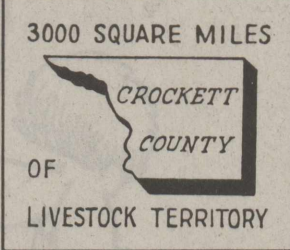


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Lions Sweep Ozona Relays

The Ozona boys track team won their third team championship for the year by capturing the championship of the 40th Ozona Relays held Saturday, March 20, in Lion Stadium. Ozona totaled up 148 points to defeat eight other surrounding area teams. The final standings are as follows: Ozona-148, Greenwood-95, Iraan-85, Sonora-78, Reagan County-64, Ballinger-47, Wall-47 and McCamey-46. Ozona was led by the efforts of both seniors and underclassmen who provided the depth leading to a decisive victory.

"The Ozona track team will use these last three weeks, which are very important, to prepare for the district track meet on April 16th. The team is getting better in most of the events and we will prepare to do our best effort at the district meet which will be held here in Ozona," said Coach Pete Maldonado.

"I was really pleased with the efforts of both of our relays and our hurdlers, especially in the intermediates," said Coach Maldonado. "Aaron Carroll and Anthony Sanchez both ran 40.3's to put them as one of the top times in the region and the San Angelo Relays," stated Maldonado.

The individual results of the 40th Ozona Relays are as follows: **Shot**

Put-Mario Petralba of Iraan-1st-45' 6 1/2", **Justin Moran** of Ozona-6th-35' 10" and **Juan De Luna** of Ozona-7th-35' 0"; **Discus-Casey Yocham** of Reagan County-1st-147' 9", **Adam Carroll** of Ozona-4th-120' 8", **Justin Moran** of Ozona-6th-105' 8" and **Clay Westmoreland** of Ozona-7th-92'; **Pole Vault-Kurt Hanna** of Iraan-1st (new

record)- 15' 6" and **Travis Davidson** of Ozona-2nd-10'; **High Jump- Dunn** of Greenwood-1st-5' 10"; **Long Jump-Shane Keller** of Sonora-1st-20' 1 3/4" and **Owen Powell** of Ozona- 3rd- 19' 5"; **Triple Jump-Jesse Garza** of Ozona-1st-40' 6", **Joel Fuller** of Ozona-7th-

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One-Act Troupe To Present "Noises Off"

In preparation for its district competition, Ozona High School's one-act play cast and crew will present this year's play, "Noises Off", in dress rehearsal on Monday evening, March 29, at seven o'clock in the high school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

This year's production is Act I of a comedy written by Michael Frayn and published by Samuel French, Inc. The play is a farce about farce. Set in an English theatre, the play opens with a touring company dress-rehearsing 'Nothing On', a conventional farce. Frayn heaps into this play-within-a-play a hilarious melee of stock characters and situations.

Cast for the play includes the following: **Hollie Williams** as Dottie

Otley and **Mrs. Clackett**; **Doug Meador** as the play director, **Lloyd Dallas**; **Robert Gentry** as Garry LeJune and **Roger Tramplemaine**; **JoLynn Vannoy** as Brooke Ashton and **Vicki Heather Hall** as Poppy Norton-Taylor, the stage manager; **Clay Westmoreland** as Frederick Fellowes and **Phillip Brent**; **Myra Wilson** as Belinda Blair and **Flavia Brent**; **Leroy Martinez** as Timm Allgood, the crew member; and **Justin Southern** as Selsdon Mowbray and the burglar. Crew members are **Shelby Stuart**, **Terry House** and **Jason Yeager**.

The 6A District One-Act Play contest will be held in McCamey on April 1. Seven district plays will be performing, beginning at 10 a.m. Ozona is scheduled to perform at 3 p.m.



Up and over

AARON CARROLL clears a hurdle in good style as he wins the 300 intermediate hurdle event with a time of 40.43. The Lions swept their own relays with 148 total points. *Stockman photo by Scotty Moore*

Area Ranch Selected Texas' Top Sheep Producer

Richardson-Jernigan Ranch of Iraan was selected as the top sheep producer in Texas recently by the Ft.

Worth Star Telegram. **Rod and Marie Richardson** and **Mike and Mary Jo Jernigan** were presented the award by

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Perry during the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Farmers and ranchers from 26 different areas of agriculture were chosen the best in their respective fields from over 1100 nominees.

Richardson and Jernigan were cited by the Telegram as pioneers in Artificial Insemination of Sheep in the U.S. In 1987 they traveled to Australia where Jernigan learned the technique. A. I. is common practice in other types of livestock, but was not used in sheep because very little research had been done in the U.S. for sheep.

"For years we would get a good ram and not get very many lambs out of him. When you found out he was a good sire, the rascal was already dead," Richardson said.

"Using A. I. gives us the capability of producing hundreds of lambs from one sire or small group of sires that have been selected for their wool, meat, and reproductive traits," Jernigan said.

In 1992 rams produced by A. I. on the ranch topped the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Ram Test in Sonora, with the number one ram and three others in the top six of the spring born group. In all, 10 rams out of 14 were in the Certified group, which is the type 30%.

Using A. I. and selective breeding will continue to place Richardson and Jernigan among the top sheep producers in the state and nation.



ROD AND MARIE RICHARDSON AND MIKE AND MARY JO JERNIGAN of the Richardson-Jernigan Ranch were awarded Texas' Top Sheep Producer for 1992. The award was presented by Commissioner Rick Perry during the Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Health Fair, Blood Drive Set For April 22

The annual Crockett County Health Fair is slated for Thursday, April 22, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center (located across from the hospital). The Health Fair is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Department of Health, the Crockett County Extension Home Economics Committee, and the Crockett County Hospital.

Over 20 organizations have indicated they will be at this year's event, including Crockett County, Shannon, Angelo Community and Concho Val-

ley Regional Hospitals. Some of the services and information to be offered include:

- *Free adult immunizations
- *Glaucoma screening
- *Cholesterol, anemia, diabetes and blood pressure screening
- *Hearing tests
- *AIDS information
- *Senior citizens and mental health information
- *Blood drive by United Blood Services
- *Water conservation

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Ozona School Board Approves Contracts

Members of the Ozona School Board, meeting in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, approved 1993-94 contracts for seventy-six professional employees in the local school system.

Personnel in Ozona Primary School receiving contract extensions include: **Kristy Smith**, **Rosella Bilano**, **Vicki Gonzales**, **Tommie Pena-Alfaro**, **Dena Porter**, **Kathy Reavis**, **Rita Hensley**, **Connie Fowler**, **Darolynn Webster**, **Vicky Davis**, **Jeannine Henderson**, **Ellen Lipsky**, **Virginia Cotton**, **Glenda Winkley**, **Bobbie Renfro**, **Rosalind Williams**, **Kathy Grendahl**, and **Rose Whitehurst**. Renewals were approved for the

following teachers in Ozona Intermediate School: **Susie Childress**, **Beverly Evans**, **Terri Faught**, **Janis Graham**, **Judy Greene**, **Rebecca Hearn**, **Sara Hignight**, **Darla Jones**, **Leticia Macias**, **Alicia Munoz**, **David Porter**, **Manuella Rodriguez**, **Nikki Sewell**, **Vicki Stokes**, and **Cora Worthington**.

Teachers receiving new contracts in Ozona Middle School are: **Brad Brevard**, **Keith Cameron**, **Jill Crawford**, **Lynda Falkner**, **Glenn Graham**, **Katrece Hale**, **Fred Jones**, **Tamara Jones**, **Rodney Johnson**, **Tiffany Pullig**, **Tonya Poindexter**, **Renee Schulze**, **Leandro Gonzales**, **Keith**

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Area Ranchmen Oppose Mountain Lion Bill

West Texas ranchmen await action this week on a senate bill designed to change the status of a mountain lion from a nongame animal to a game animal. Eight area men signed and were in Austin March 17 for the presentation of written testimony opposing the listing of the lion as a game animal.

At the International Relations, Trade and Technology Committee hearing where the bill was debated, **Pleas Childress III** said legislation is unnecessary to protect the species because of its expanding population.

The written testimony endorsed by **Childress**, **Fred Chandler**, **Craig Deaton**, **Hugh Childress**, **Dwight Childress** and **Dan Davidson** of Ozona and **Dwain Vinson** of Fort Stockton and trapper **Andy Smith Jr.** of Big Lake referred to heavy losses of sheep and goats due to lion predation, increase of lion activity and range from the Pecos River and rough draw areas to high divide and open range areas, destruction of wildlife and increased frequency of lion attacks on humans.

"It is not our desire to eliminate the mountain lion," the document said, "But we do feel that we need to be able to stop or control lion predation where

economic loss and destruction occurs. Currently, when lions are treated as predators, they are managed by focusing on the problem lion rather than by an across-the-board attack which would be caused if the lion was listed as a game animal and a season was opened. If there was no open season, we would see an even greater population explosion than we have now, and livestock and wildlife depredation would continue to increase."

Conservationists said that if the bill passes, ranchers will be able to get

a depredation permit to shoot a lion they witness attacking livestock. Opponents of the bill believe this is not a realistic measure.

"Over rough country, it's hard to see our livestock," **Pleas Childress** told the committee. "It's virtually impossible to see a mountain lion in action."

Geographic region would determine the number of lions to be hunted under SB 583. Regulation would probably prohibit hunting the lions in East Texas where they are few.

CX Team Places At State

Lisa Herring and **Hollie Williams**, Ozona High School's cross examination debate team, captured third place at the state meet in Austin on March 15 and 16. Forty-six debate teams from 32 AA districts competed at the meet.

Hollie Williams was also named the third best speaker for the 92 debaters following the tabulation of the four preliminary rounds.

En route to their third-place finish, the girls defeated teams from **Elysian Fields**, **Godley**, **Winnie**, **Wall**, **Anthony** and **Morton**. In the semi-final round, Ozona again had to debate district foe **Wall**, whom they had earlier beaten in a preliminary round. The semi-final round was won by **Wall** on a split decision by the judges. **Wall** went on to win the state championship by defeating a team from **Boys' Ranch**.



OHS GIRLS 6-AA ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAM members are: (l. to r.) senior **Myra Wilson**, academic team and 1st team; senior **Hollie Williams**, academic team; senior **Whitney Vannoy**, academic team; sophomore **Gloria Peña-Alfaro**, honorable mention and senior **Myra Sanchez**, 1st team.



MEMBERS OF THE 6-AA ALL-DISTRICT BASKETBALL TEAM are: (l. to r.) sophomore **Julio Martinez**, honorable mention; senior **Joe Mendoza**, 1st team and sophomore **Chris Sanchez**, 1st team.

Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

Talking about others and being a gossip is probably better than talking about yourself and being a bore.

Income-tax forms are nothing more than the Government's quiz program.

Some peoples' finances are in such a mess they must be getting advice from the government.

Everything is much simpler today. Instead of solving problems we just subsidize them.

How easy it would be for governments to reform if there were nothing to grab.

After the government takes enough to balance the budget, the taxpayer has the job of budgeting the balance.

Gratitude to God should be as regular as our heartbeat.

It takes a great man to give sound advice tactfully, but a greater man to accept it graciously.

A great man is one who can have power and not abuse it.

Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.

A grouch thinks the world is against him —and it is.

One of the best ways to get round-shouldered is to carry around a grudge.

Many people look forward to a new year to get a new start on old habits.

Marriage is a case of two people agreeing to change each others habits.

Some people who have the habit of thinking out loud make others appreciate how golden silence really is.

It's not so bad making mistakes so long as you don't make a habit of it.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

The roots of happiness grow deepest in the soil of service.

Pandale Study Club Gets Ready For Spring

Sue Arledge and Susan Mills were hostesses when the Pandale Study Club met on Thursday, March 18, at the Pandale Community Center. "Texas Bloomers—Get Ready for Spring" was the theme for the all-day meeting.

Sue demonstrated the technique for making "yo-yo" fabric flowers which club members and guests used to decorate the tee-shirts the each had brought. The colorful fabrics provided the imagination shown by the group afforded a time of fun, creativity and good fellowship.

Sandwiches, relishes, chips, peach topped pound cake, coffee and tea were served at noon by the hostesses.

The afternoon business meeting was presided over by President Elizabeth Gries who welcomed new members Shelba Faehl, Candace Garrett, and Colleen Wommack, who are new residents of the Pandale community.

Douglas Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Newton of Brownwood, spent spring break with his grandparents, Milton and Joan Nicholas, last week. His mother, Jennifer and younger brother, Bryce, came to pick him up on Friday and returned home Saturday evening.

Jennifer, who recently attended a school in Austin, is now a licensed realtor associated with Donnie Stegmoller Realtors of Brownwood.

In San Antonio last weekend to attend the 13th annual Tejano Music Awards were: Jon and Terry Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Moran, Petra Hernandez, Fred Fierro, Ernie Hernandez, Adam Alba Jr., Andy Borrego, Bronson and Stella Ramirez and daughters Penny and Amanda, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tambunga and Elsa Kressler.

Happy Birthday

March 24 - Vicki Stokes, Lucio Fierro

March 26 - Steve Hubbard, Pife Borrego, Juan Molipa Jr., Glen Tiney Sr., Shorty Spurgers

March 27 - Justin Dakota Rodriguez

March 28 - Tommie Galan, Valerie Perez, David Badillo

March 29 - Scott Moore Jr., Edna Tambunga

March 30 - Alex Onofre, Marcos Gonzales, Fernie Galvan

Reports from various committees were heard and more repairs to the Community Center building were discussed.

Responding to a letter from the Concho Valley Home for Girls, members voted to help with contributions of household and personal items which will be brought to each club meeting.

Acknowledgements regarding the annual Christmas contributions to Boys' Ranch, High Sky Children's Home and the Volunteer Services Council of San Angelo were read. Members were asked by the president to "put on your thinking caps" for fund-raiser suggestions.

Elizabeth Gries and Lou Deaton were re-elected to their respective offices of president and secretary-treasurer for the next two years.

Present during the day were members Sue Arledge, Lou Deaton, Opal Everett, Shelba Faehl, Candace Garrett, Elizabeth Gries and Aaryn, Martha Gries, Myrtle Malone, Josephine Mills, Susan Mills, Louise Rowland, and Colleen Wommack. Guests were Pickle Finch, Vivian Grimm and Jimmie Kate Thomas of Pandale, Lara Sue Baggett and Leana of Lakeway and Ozona, and Leanne Higgins and Haley of Eldorado.



WHITNEY VANNOY is pictured receiving an award for outstanding work in 4-H from a representative of the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Whitney Vannoy Honored In San Antonio For Outstanding 4-H Work

Whitney Vannoy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Vannoy of Ozona, was among forty outstanding young people honored February 12, by the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. and the San Antonio Kiwanis Club for their outstanding work in 4-H, FFA and F.H.A.

Whether teaching others or organizing food drives to collect food for local charities, Whitney Vannoy of Crockett County is dedicated to making the better in 4-H. Her versatility and talents have enabled her to win the state fashion show, compete in two state food shows and two state roundups, and successfully compete in the show ring with her sheep and

Angora goats. After graduation from Ozona High school, Whitney plans to attend Texas A&M University.

It's A Girl!

Julie and Arnold Vargas are the proud parents of a baby girl. Kelsey Jae Vargas was born Tuesday, March 9, 1993, at St. David's Hospital in Austin.

Kelsey weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reagor and Mr. and Mrs. Everado Vargas, all of Ozona.

Bluebonnet trail begins March 27

Springtime means bluebonnets, especially in the Hill Country. This should be the greatest color extravaganza in many years. Visitors can view the bluebonnets and other varieties of wildflowers such as Indian Paint Brush, Mexican Hat and Indian Blanket. Scenic drives around the Highland lakes and rivers are a photographer's dream.

The 32nd Annual Highland Lakes Bluebonnet Trail dates are March 27-28 and April 3-4. A bluebonnet hotline will be available March 15 through April 31 from 9 to 5 daily. The number

is 512-793-2803.

Maps highlighting the best flower locations may be obtained in the visitor center at Buchanan Dam on Hwy. 29. Communities in the area will have wildflower exhibits, arts and crafts shows, music festivals, dancing, beauty pageants, cookoffs and other activities.

Brochures with maps detailing the activities and points of interest may be obtained at chamber of commerce offices at Lake Buchanan, Burnet, Kingsland, Llano and Marble Falls.

The Odor Of Spring

by Linda M. Casey

With spring and summer just around the corner, the problems with skunks will be increasing. It has already become a problem at our house. Last week Wendel and I were visited by an overly nervous guest.

Our three small house dogs went out in back to investigate the strange creature on the other side of the fence. That turned out to be a rather smelly mistake. The skunk sprayed all three of them. WHEW!

We are, however, pretty much

back to normal now. That is only because of an old trick Wendel's mom told us of however. If you try this be sure to follow the directions exactly or it won't work. Especially number 1.

1. DO NOT WASH THE DOG. If it is a long-haired dog, cut its hair if possible.

2. Cover the dog from head to tail with tomato sauce.

3. Let this dry on the dog for 3-4 hours.

4. Now shampoo the dog in your regular dog shampoo.

5. If there is still an odor, repeat the procedure again in 24 hours.

Don't laugh, it works. My little angels (or devils), depending on whether Wendel or I are quoted, are still allowed on my furniture.

I hope no one in Ozona needs this tip this spring, but should you have a visit, it might come in handy.

Byron Dunn, a student at ASU, was here last week to spend spring break with his family, Carolyn and Joe Robert Valadez.

Here for a spring break visit with Jerry and Beth Scoggins are their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Matt Reese, of Tyler. Amy Beth is a fifth grade teacher at Gary Elementary in Tyler.

Marg St. Clair's grandson, Donald Pearson, is now in Praha, Czechoslovakia, where he will teach English and science. Donald is a June graduate of Nazarene College in San Diego, CA.

Abel Rodriguez celebrated two birthdays recently according to the Stockman calendar. His special day is actually March 22, not March 19. Hope your day was fine, Abel.

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Country Club Bridge News

High score for Country Club Bridge March 18 went to Jean North. Second high was Peggy Hagle. Mary Lou Lilly was bingo.

Others playing were Emma Adams, Marolyn Bean, Louise Bunger, Eileen Childress, Rachel Childress, Alice Couch, Dorothy Friend, Mary Jo Mason, Betty Perry, Ellen Sewell, Ruth White, Jonesy Williams, Liz Williams, and Winnie Williams.

Sophie Kyle was hostess for the group.

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Heather Hall dominated the distance events winning the 3,200 meter run and the 1600 meter run.



Dana Bishop raced to a fourth place finish in the 400 meters. She ran a leg of the Lady Lions 400 meter relay team that placed first and on the 3200 meter relay that came in third.



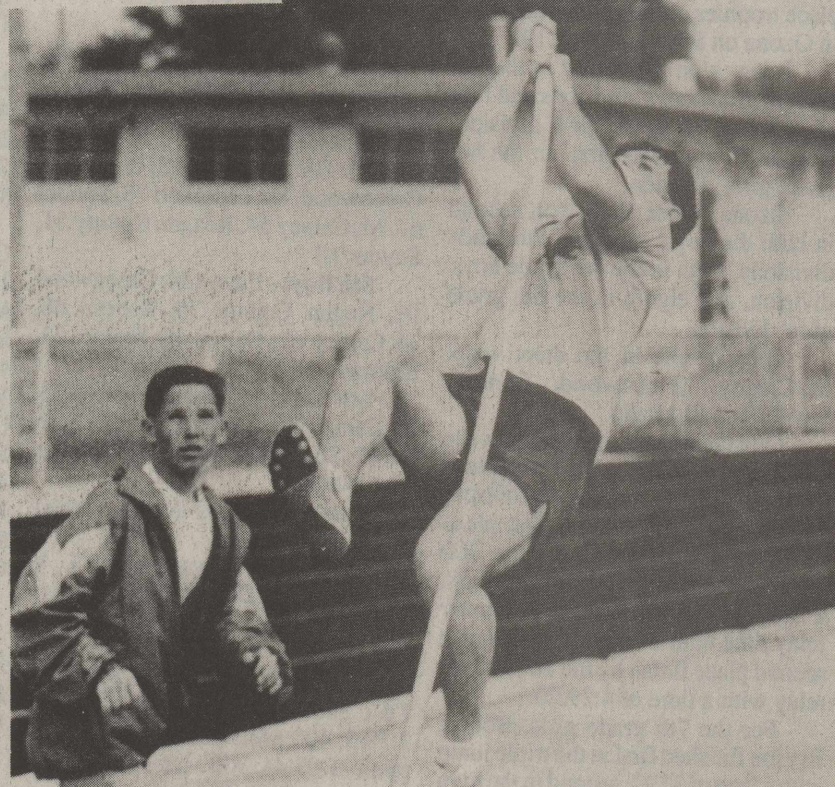
Track Beau and Sweetheart - Owen Powell and Hollie Williams



John Ramirez strides it out to help the Lions place second in the 3200 meter relay.



J.J. Lozano placed 2nd in the 200 meters and 4th in the 100 meters.



Travis Davidson placed second in the pole vault



Anthony Sanchez sprints in the 400 meter relay.



Anthony Sanchez shows the determination it takes to place second in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in 40.49 seconds.

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OHS Tennis Teams Win Sonora Meet

By Don Stark

The Ozona High School tennis teams won first place in the Sonora tennis tournament held in Sonora March 12 and 20.

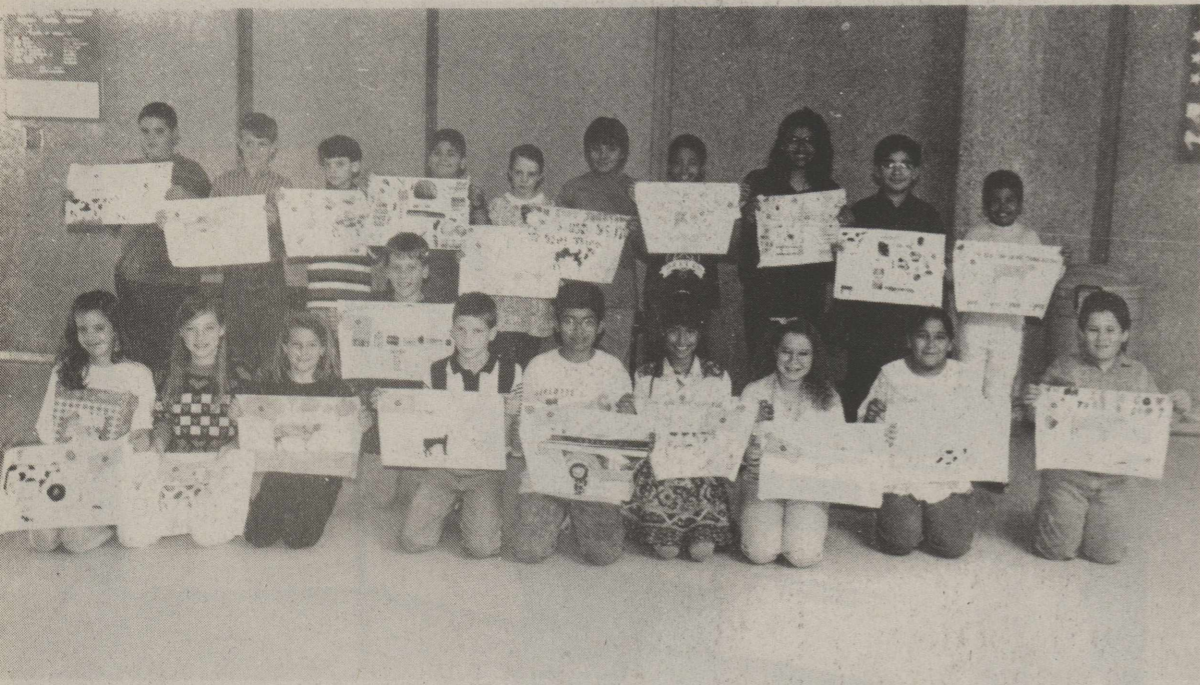
First place winners in boys' doubles were Ryan Morris and Billy Tramel. C'Jay McKinney and Julie Childress won first place in girls' doubles. Second place winners in girls' doubles were Jennifer Evans and Stefny Sutton. Placing third in boys' doubles were Mickey White and John Vasquez. Jami Dalby won consolation in girls' singles.

Others playing in the tournament were: Carmen Gutierrez, Cassie Martinez, Marty Martinez, Darion Porras, Slate Williams and Chris Cornett.

Coach Renee Schulze's teams will play in Monahans this weekend.



EXHIBITING THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHYS are the members of the Ozona High School tennis team. Both the girl's team and the boy's team won first place in the Sonora tennis tournament held in Sonora.



THESE STUDENTS OF MRS. KAY BAKER WON PRIZES for their winning posters. The contest helped promote awareness of how livestock impact our lives everyday.

Ozona Stockman photo by Scotty Moore

Fifth Grade Students Win Poster Contest

Members of Mrs. Kay Baker's fifth grade science class celebrated the 20th annual National Agriculture Day March 20 with a poster contest. The purpose of the contest was to make the students aware of how animal by-

products impact their lives each day.

Sponsors of the contest were West Texas Chapter of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary, Ozona Wool and Mohair and Wool Growers' Central Storage.

Sponsors donated 10 hamburger baskets and 10 Blizzards as prizes.

Competing were: Kenneth Sessom, Tripp Farris, Tiffany Maldonado, Seth Webster, Michelle Camarillo, Jessica Pagan, Kayla Shurley, Cara Green, Jimmy Talamantez, Ernesto Martinez, John Austin Stokes, Juan Hernandez, Travis Vordick, Jonas Huereca, Ammie Avila, Ronnie Tippi, Mario Barrera, Kayla Turland, Cade Clark and Miguel Rios.



RUSTY BISHOP heaves the shotput at the Ozona Cub Relays last Friday.

Ozona Stockman photo by Scotty Moore

OHS Lions Lose Baseball Opener

by Don Stark

The Ozona Lions' baseball team lost a double-header to the 4A Del Rio Rams by scores of 18-6 and 6-0 in games played in Ozona on Tuesday, March 16.

The Lions, fielding their first baseball team in years, had several highlights in their opening game.

In the first game, J. J. Lozano went 2 for 2 with a single and double and a run batted in. Andres DeLaGarza hit a home run in the first inning to give the Lions an early lead. DeLaGarza also went two for three and drove in two runs. Justin Castro went 2 for 3, including 3 RBI's. Castro also struck out the first 10 batters in the second game.

"I was happy with their performance," commented Coach Rodney Schneider. "I thought they showed a lot of confidence considering this was their first time to play together." "I see nothing but a bright future ahead for our young players such as Chris Sanchez, David Browne and others as they come together as a team."

LION STATISTICS							
GAME 1	AB	H	R	GAME 2	AB	H	R
Browne	2	1	1	Browne	2	0	0
Castro	3	2	1	Castro	2	0	0
Davidson	2	0	0	Davidson	1	0	0
D' L' Garza	3	2	2	D' L' Garza	3	0	0
Esparza	1	0	0	DeLuna	2	0	0
Fay	2	0	1	Fay	1	0	0
Pierro	2	0	0	Garza	3	0	0
Garza	3	1	0	Jamerson	1	0	0
Jamerson	2	1	0	Lozano	2	0	0
Lozano	2	2	2	Miller	1	0	0
Moran	3	1	0	Nelson	1	0	0
Nelson	1	0	0	Sanchez	2	0	0
Sanchez	1	0	0				
Valencia	1	0	0				



Cafeteria Menu

March 29... Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Pudding and Milk
 March 30... Pork Choppette, Creamed Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Hot Rolls and Milk
 March 31... BBQ on Bun, French Fries, Pork N Beans, Cookie and Milk
 April 1... Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, English Peas, Not Rolls and Milk
 April 2... Chick Burger, Salad, Tator Tots, Cobbler and Milk

Fast Food Menu

March 29... Soft Burrito, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cornbread, Pudding and Milk
 March 30... Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots and Milk
 March 31... Cheeseburger, Salad, French Fries, Cookie and Milk
 April 1... Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots and Milk
 April 2... Cheeseburger, Salad, Tator Tots, Cobbler and Milk

Breakfast Menu

March 29... Whole Wheat Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Muffin, Cereal, Orange Juice and Milk
 March 30... Toast w/Jelly, Strawberry Muffin, Cereal, Orange/Apple Juice and Milk
 April 2... Toast w/Jelly, Fruit Muffin, Cereal, Orange Juice and Milk

Wall Girls Win Ozona Relays

By Don Stark

The Wall girls edged Ozona 130-123 to win the girls' division of the 40th Annual Ozona Relays on Saturday, March 20.

Other teams entered were: Greenwood, Ballinger, Iraan, Reagan County, Sonora and McCamey.

Ozona highlights included Heather Hall's first place finish in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:2.57. Hall also won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:56.88. The Ozona 400 meter relay won first with a time of 52:..72. Team members are: Gloria Pena-Alfaro, Petra Rios, Hollie Williams and Dana Bishop.

Dana Bishop won third place in the long jump with a leap of 16' 3/4". Myra Sanchez won third place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:32.24. She also won third place in the 800 meter run with 2:41.7. Tara Wilkins won third place in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18:46. Isabel Esparza won third place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:13.71. Ozona's 1600 meter relay team won third place with a time of 4:32.56. Team members are: Gloria Pena-Alfaro, Myra Sanchez, Hollie Williams and Dana Bishop.

Other placings for Ozona included: Discus - 4 Belia Vasquez - 87'; Shot - 5 Belia Vasquez - 28'6"; 100 Meter - 4 Petra Rios - 13.8; Long Jump - 4 Petra Rios - 15'10 3/4"; 400 Meter - 4 Dana Bishop - 67.0; 800 Meter - 4 Isabella Esparza - no time.

Junior High Tennis Teams Make Strong Showing In Iraan

By Don Stark

Coach Tamara Jones' junior high tennis teams participated in the Iraan Junior High tennis tournament on March 6 and came home with a total of seven medals.

Winners for Ozona were Shelly Sullivan and Bobbie Bryson in girls' singles, Megan Mitchell and Tonya Petty in girls' doubles, and Ricky Hamon and Robby Hamon in boys' doubles.

Winners of second place medals were Glenna Ross in girls' singles, Camelia Williams and Connie Cowen in girls' doubles, and Jamie Ramos and Bryon Beasley in boys' doubles.

Other players for Ozona were: Matt Brewer, Jason Hignight, Charlie Branch, Jason Stuart, Jim Westbrook, David Arredondo, David Martinez, Billy Harris, Christina Marshall and Michelle Marshall.

Other teams in the tournament were Reagan County, Iraan and Midland Christian.

The OJHS tennis teams are scheduled to play next in the Eldorado tournament on Saturday, March 27.



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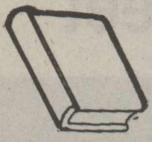
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Crockett County Public Library News

By Louise Ledoux

Funding Information Center

I have just returned from a two-day workshop on funding and proposal writing at the Funding Information Center in San Antonio. The center is one of the independent cooperating collections of the Foundation Center. This is a nation-wide organization established by foundations to provide an authoritative source of information on philanthropic giving. There are 12 centers scattered across Texas. These are comprehensive collections of information on foundations and grants and the centers offer a wide variety of services and resources for nonprofit organizations. Individuals may use the centers but most foundations only fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.

I received a very comprehensive orientation on the center in San Antonio and learned what materials and resources were available for research into foundations and corporations that fund projects like our library building expansion. Research comprises 90% of the funding process and actual writing of the proposal only 10%. I was able to find some very promising foundations that do fund building and have decided to concentrate on Texas

foundations. Before I'm through I hope to know more about each foundation than they do. It is a very important to know who the trustees are, the interests of each trustee and the foundation. It wouldn't do much good to apply to a foundation that only funds scholarships when we need building funds.

I also attended a great proposal writing workshop. We covered everything from an overview of philanthropic giving, who gives and why, to the nuts and bolts of a winning proposal. 88.9% of funding comes from individuals, with only 6.2% coming from foundations and 45.9% coming from corporations. There are literally hundreds of thousands of non-profits competing for these funds, so research is more important than ever to make sure we apply to foundations that will be interested in our project.

I brought back some excellent materials on proposal writing and will be getting the latest books on Texas Foundations for the library collection in the mail soon. The public is welcome to use these materials and I will be glad to share what I learned at the center.

Louise Ledoux, Librarian

Extension Connection

By Tedra Ulmer, County Extension Agent
Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Take Time To Make Your Family Succeed

Research shows some of the major qualities of strong families. Each of the qualities listed below, and others found in successful families, takes time to foster. Take time to encourage these family characteristics to help your family succeed.

* **Appreciation** is feeling good about the family and what family members do for one another. Parents make a concentrated effort to be certain all children feel good about themselves.

* **Spending time together** means families enjoy being together and doing activities together. Togetherness does not just happen—it is planned. Eating meals, recreation, and work are all part of planned togetherness.

* **Good communication patterns** are open and permit spending time together. Good listeners convey the message, "I respect you enough to listen to what you have to say."

* **Commitment** to each other and the family unit strengthens families. Strong families value the happiness and welfare of family members even though demands of everyday living may pull them in different directions.

* **Devotion to a set of values** and spiritual concerns also strengthens families.

* **The ability to deal with crisis** exists in strong families. Even in the darkest of situations, they look at the situation and see some positive element, no matter how tiny it is, and focus on that aspect.

These traits are not a magic prescription for families. Likewise, it would be incorrect to say only successful families have these six characteristics. Most families in our society have many of these traits. A problem-free family does not exist. Because of present-day stresses in our society, it is difficult for even strong families to function effectively all the time.

In today's turbulent world, however, maintaining or increasing family strengths is more important than ever. Family members need to know who they are and what they believe in. Families must show concern, under-

standing, and a willingness to take the time to be there for each other. Consider the characteristics of strong families and try to develop some new skills in each area for your family.

One way in which you can develop these skills is through attending parenting classes. Such classes take only 8 to 10 hours of your time and can be planned to meet your schedule. Have a Sunday school class or group of friends? Why not plan in a parenting class? These classes are also free and will even help you improve communication with adults—including your spouse, in-laws, business associates and others.

For more information on parenting and child development, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Educational programs and information provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are available to all persons regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

McCamey Chamber Of Commerce To Hold Softball Tournament

McCamey Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a men's slowpitch softball tournament April 24 and 25. The entry fee is \$100 per team with a 12 team limit.

Entry deadline is April 19, and the roster deadline is April 24 at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact the McCamey Chamber of Commerce at 652-8202 or Allen Melton at 652-3187. Entry fees may be mailed to McCamey Chamber of Commerce, Box 906, McCamey, TX 79752.

Mrs. Stella Valadez remained a patient in Room 251 at Angelo Community Hospital early this week. She is expected to come home to Ozona by the week's end.

Parent To Parent Facilitator Training Saturday, April 3rd

Training for persons wishing to teach the Parent to Parent drug prevention program to others will be held in San Angelo on Saturday, April 3. The training, which is being provided by the Texans War on Drugs office in San Angelo at the Park 2400 Shopping Center, costs nothing to attend and will begin at 9 a.m.

The training takes approximately eight hours and teaches volunteers how to use the video series and teaching materials in the Parent to Parent series of eight videos. The Parent to Parent series is available in Ozona through the Crockett County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to County Extension Agent-Home Economics Tedra Ulmer, "We are very fortunate to have this free training available; normally it would cost us hundreds of dollars to train just one facilitator." Ulmer noted the program in Ozona was originally paid for through the Drug Abuse Prevention Education grant from ACTION, a federal agency. "We have all the materials available through our office, and we simply need more facilitators who can help reach more parents with this terrific program," Ulmer said.

If interested, call the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. This training is open to anyone, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap. "We may also be able to help with transportation to and from San Angelo for the training," said Ulmer, who urged anyone interested to call immediately; spaces must be reserved for the training.

Social Security Rep. To Visit Wed., April 12

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his April visit to Ozona. He will be at the conference room on the 2nd floor of the courthouse annex on Wednesday, April 21st, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

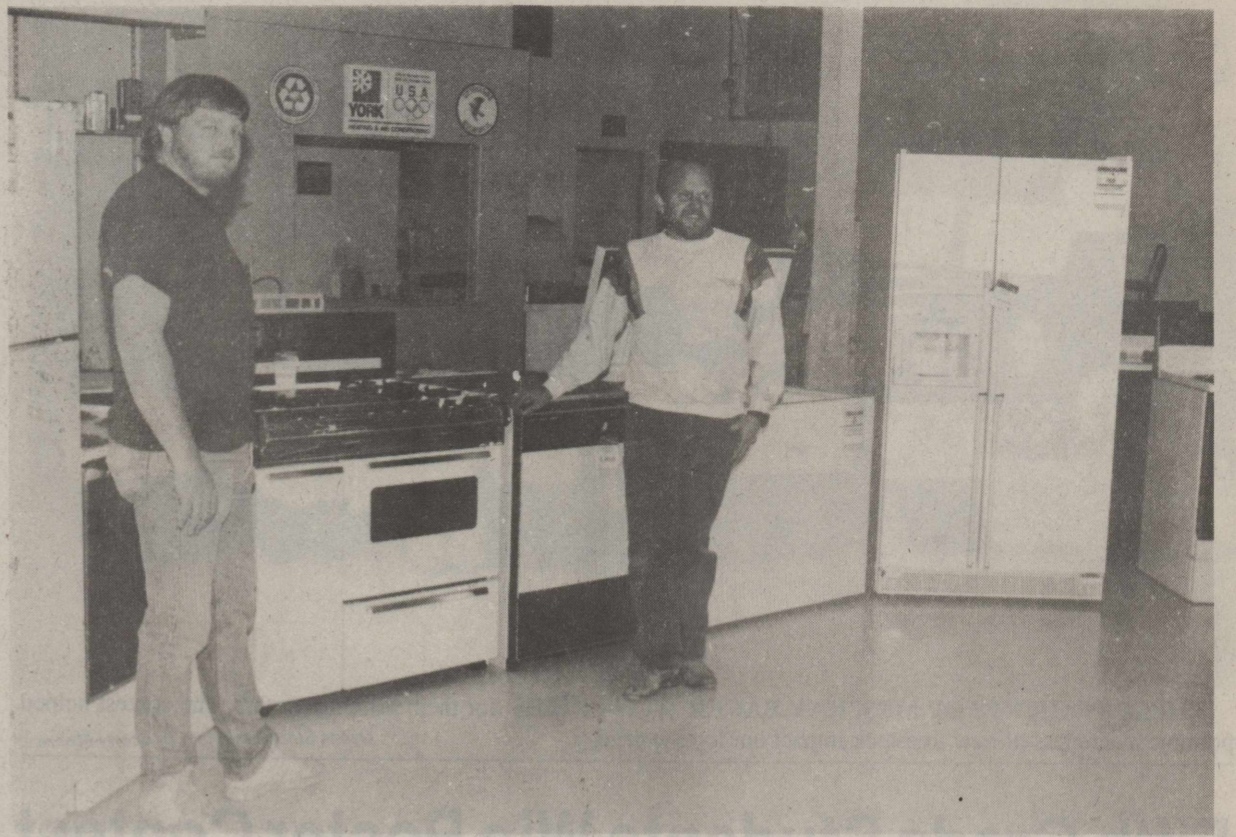
Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Leana Sue Baggett has been named March "Student of the Month" at Lake Travis Middle School near Austin. She was chosen for the award after nomination by teachers in her school. Leana has been an honor sixth grade student in the Lake Travis School District since September. She is the daughter of Lara Sue and Penn Baggett, Crockett County ranchers with photography business interests in the Austin area.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bullock and Dr. and Mrs. Bill Gaddis of San Angelo were guests in the home of Peggy Phillips last Friday.

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Filing Ends For Trustee Positions

The deadline for filing for school trustee ended March 17 with five candidates for the two places on the board.

Those asking to be elected are: Roylan Sullivan, George Ybarra, Richard Sanchez, Michael Preddy and Becky Childress. Their names will appear in that order on the ballot for the May 1 election.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 12 and ends April 27.

Another "Super" For Texas

A West Texas mountain one day will be the site of a telescope that will be among the world's largest.

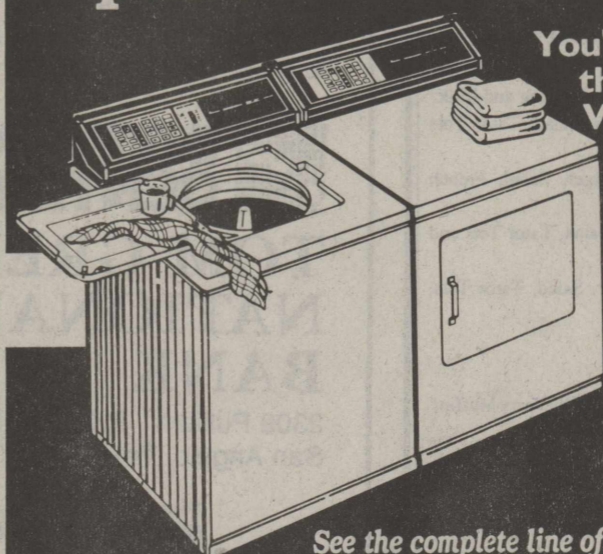
Construction will start this year on the \$12.8 million Spectroscopic Survey Telescope that will study the compositions of asteroids and stars. Astronomers think it will also help to accommodate the thousands who want to enter the profession. In 1992, more than 6,000 prospective students were rejected, primarily because of a shortage of qualified teachers.

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PARTICIPATING IN THE 4-H CLOTHING PROJECT ARE: (l. to r.) Lauren Wilkins, Sarah Dellis, Adrienne Dickerson, Tess Worthington, JoLynn Vannoy, Dena Webb and Robin Conner. The girls were treated to new hairdos by OHS cosmetology students.



VISITING THE OHS COSMETOLOGY classroom are: (front, l. to r.) Bobbie Sue Bangeman, Kimberly Nowell, Rani Davis and Kristen Tambunga. Back: Sophie Jo Bangeman and Leta Bess Bangeman. The girls are participating in this year's 4-H clothing project.

4-H Clothing Project Not Just Sewing

While basic sewing skills is still an important part of the 4-H Clothing project, the 4-H members involved in this year's activities are enjoying other experiences related to clothing, textiles and grooming.

The next activity planned will be a "T-Shirts, Tummies and Tie-Dyeing" workshop to be held Friday, March 26. The day will begin at 9 a.m. when participants travel to the Old Sonora Tradin' Company for a program on mohair. After lunch at the Pizza Hut, the group will return to the Crockett County 4-H Barn for a workshop from one to four p.m., in which all kinds of painting, dyeing and decorating on everything from t-shirts to tennis shoes will give the 4-H members a chance to express their creativity.

Some fun activities have already taken place in this year's clothing project. On Monday, March 15, thirteen 4-H members and friends attended a program at the OHS Cosmetology Department, where they were treated to glorious new hairstyles, courtesy of students Tess Worthington, John Tijerina, Sara Dellis and Michelle Mendoza. The 4-H members saw what a little washing and styling could do for appearance and self-esteem as they were admired by parents, 4-H members and cosmetology instructor Opal Mobbs. Attending this activity were Rani Davis, Kimberly Nowell, Lacy Vestal, Leta Bess Bangeman, Bobbi Sue Bangeman, Sophie Jo Bangeman, Katharine Durham, Lauren Wilkins, Adrienne Dickerson, JoLynn Vannoy, Dena Webb, Robin Conner, Kristen Tambunga, and parents Debra Bangeman, Shelley Conner and Debbie Tambunga.

On Tuesday, March 16, a special accessories and wardrobe planning program was presented at the Teacher Store by Camille Jones, Carmen Sutton, and Becky Childress. Attending were: Sara Mayfield, Lauren Wilkins, Robin Conner, Stefny Sutton, Tanya Coker and Codi Richardson, as well as parents Kathryn Mayfield, Jane Richardson and Shelley Conner. During the session, the 4-H members learned about dressing "from the feet up"—including which hose, shoes, belts and jewelry are most becoming. Rules for choosing hosiery and shoes for different occasions were discussed.

According to County Extension Agent-Home Economics Tedra Ulmer, the program was extremely valuable for 4-H'ers who plan to be in the

fashion show and need to put together an ensemble, whether they are buying or sewing. "We try to make all our programs reflect skills the 4-H'ers can use the rest of their lives, and always try to include activities to increase the 4-H members' self-esteem as well as their knowledge," the agent noted adding special thanks go to Opal Mobbs and her students as well as Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Childress for their help in putting on the two activities.

A special program and workshop on design was also held Monday, March 22, taught by senior 4-H members and County Agent Tedra Ulmer. Participants learned principles of design, how designers work, and information designers need to know to create fabrics, clothing and accessories.

The final activity in the clothing project is the county 4-H Fashion Show, which will be held Tuesday evening, April 13, at the gazebo in the park. This year's theme is "Showers of Style". In case real April showers appear, an alternate site will be announced.

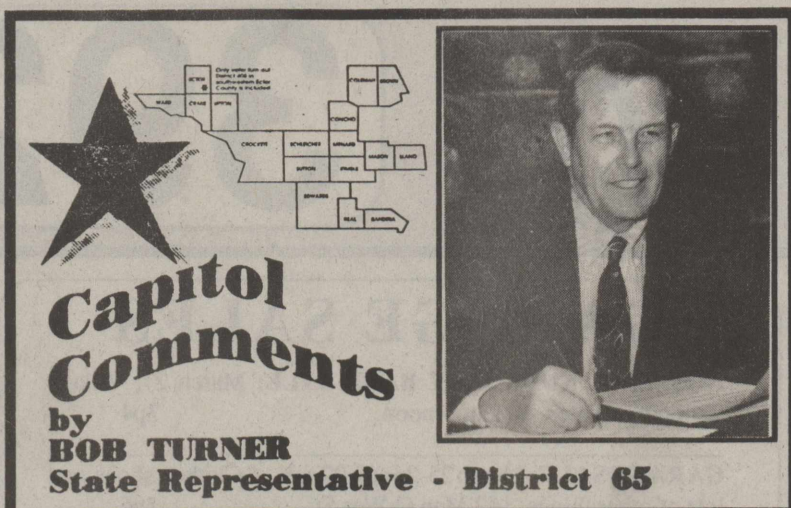
For more information on this or any other 4-H project or activity, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

County 4-H Rifle Match

The Crockett County 4-H Rifle Match will be held Sunday, March 28, at the 4-H Show Barn. Registration begins at 2 p.m. with the match starting at 2:30. Approximately 35 4-H marksmen will compete for individual placings within their own grades, as well as high individual honors in three age divisions.

The match is open to the public and drinks and baked goods will be served from the concession stand. Ribbons and rosettes awarded to participants are purchased with proceeds from the concession stand.

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Public school finance—what do the constitutional amendments mean? What do they do to our district? How should we vote? What happens if these amendments, or at least, the first one of the three were to fail in the May 1st election?

These are the type questions that we are receiving in my office daily, and the following is intended to help inform you, and make you more knowledgeable in the matter. There will be three amendments on your May 1st ballot pertaining to public education. The first of these will deal with the authority to recapture and redistribute property tax wealth from one district to another. The top 10% of the school districts in property wealth would have money recaptured among the other 90% of the school districts, in a manner that would create an equal tax wealth for all the 1,045 districts in the state. This is simply authorization to redistribute local property tax dollars, and is not a school finance plan, no matter what you might have read or heard to the contrary. The second

issue on the ballot for constitutional amendment will preclude the state sending further mandates to the local school district if they do not send the funds for their implementation. This is for you to decide. On first look, it sounds extremely good—but—had there been no state mandate, it is highly possible that the teacher/student ratio could be 1 to 35 or 40, rather than the mandated 1 to 22. It would have been done for sheer economics, whether it was better for the children or not. The third proposed constitutional amendment on your May 1st ballot will pertain to establishing a fund through the sale of bonds by the State to provide building fund availability for the local school district. This will primarily apply to the poorer districts whose property tax wealth does not enable them to get bonds rated, and therefore have their own bond sale to build, or expand their school buildings, as needed. This is something that the state has never been involved with in the past and is debatable as to the advisability, I suppose. The call is yours to make on this issue.

The first of these proposed amendments is actually the only one applicable to address the issue in which Judge McGowan's ruling applies, concerning school closure on June 1st. Redistribution of locally collected tax dollars, without a vote of the people, or constitutional authorization was the issue of the judge's determination. The issue in court has nothing to do with unfunded mandates to local districts, or the provision of funding for poor districts to build or expand their facilities.

What happens if the voters reject the first of these, which is the issue of redistribution of local property tax wealth? There seems to be considerable speculation as to just what the judge will do, and what will happen.

Judge McGowan called a special meeting in early January, immediately before the opening of the 73rd session of the State Legislature, in which he directed Comptroller Sharp and Commissioner Meno in the procedures he expected in the stoppage of state and CED dollars and funding to local districts, effective June 1st, in the event voters did not approve redistribution in the May 1st state-wide election.

One option that the Legislature would have, of course, would be consolidations of school districts, which is within the constitutional power of the Legislature. Creating new taxing systems are not within the authorized capability of the Legislature, without the vote of the citizens of the state. For consolidations to work, and solve the court's mandate that all children have access to an equal amount of tax wealth per student, would necessitate the consolidation of rich and poor districts, or some method which would make each district have a similar level of tax wealth per child. This could mean consolidating with the county, or within the CED, or in the event of all poor districts in a given geographic area, or all rich districts within a given geographic area, could call for consolidating two schools, or more, in widely different areas of the State—a rich district to offset the poverty of the poor ones, such a configuration could be Edgewood in San Antonio, with a richer school in Glen Rose, thereby equalizing the wealth at a state average for the entire new district.

Another possible option, in the event the proposition of redistribution is turned down by the voters, would be leaving the present system in place, and arrange for a series of elections wherein each district approved the tax rate and the present CED arrangement. No one seems to be sure what would happen in those counties where that election failed, as it surely would in these richer districts. There would be required some degree of recapture under any of these plans.

Several of the questions revolve around the issue of how high the tax rate could become under the provisions of this constitutional amendment, or if there is a requirement that a certain local tax rate be set. The following should answer a few of these concerns. One question—is the \$1.00 required local effort on top of the current \$1.50 that is allowed by school districts? The answer is - No! The combined maximum rate is still \$1.50. For instance, if the Legislature sets the required rate at \$0.95, then school districts will have \$.55 that they can levy locally, for the total of \$1.50. Another question is - what about the property tax exemptions we currently have under the county education districts? If the Legislature enacts a recapture through the existing CED's, then those homestead exemptions would still apply. If another system is

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Realize the whole issue of public school finance has become a confusing and hard to understand matter, since the courts have made their determinations and rulings. Hopefully this article has helped you in your understanding, and in making a decision as to how you should vote in the May 1st elections. My only word of wisdom is: the future of the children of Texas are the moving factor behind all this. I believe that whatever plan is chosen it will be simply a stop-gap method of moving the courts and judges out of the education finance arena long enough to create a new system of financing public education. I feel we cannot continue to depend on property taxation as we have traditionally done in Texas to finance public education in Texas.

It is well to remember that there are 1,045 school districts in Texas, none of which have the same wealth per student in property values, none of which have the identical needs in the academic area, and certainly none of which share the same philosophy about school operations or funding. It is also well to remember that many so called "rich" districts are geographically located in a manner that defies consolidation with anyone close enough to be satisfactory. All of the "rich" schools in my district are rural areas. These districts traditionally are not places that experienced teachers (which I think you want teaching your children) seek out as places to work and live. Therefore, we must pay teachers well above state scale to attract the type teacher you expect. The sheer distance from Austin and regional centers, etc., require great additional expense to these school's budgets that closer, more centrally located schools do not experience.

This is all to say that there is no way of determining a "nor" as to what it does, or should cost, per enrolled student, on a blanket, statewide basis. It should also be noted that parents in some districts have a great more interest in "quality" education than parents in other districts. Therefore, the parents in "more caring" districts should be permitted to spend more on the education in their own school districts if they choose.

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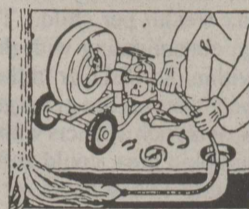
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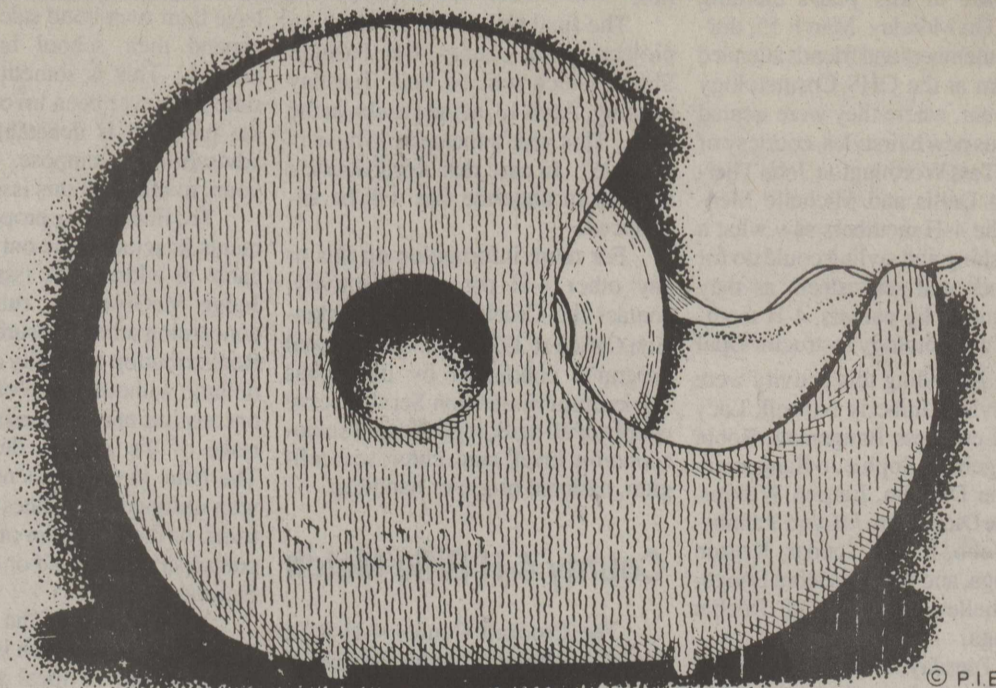
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