie Borrego

March 31 - Sam Justiss, Travis Zuberbueler, Britni Alex Gonzalez, Simon J. Garza, Linda Stapper, April

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April 1 - Nathan Anderson, Roman Esparza, Rusty Harris, Autumn Villarreal, Edmond H. Jenkins Jr. and Aidan L. Chipman

April 2 - Beverly Preddy, Jana Wilson, Vicki Davis, Dalton Weddle, Jose Flores, Johnny Venegas, Erik Estrada, Jacob Childress and Caitlyn Upham

April 3 - Autumn Brown, Katy Churchill, Harvey Otamendi, Joe Ortiz Jr., Lisa Dorough, Sarah Stewart, Lazaro Rodriguez Jr., Norah Dolores Rodriguez, Millie Granis and Chago Vargas

AN EASTER CELEBRATION of FAITH

Palm Sunday, April 1

Saturday before Easter, April 7
Hamburger & Hotdog Supper - 5:30 p.m.
Followed by a Journey to Easter...
"An Easter Experience for All Ages"

Easter Sunday, April 8
9:45 am. - Sunday School
11:00 am. - Worship Service
(Our usual 9:00 Worship Service will not be held on this day.)

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt
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Easter Dinner to Follow
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 28

- STAAR testing - Grades 5 and 8 Reading; Grades 4 and 7 and English II Writing.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- STAAR Briefing, 4:30 p.m. at the OES Cafetorium.
- Joint meeting of the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board and the Crockett County Commissioners, 7 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Thursday, March 29

- STAAR testing - English II Reading.
- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Relay For Life Cancer Survivors dinner, 6 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Friday, March 30

- OHS Tennis Team at the Mason Invitational.
- OMS MISC Students attending Leadership Summit at Prude Ranch in Fort Davis.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Lions Baseball vs. Brady, 4:30 p.m. at Lion Field.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Brady, 5 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.

Saturday, March 31

- OHS Tennis Team at the Mason Invitational.
- OHS Track Team at the Crane Relays in Crane.
- OMS MISC Students attending Leadership Summit at Prude Ranch in Fort Davis.
- Grupo El Nazareno, 7 p.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.

Sunday, April 1

- Palm Sunday.
- All Fool's Day.

Monday, April 2

- OHS Golf Teams at the District Meet in San Angelo.
- OMS Track Teams at the District Meet in Sonora.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Senior Center Board meeting, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 3

- OHS One Act Play at UIL District meet in Ballinger.
- Lions Baseball vs. Grape Creek, 4:30 p.m. at Grape Creek.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.

Wednesday, April 4

- OHS One Act Play at UIL District meet in Ballinger.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The appreciation reception held here at the Senior Center Sunday for Gary and Nancy Vannoy was in a word wonderful.

Bob and Lynda Falkner were in Houston when Bob became ill and required heart surgery to put in a stint. Lynda and he came home last week and Bob is doing ok now. Bob please don't scare us like that again and keep getting better.

Our friend Jimmy Couch passed away last week and was buried last Thursday. He was a Crockett County Senior Center Board Member and was always here for square dancing. We will always miss Jimmy here at the Senior Center. Our condolences go out to his wife JoAnn.

I was voted into the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Committee on Aging and will attend my first meeting today (March 28) in San Angelo.

The Crockett County Senior Center Board will be meeting Monday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in the Senior Center. We urge all members to attend.

My friend Linda Moore dropped by the Senior Center and brought by some books that she wanted to donate. Thank you Linda for the books and I enjoyed your visit.

Concho Valley Community Action will be here at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 10. They are an organization that will help those who qualify with their utility bills.

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

Levis and Lace square dance lessons will be on Tuesdays, but will occasionally be on Monday night. Check with a square dance member to make sure of the day they are having lessons. Also, Levis and Lace

have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday have been set aside for any of you who would play dominos. You can play late mornings or early afternoons. 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 competitive and have fun playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, 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 a stand and screen as well as a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years and older.

DEATH NOTICES

Jimmy L. Couch

Jimmy L. Couch, 65, died Tuesday, March 20, 2012, in San Angelo. Graveside service was Thursday in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Babbitt; daughter Joyce Couch, grandchildren Taylor and Mason Ferguson, daughter Anna Hill and husband Steven, grandchildren Ashlynn and Wyatt Hill; son Justin Kirk and granddaughter Chelsea Kirk; sister Glenna Hulsey and husband Roy and brothers Danny Wayne Couch and wife Martha and Richard Ray Couch and wife Kathy, along with many nieces and nephews.

Howard Ray Marshall Jr.

Howard Ray Marshall Jr., 65, of Fort Stockton, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Graveside services were Friday, March 23, 2012 at the Crane County Cemetery with Minister Felix Kneuper officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Howard was retired from the oilfield, and had lived in Fort Stockton since 1996, moving from Ozona.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnne; three sons, Joe, Mark, and Matthew; his daughter, Angie; five sisters, Ruby, Gloria, Sally, Bernetta, and Treva; six brothers, Monroe Allen "Pee Wee", Kenneth, Jerry, Terry, K.C., and Bobby Joe; 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grupo El Nazareno performing Saturday

Las Cursillistas are pleased to announce the coming of Grupo El Nazareno. They are a Spanish Christian Group out of Odessa. This concert is free. Come sing, dance and praise Jesus.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 31, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona. For more information, call 392-3353.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, March 30, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

The Great Sonora Easter Egg Hunt April 7

The Great Sonora Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 7 in downtown Sonora. Ages 0 to Pre-K will be in the vacant lot next door to Sonora Abstract Co. Pre-K to Third Grade will be in the courthouse lawn.

Hamburgers and drinks and chips will be available at 11 a.m. Raffle tickets will be available from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program board members or at State Farm Insurance, Main Street Salon or at the Main Street Office in Sonora.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Grand prize is a half-day guided fishing trip on Lake Amistad, dinner for four at Hookers One Stop and one night stay at Ruthie's Rentals, all at Rough Canyon Marina on Lake Amistad.

Other prizes include dinner for two at the Sutton County Steakhouse, \$50 gift card from Main Street Salon, dinner for two at La Mexicana, a custom made hunting knife donated by Mathews Processing & World Class Taxidermy, dinner for two and one night stay at Circle Bar Truck Stop, two rounds of golf at Sonora Golf Course and more.

For more information, call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 387-2248.

Crockett County Relay For Life to honor cancer survivors

BY KELLYE HOWARD
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



The Crockett County Relay For Life will host its annual dinner to honor cancer survivors on Thursday, March 29.

The inspirational Survivor Dinner will take place at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

"The Survivor Dinner is a great chance for cancer survivors and caregivers to gather and share their stories," said Shelly Childress, event chair.

This unique event is an open invitation to all cancer survivors and caregivers from Crockett County.

In 1985, Relay For Life began with one man who

walked and ran around a track for 24 hours raising \$27,000.

This year, Relay For Life will take place in more than 4,900 communities.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope for those that have lost loved ones to cancer. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge victims of the deadly disease.

One of the ultimate

goals of the cancer society is to eliminate cancer as a health problem by saving lives and preventing cancer through research, education and awareness.

ACS Relay For Life provides the community with an opportunity to commemorate the lives of those who have lost the fight to cancer, but they also ensure that the dinner does not have a melancholic atmosphere rather a celebratory one for survivors of cancer.

"We are expecting a great turnout this year," Childress said. "Each cancer survivor is able to invite one of their caregivers to attend as their guest."

For more information, call Childress at (325) 277-5381.



SNUFFY'S BAD DAY

Last week we were trying to get some calves in the pen so we could ship them to greener pastures. They are used to being called up so we went to the pens and opened the gate and started calling and they all came except one. We got the others in the pen but one would not cooperate at all. She just threw her tail in the air and ran around no matter what we did. We even tried to encourage her into the pen with the 4 wheeler but that just made matters worse. We named her Snuffy. That calf reminded me of something in the Bible. Many times we want to and do obey God but there times we just do not want to. This is called disobedience or sin. All the other calves are on green pastures with lots of feed but Snuffy is in a pasture with little feed and all alone because of disobedience. Disobedience to God has a cost and it separates us from Him. No one can say that they have never disobeyed God, (Romans 3:23). It we do not do something about it like changing our attitudes and going to God and asking for forgiveness it can totally destroy us, (Psalm 38:3&4, Romans 6:23). We can humbly approach God and ask Him to forgive us, (Psalm 32:5, 41:4, 1 John 1:8&9).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</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 Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>	
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>	
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>		
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>		
			<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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Ryan Sanchez

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contracts are: Karen Huffman, school nurse; Tonya Poindexter, curriculum and assessment director and Tiffany Esparza, technology integrator. Professional personnel approved for a one year probationary contract are: Eyrin Book, diagnostician, half-time.

At OHS, teachers approved for one year term contracts are: Ronny Clayton, Terry Crawford, Thomas DeHoyos, Dottie DeLeon, Susie duBois, Cathy English, Emma Franco, Vance Gohlke, Butch Gonzalez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Matt Gutierrez, Wendy Justiss, Ariel Kellogg, David Kennedy, Kimberly Maldonado, Juan Marshall, Stephen Martin, Veronica Newlin, Carol Stevens, Ray Talamantes and Linda Thompson.

OHS teachers approved for one year probationary contracts: Ethan Lunn, James Ryan McMahon, Jacob Tye Moseley, Guadalupe Ramon, Erik Thormaehlen and Zachary Youngblood.

At OMS, teachers approved for one year term contracts are: Autumn Brown, Tammy Carty, Leanna Childress, Dana Criswell, Mary Anne Deaton, John Esparza, Katrece Hale, Nikki Harrison, Rita Kennedy, Jill Koerth, Betsy Nanny, Ernest to Rivera and Ubaldo Elguea. OMS teachers approved for one year probationary contracts are: Elizabeth Bouquin and Taylor Golding.

At OES, teachers approved for one year term contracts are: Tiffany Arellano, Elizabeth Clark, Connie Crenwelge, Vicki Davis, Catherine Gensorek, Michael Gully, Kari Hale, Ann Harmsen, Kimberly Harris, Karrah Iglehart, John Jackson, Rebecca Kain, Nancy Light, Peggy Logan, Jessica Luckie, Stacy Mecke, Melinda Moran, Vicky Munoz, Cindy Owens, Laura Parker, Jan Patterson, Christina Rodriguez, Catherine Ross, Justina Saunders, Allison Vasquez, Susan Williams and Shauna Yeager.

OES teachers approved for one year probationary contracts are: Whitney Brockman, Debra Kinnison, Valerie Moos, Leandra Perez, Erica Venegas and Vicki White.

The board also unanimously approved the resignations of teachers and coaches Chrissie Cooper, Cristy Isenhower, Todd Iglehart and Catherine Gensorek.

The board also unanimously approved a motion to authorize Superintendent Chris duBois to administrate a contract for teacher/head girls basketball coach with an appropriately qualified candidate.

Unanimous approval was also given by the board on a series of motions that included not renewing Houston Hendryx's contract and doing away with Hendryx's position as assistant to the superintendent for reporting and special projects. duBois said Hendryx was aware of his position cut.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At the beginning of the meeting, local citizen Dan Pullen addressed the board about the district's budget and spending.

Pullen presented the board with a copy of research he had conducted comparing the number of school employees to students. In his findings, Pullen said he found CCCSD to have a ratio of one employee for every five students. "It is my opinion that is still too high and more reductions in force should occur," Pullen stated.

Also, the district is looking at \$450,000 less in funding for next year's budget. Since 65 percent of the school's \$10 million operating budget is salaries, it is obvious to Pullen that salaries are going to have to be cut or people let go. Pullen also compared Ozona's student-teacher ratio with Eldorado, Sonora, Mason and Reagan County and found that CCCSD is in line with these other districts.

"This means that cuts need to come from the other 77 non-certified employees. It seems unreasonable for a school to have many non-teaching people as teachers. I am fully aware of how spread out our district is and that with three campuses, long bus routes and lots of maintenance it is not an inexpensive district to run and maintain; you are going to have to cut somewhere," he said. "You, the school board, need to give the administration direction. Cut salaries a certain percent, a certain dollar amount or reduce employee numbers. That is your deci-

sion. Then butt out. Let them do their job. If your sister-in-law, grandmother's cousin or whoever gets laid off, that is the administration's decision to make, not yours."

Pullen also addressed the possible renovations and additions being discussed for Ozona High School.

"It doesn't make sense to me to build a new \$44 million spread out campus when you need to reduce operating costs. Build a new high school along the lines of the new, very nice elementary school that was built for \$13 million," he said. "I really don't understand the thinking of this big, massive building project."

OHS PROJECT

Larry Harvey, architect with Chapman Harvey Architects in Lubbock, presented the board with a final design review of the Ozona High School project.

In this final review, Avenue D remains open to traffic and Rugged Road does not go all the way to State Highway 163. This was done at the board's request from the February regular meeting.

Instead of closing the street, the plans include some curbing and landscaping along Avenue D to slow or limit traffic, as well as creating a new parking area off of Rugged Road by the existing technology building.

Total cost for all five phases of the project in this final review is \$36 million, which is down from the \$44 million presented in February.

The plans still include combining the Main and Heritage Buildings by adding new classrooms, band hall and administration offices, renovating both existing buildings, tearing down old buildings across Avenue D and adding more parking and building a new gymnasium to join with the existing Davidson Gymnasium.

Board member Tom Anderson said that the board needs to really look at the amount of this project, and consider the taxpayers that will be paying for the new school if a bond passes. The top 20 taxpayers in Crockett County are mainly oil and gas related companies.

"At a certain point, they (oil and gas companies) will look at their business and their expenses and see if they still want to invest in our county. We need to look at this, not just at what we would like but what affects other people and other businesses in our county," Anderson said.

duBois said the board has plenty of time to tweak a bond proposal to voters, and perhaps split the project up into several proposals.

"We could sit and talk and guess forever. We are making educated guesses on costs until you turn it into hard bids," Harvey said. "When you are ready to talk about it again, this plan is where we would start discussions."

FIELD HOUSE PROJECT

The board unanimously voted to decline all previous proposals received for the Lion Stadium Field House project,

and authorized Harvey to work with administration officials to issue a new request for proposals based on modified plans presented to the board.

Harvey said the district received four bid proposals for the project, with the lowest being \$1.5 million from W.R. Construction in Lubbock.

However, after conducting some research, W.R. Construction left out the cost for rubber floor mats and new washer and dryers.

Waldrop Construction of Brownwood, the company that built the new Ozona Elementary School, submitted a bid of \$2 million.

The school district has \$750,000 left in their Qualified School Construction Bond funds from the federal government. However, QSCB funds are for renovations not new square-footage.

duBois said some funding for the project will have to come from the district's budget.

"You are going to have to pony up some local resources toward that new square-footage. There's no way to accomplish what we want without new square-footage," duBois said.

The project will combine the girls and boys field houses with an addition on the north part of the existing structure.

Harvey said after opening the bids, he also visited with Ozona coaches and discussed scaling back some of the square-footage on the girls' side, while still keeping all of the functions and equipment needed.

Harvey presented new plans to the board that showed the project with about 2,700 square-feet less than the original. He said he thinks bids may come in closer to \$1.1 or \$1.2 million.

"It's reduced without giving up any of the functions," Harvey said.

duBois said that there is no urgency on the project and that the board could build a 2012-2013 budget with the money for the project.

Harvey also said that if the district rebids now then they may get better prices. Plus, Harvey said he would conduct the rebid process at no cost to the district.

Also, the board does not have to accept the new bids.

"I think you would have much more competitive numbers now. You can get a new number without any commitment," Harvey said.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Board members voted for Education Service Center Region 15 Board of Directors.

- A traffic study by the Texas Department of Transportation was presented. The study stated that at the intersection of State Highway 163 and 6th Street, TxDOT does not recommend placing a new traffic light signal but that they will place large pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk. The study was conducted at the board's request due to the amount of traffic on the highway.

- Sarah Gonzalez presented a report on the district's Read Right program.

The next regular school board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. April 18 at the Administration Building.

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Opposition to the so-called 15 percent rule grew after House lawmakers held a hearing on the difficulties school districts were encountering with the new system and TEA Commissioner Robert Scott said that he had concerns about the role of testing in the classroom. In a high-profile reversal, state Sen. Florence Shapiro, the chairwoman of the Senate's Public Education Committee who had previously opposed any deviation from the original exam rollout, said that she would support a one-year deferral of the rule.

Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman with the TEA, said she suspects that all districts will delay the 15 percent rule, which supporters say helps hold students accountable for how they perform on the test.

"We haven't heard anybody say they want to maintain it," she said. "Our guess is that they want their school boards to weigh in, and they may not have had a board meeting since we announced it."

Ratcliffe also suspected that because districts have until May 1 to notify the TEA that they'll be deferring the rule, "maybe they're not feeling a big rush."

Uprou also the 15 percent rule was partly fueled by the fact that students' test scores will not factor into school accountability ratings for one year.

"It did become an issue of fairness for the students," Ratcliffe said. "It wasn't fair to fully hold the ninth graders accountable when we're not counting schools accountable."

Districts have many reasons for deferring the 15 percent rule this year, among them relieving some pressures on the students as they transition into taking the new test and the fact that students and parents in some districts were still confused about how grades would be affected by test scores.

But for the educators and parents who believe high-stakes testing squelches creativity in the classroom and is not the most accurate measure of school performance, a deferral of the rule doesn't alleviate problems that they see with standardized testing in general.

Officials at the Texas Association of School Administrators sent out a non-binding resolution against high-stakes tests, like STAAR, for districts to pass in their school board meetings after Scott made his remarks in February.

The resolution claims that students learn at a superficial level when schools

over-emphasize the importance of standardized tests. It calls for the Legislature to develop a better, more accurate system for evaluating school accountability.

According to TASA, school boards in 78 districts have passed the resolution. CCCSD School Board will look at passing the resolution at their April 18 meeting.

"We anticipate that list to grow," TASA spokes-

woman Jenny LaCoste-Caputo said.

TASA officials also suspect that the majority of districts will ask to defer the 15 percent rule for this year.

"Many district leaders feel it's unfair to this class of freshmen to hold them to that," LaCoste-Caputo said.

- Melissa Perner, The Ozona Stockman, and Anna Whitney, Texas Tribune, contributed to this report.

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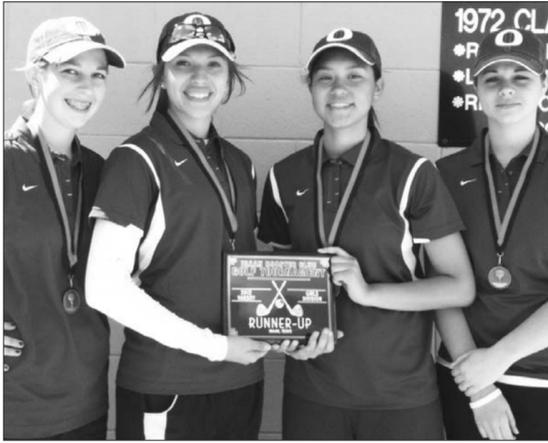
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THE OHS LADY LIONS GOLF TEAM was runner-up at the Iraan Invitational last week. (left to right) Kelbie Renfro was first place medalist, Lazarae Rodriguez was fifth place medalist and Jessica Borrego placed ninth. Lisa Dorrough also competed. The Lady Lions start district play April 2 at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

Lady Lions Golf Team places second in Iraan Invitational

The Lady Lions were runner-up in the Iraan Invitational Golf Tournament last week.

Kelbie Renfro was first place medalist of the tournament, Lazarae Rodriguez was fifth place medalist, and Jessica Borrego was ninth place medalist. Lisa Dorrough was the fourth member of the team.

The Lady Lions will play the first round of district at Bentwood Country Club on

April 2.

The Ozona Lions placed fourth in the Iraan Invitational Golf Tournament.

Michael Hill was low medalist for the Lions and Chris Taylor, A.J. Ramos, Ryan Kennedy, Dalan Wilson, Weston Seahorn, Zack Taylor, Cuatro Jones and Jon Luke Rodriguez also competed.

The Lions will play the first round of district at Bentwood Country Club on April 2.

Lions fall to Broncos

The Ozona Lions lost to Sonora 9-4 on March 20.

Pitching was Jayton Rodriguez, Saul Vargas and Chase De Hoyos with Alejandro Mendez catching.

Vargas was 3 for 3; Jerrod duBois was 1 for 3 with 1 homerun and 1 RBI and Rodriguez pitched five innings and had 8 hits, 8 strikes and 3 errors.

"The boys played a great game for five innings. Unfortunately, there are seven innings in the game. Our pitching kept us in the game for the entire night until our defense shut down for one inning," said Coach Ray Ta-

lamantes. "When you play against a fundamentally sound team like Sonora you have to play pretty much a perfect game offensively and defensively. We did that until the sixth inning when we committed three errors. Sonora took advantage of that producing four runs off those errors. Despite our woes tonight I was pleased with how we competed. We fought the whole game. I really believe that we will put this thing together and make a serious run in our district."

The Lions take on Brady at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Lion Field.

OHS Tennis Team competes at Reagan County

The OHS Tennis Team competed last week in the Reagan County Invitational.

In boys' singles, Daniel Gonzalez def. Nicholas Parker, Stanton, 8-2. Gonzalez then lost to Odell, Paint Rock, 8-1.

In boys' doubles, Robbie Sanchez and Deep Patel lost to Croghan/Mead, of Reagan County, 8-3, and then lost to Belleza/Enriquez, of Garden City, in the consolation round.

In mixed doubles, Nancy Rodriguez and Tristan Alvarez lost to Wilson/Lo-

zano, Coahoma, 8-3. The Ozona duo then lost to Carz/Mendoza, Sonora, 6-2 in the consolation round.

In the varsity division, Jenny Venegas and Glen Tinney won their first match in mixed doubles 8-5, but lost in the next round.

Dalan Wilson and Nathaniel Valdes lost both their matches in boys' doubles.

Saul Vargas lost two matches in boys' singles.

The teams will compete in the Mason Invitational Thursday-Saturday in Mason.

Lady Lions battle back over Sonora

The Ozona Lady Lions came from behind last week to defeat rival Sonora 10-9.

The Lady Lions faced Madison Myers pitching for Sonora. Myers pitched for Jim Ned last year against Ozona in the State Quarterfinals.

"The girls on our team who faced her last year had a 'bitter' taste in their mouth from last year's result, and were excited about seeing Myers again," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

Ozona started hitting the ball in the third inning and never let up until they scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth to bring them up over Sonora.

"We knew motivation wouldn't be a program. In our team motivational session, we focused on the opportunity that has been given to us to be out there and play the game," Gonzalez said. "Our approach was simple, be consistent with our pitching, defense and offense and mentally

trust yourself and trust each other."

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Adrienne Sanchez, with Kodi Glosson catching. Sanchez had 11 strikeouts and scored two runs.

Glosson and Cynthia Garcia also scored two runs each and Kyann Hernandez, Vivian Medina, Keyanna Perez and Lexi Poindexter each scored a run.

Also playing: Samantha De La Garza, Stacie Quiroz, Amy Quiroz, Bethany Martinez, Jennifer Marquez, Brianna Cervantez, Kaylee Ramirez and Meagan Espinosa.

"We are really proud of our girls and their 'I won't quit' attitude, they are a fun group to be around and coach," Gonzalez said. "It was a good win for us and we are looking to finish our first half of district play on a strong and positive note against Brady."

The Lady Lions take on the Lady Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Friday at Lady Lion Field.



KODI GLOSSON SCORED TWO RUNS for the Lady Lions in their 10-9 win over Sonora last week.

Lady Lions fifth at Harper Relays

At Thursday's meet in Harper the OHS Lady Lion Track Team fought hard to finish fifth place out of 15 schools that competed. Daisy Guerra had an unbelievable night, winning both the 3200 and 1600 meter runs.

"She ran smart strategic races in both and won in the last 100-200 meters of both races," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

Guerra finished with a time of 12:46 in the 3200 and 5:46 in the 1600. In both races she was challenged by Harper's Kayla Inman who has been first team all-region in both track and cross country the last two years. Daisy was able to edge her out by one second in the mile and by nearly four seconds in the two mile. Daisy was joined in both of these races by teammate Marissa Held, who gave great efforts as well.

Cynthia Garcia finished fifth place in the long jump with a jump of 14-3.5. Cynthia was joined in this event by teammates Nicole Higgins and Jenny Venegas, who both fell short of placing.

Lexi Poindexter fell short of placing in the triple jump by only 3 inches.

"Many of the girls have not had adequate time to practice field events due to splitting time between so many sports and events, and each of them is very determined to improve their jumps between now and district," Thormaehlen said.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Jenny Venegas finished sixth place with a time of 18.17 seconds.

"Jenny gave a great effort in her first race of the year and looks to improve in order to catch a rival from Sonora in the coming weeks," Thormaehlen said.

Cynthia Garcia finished sixth place in the 200 meter dash, finishing in front of all district rivals.

In the 800 meter relay,

the team of Cynthia Garcia, Lexi Poindexter, Jenny Venegas, and Nicole Higgins finished fifth place after a mishap in the final handoff caused them a few seconds.

"This was frustrating for the girls but they quickly bounced back and put together a tremendous performance in the mile relay, finishing second place overall and beating district rival Sonora by three seconds," Thormaehlen said.

Nydia Valdez competed in the JV girls division and gave great effort in both the 800 and 400 meter runs.

"Overall it was another great night for the Lady Lions. Once again, they battled hard as a team and finished only 28 points behind Sonora, who had more than three times as many girls. The girls continue to do everything that is asked and more as they push towards becoming a competitive team at the District 7-2A meet," Thormaehlen said.

The Lady Lions will have one more chance to practice their events at Crane on Saturday, March 31.



DAISY GUERRA won the 3200 and 1600 meter runs at the Harper track meet last weekend.

OHS Track Team runs at Harper

This past Thursday the Ozona Schools Lions track teams traveled to Harper to participate in the Harper relays.

"There were a total of 12 teams at this meet and our students competed against some quality teams," said Coach Todd Iglehart.

At the varsity level, the relay teams stepped up to account for 8 points of the total 9. The relay teams improved their times by two seconds since the Sonora relays. The 4x200 relay (Alex Borrego, Jerrod duBois, Tyler Galindo, Jayton Rodriguez) ran a 1:40 which included a handoff that added 3 seconds.

"Since our guys participate in numerous spring sports, time is limited and we know that we will be able to correct these glitches," Iglehart said.

The 4x100 relay (Borrego, Rodriguez, Galindo, Tristian Alvarez) posted a 47.83 time to receive fifth. The mile relay (Borrego, Rodriguez, Ely Montanez, duBois) also placed fifth with an improved time of 3:53.06. In the 3200 meter run, Josiah Jurado placed sixth with a time of 11:47.62.

In the JV division, the team took third in the meet with a total of 73 points.

The team was able to contribute 25 points in field events.

Ryan Porras took sixth in the long jump with a jump of 16-4. Ricky Porras was able to leap 34-7.25 to claim second in the triple jump while Bryce Gutierrez took third with a jump of 34-0.

Michael Vargas was able to take the gold in the pole vault with a vault of 9-6.

In the running events, Omero Rodriguez contributed the first points with a second place 11:38 finish in the 3200-meter run.

The points continued with Ryan Porras taking the gold in the 800-meter run with a 2:17 and Bryce Gutierrez took fifth with 2:24.6.

The 4x200 relay (Vargas, Ricky Porras, Daniel Gonzales, Josh Porras) took the fifth place spot with a time of 1:47.74. Daniel Gonzales also

added points with his sixth place finish in the 300-meter hurdles as did Josh Porras with his sixth place finish in the 200-meter run.

With the JV team in fourth place, Omero Rodriguez and Ryan Porras contributed a total of 13 points to put the team in third. Omero took second with a time of 5:29.71 and Ryan placed third with a 5:35.68 time. The mile relay (Ryan Porras, Daniel Gonzalez, Bryce Gutierrez, Josh Porras) maintained the Lions third place spot with a fourth place finish and a 4:06.62 time.

The weightman relay (Tres Perez, Josue Damian, Brandon Dehoyos Mario Sifuentes) blew the competition away with a time of 52.3 seconds. This was 2 seconds faster than the other 7 schools.

"It was pretty impressive to watch our big boys get out there and compete in a running event. They were proud of themselves," Iglehart said. "The coaching staff was impressed with then improvements since the last meet and look forward to continuing this success as the team travels to Crane on Saturday, March 31."



JOSIAH JURADO placed sixth in the 3200 meter runs at the Harper track meet last weekend.

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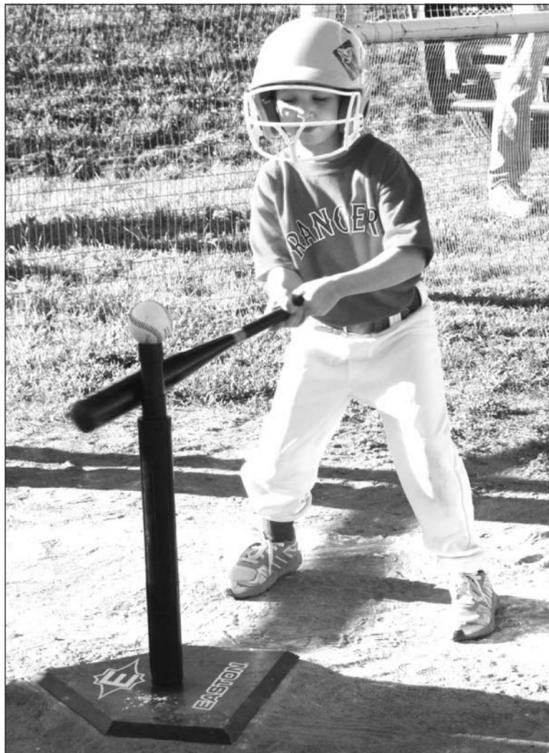
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BRYCE HOKIT SLIDES INTO HOME for the Angels T-Ball team in their opening game last Thursday.



CLAIRE BEAN HAS THE BALL IN HER SIGHTS in the Rangers T-ball game on March 22.



AUSTIN HOKIT AT BAT FOR THE GIANTS YOUTH BASEBALL TEAM in the opening game held last Thursday.

OMS Lions compete at Harper

The Seventh Grade Lions Track Team traveled to Harper on March 23 to compete in the Longhorn Relays.

There were 15 schools that participated in the Friday Track Meet.

The Seventh Grade Lions finished in fifth place overall scoring 54 points. Ozona's Weston Fay threw the Discus 99 feet and 1 inch to earn a second place medal. Weston also threw the shot put, finishing in fourth place. In the long jump, Thomas Fay earned a sixth place finish with a jump of 14 feet and 3 inches.

Adrian Rodriguez ran the 2400-meter run in a time of 9:36 to receive a second place medal. Preston McCutcheon placed fourth in the 2400.

The 400-meter relay (Thomas Fay, Aidan Fierro, Tim Maldonado and Jayden Perez) ran a season best 54:50 to bring home the third place medals.

Aidan Fierro finished in fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22:94. The 800-meter relay (Kabir Shah, Edgar Damian, Thomas Fay, and Aidan Fierro) ran a time of 2:01 to come in sixth place.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Tim Maldonado ran a time of 52:41 to earn a first place finish and a gold medal.

The 1600-meter relay (Kabir Shah, Tim Maldonado, Edgar Damian, and

Jayden Perez) finished in sixth place with a time of 4:44.

The Eighth Grade Lions finished second out of 15 teams.

"Our guys competed really well and represented our community with lots of pride," said Coach John Esparza. "We had a really strong showing in the running events and our mile relay almost broke four-minutes. This was a great way for us to head into district next week. We still have some work to do but we are headed in the right direction."

Eighth Grade results:
Shot put - 5. Michael Graham 35-0.

2400-meter run - 1. Noe Madeina, 6. Alex Hopper

400-meter relay - 4. Jon Gomez, Philip Vargas, Dakota Lee, and Jose Ojeda

800-meter run - 2. Alan Landa

110-meter hurdles - 2. Bryce Martin

800-meter relay - 4. Kalen Perez, Dakota Lee, Jon Gomez, Bryce Martin

400-meter run - 1. Ben Badillo

300-meter hurdles - 2. Bryce Martin, 6. Jose Ojeda

1600-meter run - 1. Noe Medina, 4. Kalen Perez, 5. Alan Landa

1600-meter relay - 1. Ben Badillo, Alan Landa, Kalen Perez, and Noe Medina

The OMS Lions will compete in the District meet Monday in Sonora.

OMS Lady Lions win at Harper

The OMS Lady Lions competed in the Harper Relays last week.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions won the meet out of 14 teams.

Discus - 2. Rachel Mendoza, 71-7.

Long Jump - 5. Kamryn Lozano, 12-6.

Triple Jump - 4. Kamryn Lozano, 24-10.5.

High Jump - 1. Madison Galindo, 4-6 and 2. Madye Hubbard, 4-4.

Pole Vault - 1. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 5-6.

2400-meter run - 1. Gabby Treto, 10:13 and 4. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 10:37.

400-meter relay - 3. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Asia Lara, Azaylea Tovar, 59.67.

100-meter hurdles - 5. Madison Galindo, 19.8.

800-meter relay - 1. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Asia Lara and Madison Galindo, 2:04.9.

200-meter dash - 6. Dacie Taylor, 30.56.

1600-meter run - 1. Gabby Treto, 6:29.33 and 3. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 6:41.17.

1600-meter relay - 1. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Madison Galindo, Gabby Treto, 4:59.

The Eighth Grade Lady

Lions placed second overall out of 14 teams.

Discus - 4. Maria Mejia, 68-1.

Long Jump - 4. Madison Childress, 13-2.

Triple Jump - 2. Madison Childress, 29-8, 4. Stef. Torralba, 29-4 and 6. Alyssa Newlin, 28-9.

High Jump - 2. McKenna Moses, 4-10.

Pole Vault - 2. McKenna Moses, 8-0.

400-meter relay - 4. Bri. Sanchez, April Ramoz, Taylor Luna, Alyssa Newlin, 56.88.

800-meter run - 4. Alyssa Newlin, 2:53.79.

100-meter run - 1. Bri. Sanchez, 13.78.

800-meter relay - 1. Bri. Sanchez, Stef. Torralba, Nereyda Vega, Madison Childress, 1:58.46.

400-meter run - 1. Nereyda Vega, 1:08.18.

300-meter hurdles - 5. Taylor Luna, 58.44.

200-meter dash - 4. Alyssa Newlin, 29.89.

1600-meter run - 5. Madison Childress, 6:28.75 and 6. McKenna Moses, 6:42.69.

1600-meter relay - 3. Nereyda Vega, Stef. Torralba, McKenna Moses and Madison Childress, 4:45.39.



ELIZABETH CLARK at the Ozona Elementary School annual STARR pep rally held last Friday to encourage the students to do well on their STARR tests being held this week.

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In 2003, Texas Ranger Brooks Long reopened the case and completed the investigation.

Long's thorough investigation determined that Rhoades committed Zyskowski's murder, the release stated.

Additionally, Long searched for, and found, an unsolved murder of an unidentified female in Utah, which proved to be Walsch. Walsch's body had been discovered in 1990 near Interstate-15, in Millard County, Utah.

Long's assistance enabled the Millard County, Utah law enforcement to agencies to solve their cold case.

Rhoades was extradited to Utah and 2005, but returned to Illinois after the Utah case was dismissed in favor of consolidated prosecution for both capital murders in the Crockett County case, the release stated.

"Ranger Long's tireless efforts and diligent investigation resolved two unsolved capital murders and allowed these two families to take the remains of their loved ones home for burial. Ranger Long left no stone unturned during his investigation. He tenaciously followed every lead from state and federal law enforcement agencies in multiple states in his quest for answers and evidence," English said.

Rhoades was extradited to Texas on the Crockett County indictment on October 19, 2009. While court hearings were held, Rhoades was housed at the Reagan County Jail.

Reagan County and Sutton County Sheriff's Deputies and Officials, along with Long and Texas Ranger Kenny Wadsworth were all present at Rhoades' hearing Monday.

Family members for both victims were present for the guilty pleas and provided passionate victim impact statements to Judge Jones after the guilty plea.

According to an article from the Desert News in

Utah, Rhoades is believed to have equipped the cab of his truck as a type of dungeon with handcuffs.

An article in a 1996 edition of the Tucson Weekly stated that officials believed by early 1990, Rhoades was kidnapping and killing an average of three women a month.

A month after Walsh's death, Rhoades picked up 14-year-old Regina Walters and Ricky Lee Jones, two runaways from Texas. He killed Walters in Illinois and was later convicted of that crime, the article stated.

Rhoades was caught on April 1, 1990, where police came across Rhoades' semi-trailer truck while he was in the process of torturing another woman, the article stated.

"Under the laws in effect in 1990, 'life without parole' was not available as an option for a jury or for a guilty plea. A person sentenced to 'life' was eligible for parole after only 15 years," English said.

Rhoades had originally been scheduled to go to trial on April 1. Crockett County had budgeted \$150,000 for the possibility of this capital murder trial, which could have lasted four to six weeks.

On Feb. 20, 2012, the defense attorneys and English reached an agreement to plea the case.

"I agreed to waive the death penalty in exchange for Rhoades' waivers of parole, credit for time served, and waiver of his right to appeal. Through this plea agreement we effectively pled this defendant to life without parole. The victims' families distance from Ozona and the court's trial schedule delayed the guilty plea for a few weeks. These sentences provide closure and finality for the victims' families and Crockett County," English said.

Rhoades was represented by H.W. "Woody" Leverett, Jr., of Midland and Jason Leach, of Odessa.

Rhoades' crimes are the subject of the book "Roadside Pray" by Alva Busch.

SCHOOL: from page 1

The maximum tax rate school districts can currently adopt is 1.04.

duBois said the CCCSD School Board will be discussing whether or not to bring a 1.06 tax rate before the voters in November. By raising the rate two pennies, duBois said the district would raise around \$397,000 additional funds. These funds would not be subject to state recapture.

The issue was also brought up at the March 21 regular school board meeting.

CCCCSD is facing a budget shortfall of \$455,000 next year due to last year's state legislature funding cuts and federal funding cuts.

"We wouldn't want to budget that for items to operate on. That would be extra money," he said.

When a school district is in need of extra funds for the budget, then it turns to the fund balance a savings account or "cushion" for the district.

CCCCSD keeps currently has around \$3.7 million in fund balance. School districts should plan to reserve at least 50 percent but not more than 150 percent of calculated values in reserves.

The fund balance is in case state funding doesn't come through.

There is no provision in law that the state can take a district's fund balance, but the state can penalize a district, especially a property-rich district, for having too high a fund balance, duBois said.

"In our world where we

generate enough local revenue to pay for our own operations, we are fighting to hang on to more of our own money," he said.

duBois said the 2013 State Legislative session is expected to start right away with discussions on school finance.

State funding is currently based on student attendance, with some students counted more than once due to special needs and programs.

In 2011, the state legislature decreased education funding by \$5.4 billion. This system is currently facing challenges from five separate lawsuits, none of which CCCSD has joined.

"I'm feeling pretty good about a \$455,000 loss. I know districts our size losing \$4-6 million," duBois said.

duBois said he will work to keep programs, such as music and a full day pre-k program in CCCSD.

"There is very little room for enrichment and I don't like it," he said.

At the March 21 school board meeting, duBois presented the district's upcoming budget calendar. Meetings and workshops start this week with the final budget and tax rate being approved in August by the school board.

At the next public meeting on April 9, duBois said the building of a budget would be addressed. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the OES Cafeterium.

"This is a never ending story and a never ending burden," he said. "It is extremely complex when it should be simple."

STATE: from page 2

have a lifetime limit on their health insurance.

- More than 300,000 Texans under age 26 are allowed to stay on their parents' policy.

- 3.8 million Texans with private insurance can get preventative care with no co-pay or deductible.

TEXANS ASKED TO VISIT PARKS

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Carter Smith, executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, launched an appeal on March 22, asking more Texans to visit the parks and

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL OK'D

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission on March 23 voted unanimously to approve rules allowing low-level radioactive waste from 38 states to be shipped to Texas and stored at an underground site in Andrews County.

Final approval must be granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for shipments to begin.

Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

Weekly meetings of Al-Anon are Thursdays.

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From Ozona Fire Chief Bob R Falkner - The Crockett County burn band was lifted Jan.9. Special note, please notify Ozona Volunteer Fire Department at (325) 392-2626 if you are going to burn brush. We get tons of calls and it takes time to confirm that it is a control burn.

MARCH 10
-9:40 a.m. - Medical assist State Hwy 163 and US Hwy 190. Two units, two firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 29 minutes.

MARCH 12
-1:20 a.m. - Possible pole fire 900 block 1st Street. A unit with five firefighters. Time in service 49 minutes.

MARCH 14
-9:47 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident one miles on north County Road 208, one truck overturned. Four units, five firefighters. Time in service 7 hours 38 minutes.

-1:20 p.m. - Assist EMS with landing zone at FM 1964 and State Hwy 163. A unit with two firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 17 minutes.

-6:15 p.m. - Grass fire investigation/improper control burn. Three units, five firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 31 minutes.

MARCH 18
-10:21 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident 11th and Ave C. A unit with four firefighters. Time in service 35 minutes.

MARCH 20
-5 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 mile-marker 376. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 10 minutes.

MARCH 22
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This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on April 9, 2012. You have until October 6, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1343 Monthly Bonus** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.94. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on April 30, 2012. You have until October 27, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1360 Triple Tripler** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.85. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on May 30, 2012. You have until November 26, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1293 Double Blackjack** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.85, **#1370 Silver Bells** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.86, **#1378 Instant Cash Five**® (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 2.63. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. **PLAY RESPONSIBLY.** The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.

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