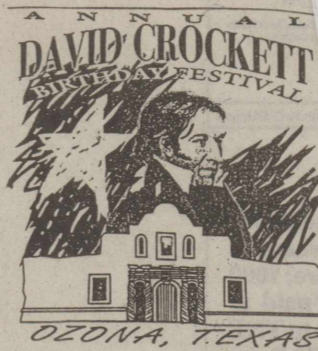
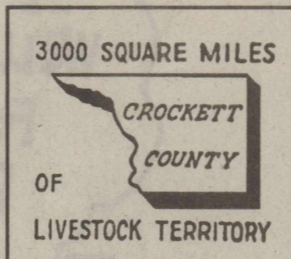


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His & Hers

He said
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by Scotty & Linda Moore

The 1994 4-H Livestock Show is not the first time hogs have been shown in Crockett County according to a former student and a parent of 4-H'ers who raised the animals.

As Wade Beasley remembers, the 4-H swine program ended his senior year and County Agent Billy Reagor swore then that hogs would never be shown here again. Sounds like there might be an interesting story there somewhere.

We're glad swine production has been added to the 4-H program. From personal experience we can vouch that raising hogs in a youth program is interesting, fun, hard, exasperating, scary, challenging and rewarding.

Anyway, sorry we didn't know the program had been in Ozona before and apologies to all you previous hardworking swine producers and parents.

Towns north, east and west of Ozona are lobbying for the proposed extension of I-27 from Lubbock to I-10 to come through their communities. A \$2.7 million study approved by the Texas Department of Transportation will decide the best way the highway should take on into Mexico. The engineering firm doing the study proposes that a preferred highway corridor be identified by Aug. 31, 1994, and that the preferred highway route be determined by Aug. 31, 1995.

Chambers of commerce in Junction and Menard are going to meet this week with other interested towns regarding a coalition to try to get the extension to route from San Angelo through Eden, Menard and Junction. San Angelo is working to have the highway extension through there.

Midland and Odessa have been joined by Fort Stockton in an attempt to pull the route that way. Community leaders along the border have been asked to join the Midland-Odessa alliance, and a meeting is planned for Wednesday in Alpine.

Crane is also working to have the highway its direction. A Lamesa, Stanton, Big Lake, Ozona route sounds good, too. A connection with I-27 here or west of Ozona could benefit the area greatly. An eastern connection will not.

Ozona Chamber of Commerce members talked about the extension at their meeting Monday night. Commissioners need to add the item to a future agenda, too, without much delay.

Golf Teams Resume Practice On Local Course

by Scotty Moore
During the Crockett County Consolidated Common Independent School District's regular scheduled board of trustees meeting held Wednesday night, interim superintendent Ted Cotton announced that he had made an administrative decision to allow the high school golf teams to resume its practice sessions at the Ozona Country Club.

"Superintendent Payne, several months ago, administratively made a decision to not allow golf students to use the Ozona Country Club facilities until legal council could render an opinion," Cotton said. Payne's decision was a result of Section 21.9205 of the education code passed by the 73rd Legislature in regular session in 1993 which barred public school children from using the facilities of discriminatory athletic clubs. The code was in part engineered by local Crockett County Attorney Orlando DeHoyos. Cotton presented to the board a copy of a letter written by Rep. Libby Linebarger, chairman of the Committee on Public Education, to Dan Morales, Attorney General of the State of Texas, asking for his opinion regarding Sec. 21.9205 of the education code. The letter reads as follows:

Dear General Morales:

Section 21.9205, Education Code, added by Chapter 191, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, provides:

Sec. 21.9205. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; USE OF DISCRIMINATORY ATHLETIC CLUB.

Time To File For 1993 Incentives

Ranchers are urged to go by the ASCS office and file for their 1993 wool, mohair and unshorn lamb incentive. Producers are encouraged to file by Jan. 31, 1993. Late filed documents can no longer be accepted by the County ASCS Office.

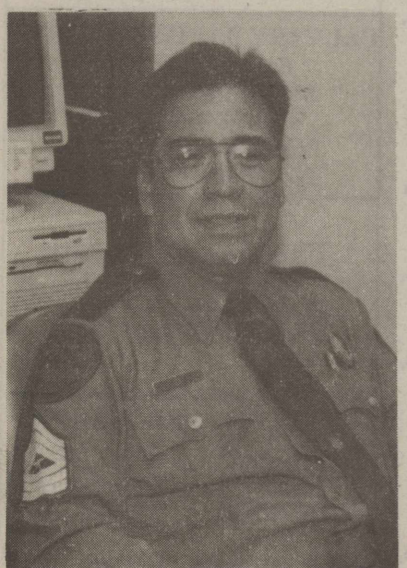
You will need to bring in head counts, shearing dates, grading charges, freight charges - if any, and any unshorn lamb purchases. If you have purchased unshorn lambs, the office will need the sale sheet showing the number of head and weight of lambs you bought.

"Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status or national origin."

New DPS Sergeant Arrives In Ozona

Monday was the first official day on the job for new Crockett County DPS sergeant Pete Lozano. This is Sgt. Lozano's first time as an adult to live in a small town, and he is enthusiastic about the prospects.

After growing up in San Antonio and being stationed there with the DPS for 13 years and in Houston for eight months, stepping outside at night and



Sgt. Pete Lozano

not hearing the roar of traffic is a pleasure. The town's turkey flock and deer have also joined the citizens in making him welcome.

As a child, Lozano lived on a farm near Big Foot, TX, then the family farmed in Colorado for a short time before moving to San Antonio. He spent eight and one-half years in the U. S. Army including a tour of duty in El Paso and a three year stint in Italy.

Sgt. Lozano and his wife, Ludi, are the parents of a 13-year-old daughter, Analisa. At present, Mrs. Lozano and Analisa remain in San Antonio. Mrs. Lozano is a district sales manager for Avon products.

The family will join him in Ozona on spring break and some weekends, Lozano said. The entire family has been impressed with the friendliness of Ozona. Sgt. Lozano was also enthusiastic about the facts that bicycles could be left in racks at school and not disappear and that cars can be parked and left unlocked.

He subscribes to the theory that one should shop at home and plans to do as much as possible in Ozona. City conveniences such as late shopping are something he can forego in return for the advantages Ozona offers according to Sgt. Lozano.

CLUB. (a) An extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by a school district, including an athletic event or an athletic team practice, may not take place at an athletic club located in the United States that denies a person full and equal enjoyment of equipment or facilities provided by the athletic club because of the race, color, religion, creed, national origin, or sex of the person.

(b) In this section, "athletic club" means an entity that provides sports or exercise equipment or facilities to its customers or members or to the guests of its customers or members.

As chairman of the House Committee on Public Education, I request the opinion of your office in regard to the following questions concerning the application of Section 21.9205, Education Code:

(1) Who has the obligation to determine whether an athletic club used for school district sponsored extracurricular activities denies the use of its facilities to a person because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, or sex of the person?

(2) What standard should the entity that has the obligation to make the determination use to determine whether an athletic club denies the use of its facilities to a person because of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, or sex of the person?

(3) If a school district has received or is aware of an allegation that a particular athletic club denies the use of its facilities to a person because of the race, color, religion, creed, national origin, or sex of the person, what steps, if any, must the district take to comply with the statute?

Many school districts use facilities provided by private athletic clubs. It would be helpful to these districts to receive your answer as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements may be made for the spring athletic season.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Libby Linebarger
Chairman, Committee on Public Education

"I would like to tell you, the board, that after collectively and careful consideration of the issues and the expenses involved in transporting golf participants to courses outside Ozona, course fees, student travel time to and from these courses and after reading Rep. Linebarger's request, I am prepared to make



A SHARP TURN AND A DOZER BLADE combined to take down the traffic signal support at the intersection of Highways 163 and 290 Jan. 12. Valentino Flores of KA Company Oilfield Services Inc. was the driver of the truck. The intersection became a 4-way stop for about 18 hours until the Texas Department of Transportation crew out of San Angelo could obtain and install the appropriate replacement pole and light.

an administrative decision to allow golf participants to resume use of these facilities until such time that the attorney general issues an opinion or guidelines for school districts covering this code," stated Superintendent Cotton.

Cotton further stated that, "If the board so approves, I plan to write three letters. The first one to Orlando De-

Hoyos, one to Rep. Gallegos and the third letter to Rep. Linebarger, stating my intentions, which is in line according to our legal council." The local golf teams resumed practice at Ozona Country Club Thursday morning.

May Lay, the district's bookkeeper, gave her report on monies owed to the state and informed the board that in addition to the \$1,241,802 paid to the state, in conjunction with Senate Bill #7, an additional \$119,240 was owed.

In other business the school district's attorney in the re-districting suit recommended paying Mr. Rios and Mr. Orlando DeHoyos \$5,400 to settle the suit against the school. Board member David Bean said "I would say we would be better off, as bad as I hate to agree, to the \$5,400 and be done with it." The board unanimously approved settling the single member

(Continued on page 7)



CECIL BUCKNER (center) is surrounded by friends from Texaco after being presented with a retirement gift Friday. The retirement dinner at El Chato's honored Buckner for 28 years with the company. He was also honored by his family with a reception Friday afternoon.

Comments Sought On Park Operation

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is requesting public comment on a decision to renew a contract with Texas Rural Communities Inc. to continue operation of five state parks.

Essentially, the department is exercising an annual option to renew its five-year agreement with TRC, which runs through 1998.

TRC, a nonprofit organization, began managing the five parks last spring after the department announced the parks faced severe budget cuts. The parks are Fort Lancaster in Crockett County, Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison, Fort McKavett in southwest Menard County, Starr Family Mansions in Marshall and Caddoan Mounds near Alto.

"The public lands division is pleased to extend our management agreement with Texas Rural Communities," said Ron Holliday, TPWD public lands director. "This partnership has allowed the department to provide continued public access to these sites while realizing substantial

savings in operational costs. We look forward to the second year of our agreement and will strive to continuously improve our relationship with Texas Rural Communities and our service to the visiting public."

The department is proposing to renew its cooperative facility management contract with TRC for the continued development and implementation of regional marketing plans in the western Edwards Plateau, the Red River region and middle East Texas, and for the continued operation of the five parks, said Kevin Good, volunteer coordinator with TPWD's public lands division.

A copy of the proposed contract is available for inspection during regular office hours at each location and at TRC Inc. 1016 La Posada, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78752, 512 458-1016.

Comments on the proposed renewal contract may be submitted before Feb. 2 by mailing them to TPWD, Luke Thompson, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744 or by depositing them in designated drop boxes at the parks.

Cecil Buckner Retires From Texaco

Cecil Buckner was honored by Texaco with a retirement dinner Jan. 14 at El Chato's Restaurant. Friends and co-workers joined in wishing him well as he ended 28 years with the company. Earlier in the afternoon, his wife, Elma, and children hosted a reception in his honor.

Buckner began working for Texaco in 1966 in Lovington, NM. After two years, he was transferred to the Midland office for four years before coming to Ozona in 1972 to build the Ozona Texaco Gas Plant. In 1993 he

helped build the Perry Ranch Texaco Plant.

Retirement plans include putting in more time at Elma's Roadside Grocery, which the Buckners have owned for 18 years, traveling and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckner are the parents of three children, Robert, who makes his home in Austin with his wife, Sharon, Kelly of San Angelo, and Sherri Ann, who lives in Midland with her husband and daughter, Lance Goree and Carlee Kay.

Jury Gives Perez Five Years

Jurors worked into the wee hours Saturday deciding the punishment phase of an aggravated assault trial here last week. Luis Robert Perez, was tried on two charges of aggravated assault resulting from the knife wounding of Juan Rios and Andres Mata on

March 7, 1992. Perez was 21 at the time.

The jury decided on a five year sentence to the Texas Department of Corrections with no fine. Formal sentencing will be Feb. 11.

Stars Needed For Dinner Theater

Hollywood is calling, or at least the Ozona Lions' Club, says Tim Brewer. The Lions' Club needs actors and actresses for a performance of *West of the Pecos*, a three-act play about Judge Roy Bean and the actress Lily Langtry. The play will be performed at a dinner playhouse, probably in late April.

Once the cast has been assembled, rehearsal times will be set. "If you have enough ham in you to want to be part of the fun and put on a production for the community, please call me," said Brewer. He may be reached at 392-3060 or 392-2032, or you may contact Doug Meador at 392-2730.

Characters in the production are: Judge Roy Bean - legendary law west of the Pecos

Lily Langtry - famous actress and love of Judge Bean's life

Orin - young cowboy who is in danger of being hung for shooting a hole in Miss Lily's poster

Zeralda - Orin's girlfriend
Mrs. Powers - Orin's mother
Johnny Behind the Ace - an outlaw who wants Orin hung

Ranger - law officer and assistant to Judge Bean
Montana - female reporter from back east who is there to do a story about the Judge

Socrates Fogg - big town lawyer
Cayo Claiborne - friend of Orin, comes up with the plan to help him

Woman stage passenger - passing through Langtry (smaller part)
Actor Pewtree - acts in a play with Miss Lily and gets in trouble (smaller part)

There is need for other persons for small parts and crowd scenes. The production will also need stage hands, people to make scenery and prompt the actors.

"There's something for everyone to do," Brewer said.

Money-Making With Crafts Class Thursday

Like to make crafts? Tired of losing money at crafts shows? A class on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. can show you how to take something you like to do and make money at it.

"Planning for Profit" is a program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Family Community Leadership program. There is no charge to attend the class, which will be held at the Crockett County Civic Center from 10-11 a.m.

The program will focus on how individuals can use marketing skills to develop a product that is in demand, find the best price for that product, and market it so that it sells. "A lot of people make crafts and even sell them, but are they really making a profit? Yet many others become successful businesspersons because they apply a few simple principles," said Teda Ulmer, County Extension Agent-Home Economics.

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 19 - Jason Hignight, Donna Evans, Will Roane, John Gabriel Vasquez, Hank Wellman

Jan. 20 - Lynne Haire, Albert Borrego Jr., Queta Borrego, Babe Womack, A. J. Montanez, Josephine Fiero

Jan. 21 - Manuel Longoria III, Dusty Hernandez, Cody Webb, Louise Ledoux, Polly Perner, Tom Diehl, Robert Madris, Jo Jo Tambunga, John L. Henderson, Rod Schneider, Fernando Charles Sr., Elizabeth Stewart

Jan. 22 - Jo Ann Campbell, Thelma James, David Lee, John Bohannon, Dena Webb, Wesley Bishop, Jessica Fuller, Ramon Hernandez, Jenny Tollett, Eudelia Ramirez, Rebecca Phillips, Maggie Rodriguez

Jan. 23 - Brent Moore, S.L. White, Leroy Adcock, Tico Rodriguez, Adrienne Bendele, Darrell Caldera, Emilio Porras, Javier Elizondo, Dora Martinez, Marilyn Moran, Casey Solansky

Jan. 24 - Sue Spoons, Tom Anderson, Frances Curry, Stephen Humphrey, Anthony Villarreal II, Mike Maskill

Jan. 25 - Judy Pridemore, Tammy Bunger, Melvin White, Kim Galindo, Maria Rogers, Manuelita Tobar

Hospice Program Presented To Xi Sigma Omega

Xi Sigma Omega met in the Crockett Room for their first meeting for 1994 on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

Carla Green was the hostess for the evening and served delicious enchiladas for supper.

The program was on hospice, an organization for the terminally ill. Paulette Soergel of San Angelo and Veronica Tijerina of Ozona were guests speakers.

Many of the sorority members had heard of hospice but were unsure of everything it did. Everyone came away from the program better informed.

Those present were: Lisa Branch, Dee Ann Gonzales, Carla Green, Donna Herring, Connie Jennings, Barbie Myers, Roylan Sullivan, Martha Weant, Leslie Wilson, Susan Buchanan and Cynthia Hokit.

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Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

Everything is changing so fast these days that even nostalgia isn't what is used to be.

It is our duty to obey God's commands, not to direct His Councils.

Overweight people don't like four letter words-like diet.

One of the privileges of old age is to relate experience that nobody will believe and give advice that nobody will follow.

Not only are teenagers a comfort in old age—they help bring it on.

The gates of opportunity swing on four hinges: Initiative, insight, industry and integrity.

Too much oratory is quite "boratory."

The only thing that children wear out faster than shoes, are parents and teachers.

Father must work for two reasons: Christmas and vacation.

Lack of pep is often mistaken for patience.

We have more cars in the United States but Russia has more parking places.

Before the next peace conference it might be advisable to hold a few rehearsals.

Scientists show us how to sail under the North Pole, and fly over the moon, but you're on your own when you cross the street.

You can't tell if some people are the strong silent type or just plain dumb.

People who look back know where they've been but not where they are going.

Things would be a lot nicer if antique people were valued as highly as antique furniture.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK
People who do the most for the world's advancement are the ones who demand the least.

WTU Introduces Speakers Bureau

West Texas Utilities Company is beginning an added service to customers with the formation of a Speakers Bureau called "Talk It Over". WTU employees will be available to speak to clubs and civic organizations on a variety of utility related topics.

"At WTU, our customers have relied on us from day to day for useful information, and that's an exchange we enjoy," said Kit Horne, "Talk It Over" coordinator. "We thought it was time for a service that gives our customers an opportunity to learn more about our business and how it relates to them." Clubs, church groups, or civic organizations may request programs which will be presented free of charge.

"Talk It Over" presentation topics include energy technology and conservation, safety awareness, environmental issues and timely issues such as the North American Free Trade

Agreement. Anyone interested in scheduling a program may go by the local WTU office for a "Talk It Over" brochure form. Complete the form and mail in as directed. If possible, give one or two date preferences and schedule at least one month before the program date. We will be glad to "Talk It Over" with you.

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Library Friends Plan To Buy Laser Printer

The Friends of Crockett County Public Library met Jan. 12 for lunch at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant to discuss plans for 1994.

The membership drive for the Friends of the Library was discussed and information was to be mailed this week. Anyone interested in supporting the library is invited to join.

The Friends voted to buy a new laser printer for the computer. Library volunteers have been a great help and are still needed. Expansion plans were

discussed and more grant proposals will be sent out this month.

Booths will be set up in February for the membership drive. Sam Perner has donated a meat goat to be raffled in support of the drive.

April 23 will be the date for the barbecue, fundraiser and book fair.

Members present were: Gussie Schneider, Glenda Henderson, Marcille Long, Louise Taliaferro, Lou Deaton, Marilyn Cox, Louise Ledoux and Mary Jo Mason.

It's A Boy!

Mario and Angelica Galindo of Ozona are the proud parents of a baby boy, named Joseph Matthew, born Monday, Jan. 3, 1994, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Joseph Matthew weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Linda Rodriguez and Miguel and Ricarda Damian, all of Ozona.

The baby's great-grandmother is Carmen Vargas of Ozona, and the great-great grandfather is Reyes Morales of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

It's A Boy!

Dobie and Colt are proud to announce the arrival of their new brother, Dakota Michael New. He was born to Stanley and Cheryl New Jan. 5, 1994, in Seaton N.W. Hospital in Austin. The baby weighed seven pounds one-half ounce and was 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Allen and Beth Smith of Ozona and Ott and Cloma New of Camp Wood.

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Ozona Lady Lions Win In McCamey 47-39

By Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

Led by the shooting of Tara Wilkins with 17 points, the Ozona Lady Lions won 47-39 over the McCamey Lady Badgers in last Tuesday's (Jan. 11) basketball action in McCamey. This is the second district win for the Ladies with three losses.

Both teams got off to a slow start in the first period of play with a 6-6 tie. The Lady Lions shot very well in the second and last quarters, making 15 and 16 points respectively.

Coach Dickie Faught said, "It was a great team effort as a lot of people pitched in and worked on de-

fense. Tiffany Vargas, Tara Wilkins, and Shelly Sullivan made some clutch shots when needed. The key to the win was the clutch shots, and good defense and rebounding."

Others shooting well for the Ladies include Shelly Sullivan with nine points, Tiffany Vargas scored eight points, Linda Mendoza made six points, Petra Rios scored three points, and Heather Hall and Diana Ramirez made two points each.

The Ozona JV Lady Lions easily won 67-54 over the McCamey JV Lady Badgers in last Tuesday's action in McCamey. The Ladies led at the end of each of the quarters, scoring 12 points in the second period and 15 points in the last period.

Coach Rodney Johnson said, "We shot the ball extremely well, rebounded well, and we had good hustle. The key to this win was good defensive rebounds."

"We played with basically seven girls. Freshman Melanie Lozano injured an arm in pre-game warm-up and junior Leigh Chandler was able to play only four minutes," added Johnson.

Scoring 10 points each for the Ladies were Megan Tambunga and Amy Laughlin, followed by Jackie Lara with eight points, Emily Stuart scored six points, Dana Bishop made four points, and Isabel Esparza and Julie Perez scored two points each.



THESE YOUTH WERE RECOGNIZED as being the most improved students in their grade in a particular subject for the first semester. The bulletin board behind them was made by Mrs. Hearne. It has the student's name, picture and subject they improved in.

The Ozona Lions Whip The Badgers 57-48

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman
Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions boosted their district record Jan. 11 in McCamey with a 57-48 victory over the McCamey Badgers. The Lions, now 2-1 in district play, were slated to meet the Eldorado Eagles in Ozona Tuesday, Jan. 18.

It was a battle of rebounds and steals as each team "traded licks" up and down the court. The score remained close at the end of each period, with a halftime score of Ozona 20, McCamey 21.

The game continued to be close with only one point separating the two teams at the end of the third period. The Lions, with their quickness and ability to make big plays, slowly pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Julio Martinez led the Lions in scoring with 14 points, followed by Keith Miller with 11 points, Chris Sanchez and Tony Valencia scored nine points each, Ray Fierro made eight points, Mike Fay scored four points, and Frankie Moran made two points.

It looked as if there was an aerial attack as the Ozona JV Lions out shot the McCamey JV Badgers 67-54 in last Tuesday's action in McCamey.

Turnovers told the tale as the Lions used a full court press to stymie McCamey's offense.

"We got a lot of turnovers from our press," said Coach Tommy Wilson. "I think Mel Martinez and James Nelson did a good job, and I'm proud of the other players as we got good help from the bench."

The Lions garnered 21 points in the first period of play to McCamey's

10 points. Good hustle and good defense kept the Lions ahead in the game.

Three JV Lions were in double figures led by Mel Martinez with 22 points, followed by Lupe Llanas with 13 points, Joe Esparza scored 10 points, Jon Sanchez made seven points, Lance Jamerson scored six points, Lando Peña-Alfaro made four points, and James Nelson and Cody Porras scored two points each.

Ozona High School Releases Honor Roll

The following students made the honor roll for the third six weeks of the 1993-94 school year. Grades in band, P.E., athletics, photography and office aide do not count toward the six week's average. A student must have a 90 or better academic average to be on the honor roll and must not have any grade below an 80.

SENIORS

Robert Bryson, Christopher Corbett, Adrienne Dickerson, Jennifer Evans, Joel Fuller, Heather Hill, Shelby Stuart, Steffy Sutton

JUNIORS

Hiram Carrizales, Mark

Davidson, Dora Garcia, Kelli Gentry, Heather Hall, Yvonne Madris, Charles Meador, Courtney Phillips, Sandra Sanchez, JoLynn Vannoy, John Vasquez, Clayton Westmoreland, Mickey White

SOPHOMORES

Nancy Arrott, David Browne, Raymundo Fierro, Jessica Fuller, Lance Jamerson, David Martinez, Casey Upham, Tara Wilkins

FRESHMEN

Juana Garcia, Rocio Garcia, Amy Laughlin, Liliana Ortiz, Julie Perez, Tonya Petty, Jon Sanchez, Jason Stuart, Shelly Sullivan

Most Improved Recognition Given At OIS

Children recognized as the most improved during the third six weeks have been selected at Ozona Intermediate School.

In the fifth grade, recognition goes to Andrea Borrego, spelling; Crystal Ortiz, language, Gerardo Elizondo, science, Wade Maness, math; Jim Ed Cowen, P.E.; Josie Davila, reading, Pablo Reyes, music; and Joe Tovar,

computer.

Fourth graders recognized for their accomplishments are: Chet Stuart, math; Shannon Vanderburg, social studies and P.E.; Jessica Bragg, spelling; Victoria Castro, reading; Amy Ybarra, music; and Maria Mata, computer.

Most improved in the third grade were: Dominique Perez, reading; Scott

Brewer, science; Koby Fenton, social studies; Olga Talamantez, language; Myna Flores, math and computer; Reagan Shaw, P. E.; and Saul Sandate, music.

Recognition to other students who were most improved went to James Swearingen, special education; Tres de la Garza, speech; and Lindsey Wilson, dyslexia.

ASU Dean's List Includes Area Students

Ozona area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester are: Richard M. Galvan, a psychology major; Louella M. Jones, a nursing major; Davina Dawn Rodgers, an undecided major; Janina Savala, an elementary education major,

all from Ozona, and Nicole Davenport, a communications major from Sheffield.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

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district suit brought against Ozona Schools by Orlando DeHoyos and his attorney Rios for \$5,400.

The board agreed to amend the school budget by \$20,000 to take care of extra legal fees incurred from the Sturgeon and DeHoyos disputes. "Right now we are over \$8,950 on our budget for legal fees, but this didn't include all of these other fees that have just come in," said bookkeeper May Lay.

"Right now the initial expenditures in legal fees for DeHoyos in the redistricting and golf course issues have totaled \$43,976 which did not include the redistricting settlement to DeHoyos and Rios for \$5,400," said superintendent Cotton.

"Right now what you actually need is an additional \$20,000 for these fees?" asked David Bean.

Cotton explained, "With the legal fees of \$7,554 for the school equity funding bill #7, the Sturgeon litigation legal fee of \$984.81, DeHoyos' single member district suit settlement of \$5,400 an additional \$20,000 above the above the budget would probably cover it."

After paying the bills and unanimously approving Ted Cotton as interim superintendent of schools, the board heard comments from several primary and intermediate teachers which included chapter reading teacher at primary school Rose Whitehurst, Tommie Flores, Ellen Lipsey, Connie Fowler, Darla Jones, Charlotte Laughlin, Terra Laughlin, primary principal Walter Spiller and intermediate principal Manley Holmes regarding Dr. William Rupley's reading assessment proposal for Ozona Schools.

Dr. Rupley who has been working with primary and intermediate teachers on the reading assessment testing has been drawing a daily fee of \$550 for his services. "We were under the assumption the Doctor would be working on this assessment himself, but as it is, we, the teachers, have done all of the work ourselves during regular class hours," said Rose Whitehurst. "We feel that the assessment plan should be geared toward our Ozona children, and not assessing our kids with the whole state. Our kids are unique and are not like other kids around other parts of the state," Whitehurst said.

One teacher asked board members if Rupley's fee was negotiable and the board all concurred that the fee was set. Another intermediate teacher, Darla Jones, stated, "It isn't so much the cost, but who has been doing the work." Teachers have been working on the assessment test during regular classroom time, requiring the hiring of substitute teachers to conduct their classes.

Board president Gary Buck Mitchell responded that "The board as a whole feels that the assessment program needs to be implemented as fast as possible, but we also need to make sure it is engineered to suit our needs."

The board decided to call Dr. Rupley in a conference call and discuss teacher's concerns and his plan for Crockett County Schools. Principal Manley Holmes recommended that teachers be paid during the summer to work on the assessment instrument. He stated that the teachers have done an outstanding job with their work on the plan and are proud of it. Most of their questions have been on how much money Rupley is earning.

Pete Maldonado, bus maintenance supervisor, requested that cellular phones be installed in the buses. The

request came after one lady bus driver hit a deer early one morning several miles from town. "She was really upset and frightened, because she had no means of communication out there by herself," said Maldonado. The board voted and approved the acquisition of nine cellular phones for the school buses.

Middle school principal Tom Humber gave a report on recent key entry thefts of the computer room at middle school where several pieces of computer equipment and supplies were stolen on two different occasions. One board member asked if all the teachers had key access to the computer room. Humber stated, "No, they only have key access to the building, his or her classroom and to the office." Several thefts occurred last year.

In the next order of business maintenance supervisor Curtis Keith reported on several items including the contract dispute between the school system and Sturgeon Company with the new building project at primary school.

"We come up with Medford's suggestion: based upon the facts as they exist, my suggestion will be to write a letter to Sturgeon's attorney and make the demand for arbitration under the terms of the contract. If Sturgeon refuses to arbitrate we then now have the right to file application for arbitration in District Court in Crockett County," said Keith. Medford is the school's attorney in the dispute.

"Arbitration would be to our best advantage rather than going to the courthouse with it. With arbitration you have trained personnel. We pick someone, a building, engineer etc. Sturgeon picks someone and the state arbitration board picks one as a third party. If you go to the courthouse with it the jury will probably decide on what they think is fair rather than what

our contractual agreement was with Sturgeon," said Keith.

Board member David Bean asked Keith, "Who is supposed to pay the arbitration bill?" and Keith responded that he really couldn't answer that question. "I bet we will have to split it," Keith said.

Keith also reported that the school needs additional trunk telephone lines to relieve the traffic use of the lines. As it stands you can hardly get an outside line out of the system," stated Keith. "I argued up and down with the telephone company that six lines were not enough when they installed the system and sure enough, it wasn't," said Keith.

Board member Wade Richardson said it was a waste of manpower and teacher time to have to set around waiting on an outside phone line. Intermediate school principal Holmes stated, "If we had a bad accident and couldn't get an outside line we would just have to load them up ourselves and carry them to the hospital." The board unanimously approved three additional trunk lines to the existing six.

In other maintenance business the board decided to wait until a later date to replace the boards in the grandstands at the football field. After receiving estimates it was found that replacing the boards with aluminum would cost approximately \$52,000.

Keith said, "I guess we can replace those boards that are bad, and it will cost a lot of money to do so." He further stated, "we have already replaced about a third of them anyway. The cost of the boards is rising everyday plus they are getting hard to find." Keith said.

Keith reported to the board that 36 applications have been received for the maintenance supervisor's job. The three top applications were reviewed Tuesday at a called noon meeting.



MRS. AMY EFENEY'S CLASS, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. day, performed a song in sign language for each class at the intermediate school. "Shed A Little Light" by James Taylor is a tribute song about Dr. King's work. The children had 10 days to prepare. The sign they are showing is the sign for "freedom", the word for which Dr. King is most known.

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Children Helping Children

Children ages 18 months - five years participated in a mini-march for cystic fibrosis on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Ozona Community Center. In a "space carnival" atmosphere, 40 children ran, hopped, skipped, marched, and walked to raise money for CF research.

It is currently estimated that more than 30,000 children and young adults in the United States have cystic fibrosis. This disease, which impedes breathing and digestion, is the number one genetic killer of children in this country.

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Children in preschool classes at Ozona Community Center and those participating in the afterschool program are interested in bringing a recycling program to Ozona.

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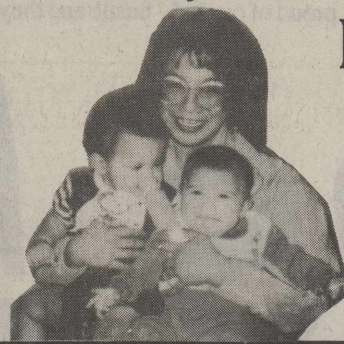
the children will begin their environmental improvement project by establishing city-wide aluminum recycling.

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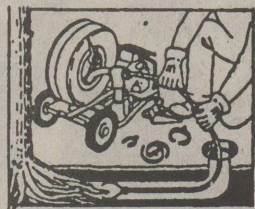
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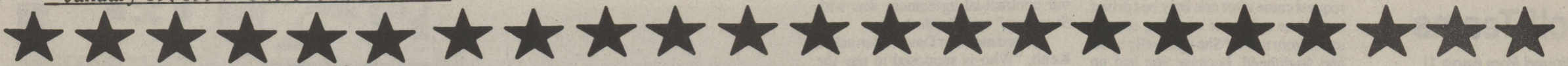
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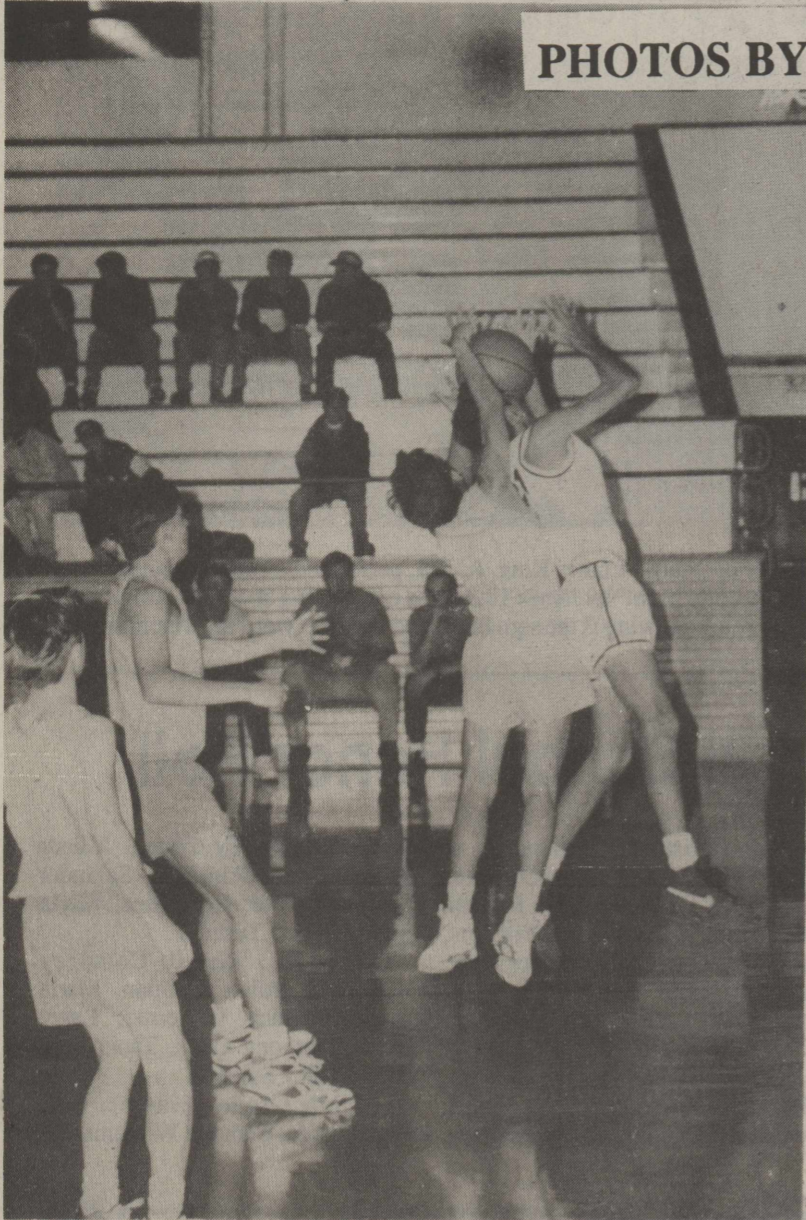
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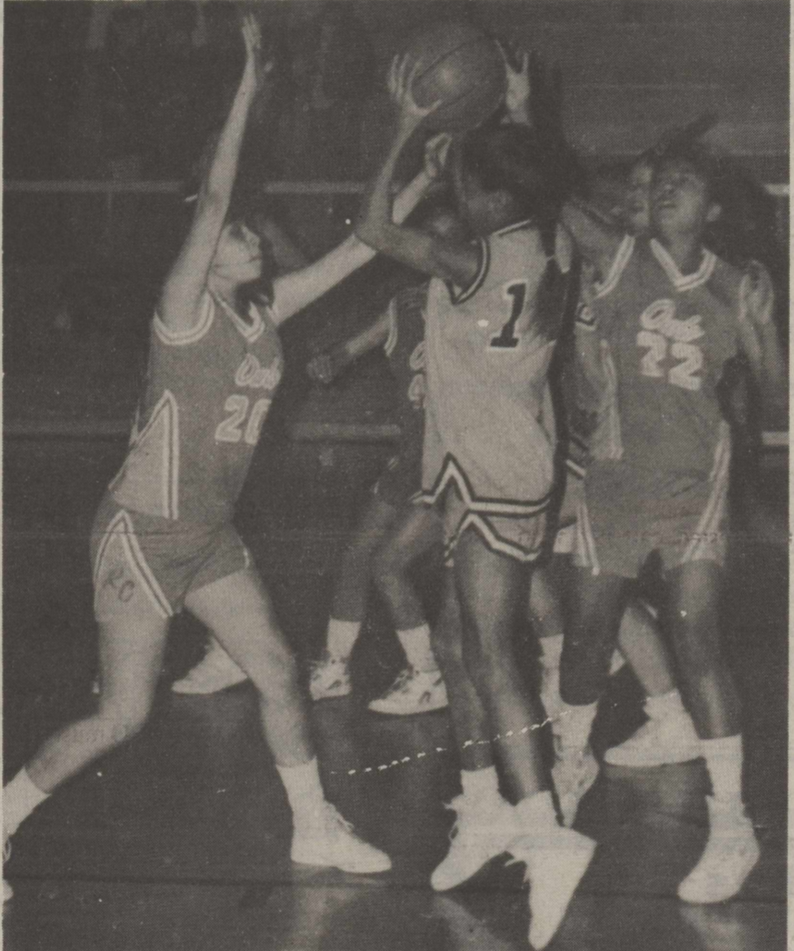
7TH GRADER MITCHELL MARTINEZ goes up for a shot that is blocked by a Reagan County defender. The 7th grade Cubs beat the Owls 33-29 in last Thursday's action in the McCamey Junior High Tournament.



LINDSY FLANAGAN seems to be "trapped" by two Big Lake defenders in last Thursday's game in the the McCamey Junior High Tournament.



CUBETTES 7TH GRADER MISTY GRAHAM awaits to receive the ball from a teammate as two Iraan defenders try to get the ball. The 7th grade "B" Team Cubettes lost their game 33-6 in the McCamey Junior High Tournament last Thursday.



LORI SANCHEZ TRIES TO GET ABOVE two Reagan County defenders for a shot. The Seventh Grade "A" Team won their game 21-15 over the Owls. The Cubettes also won the championship game 17-13 over McCamey Saturday evening.

Lady Lions Stop Prowlers 37-35

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lady Lions held off a last minute shooting spree by the Fort Stockton Prowlers in last Friday's 37-35 win in Fort Stockton. Some fans may say, "It was an exciting finish to a good game."

A "fired up" Lady Lions' team ended the first period with a 14-10 lead. The Ladies continued to control the game by hustling and good teamwork until the fourth quarter.

Things seemed to fall apart as the Ladies couldn't get the ball in the basket, scoring only two points in the quarter. Sheer determination and perseverance came through as the Lady Lions held off an eight point scoring spree by the Prowlers.

"We played really good until the fourth quarter," said Coach Dickie Faught. "It was the first time this year we have won two games in a row. We're continuing to get better."

Tara Wilkins, Gloria Peña-Alfaro

and Linda Mendoza each scored nine points, followed by Petra Rios with eight points, and Connie Fielder made two points.

The Ozona JV Lady Lions fought a hard basketball game but came up short on the scoreboard in their 37-35 loss in Fort Stockton to the JV Lady Prowlers. The game, played last Friday evening, was both exciting and very close.

Getting the ball in the basket proved to be difficult for the Lady Lions despite their continued hustle. Scoring five, nine, nine and four points in the respective four quarters, the Ladies couldn't score consistently to stay in the contest.

"They played hard but just couldn't put the ball in the basket," commented Coach Rodney Johnson.

Jackie Lara led the field with nine points, followed by Emily Stuart with six points, Amy Laughlin scored five points, Dana Bishop and Megan Tambunga made three points each, and Melanie Lozano scored one point.

Cubettes Win Two Over Sonora

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

Led by the shooting of Bobbie Bryson with 15 points, the 8th Grade Cubettes won 50-4 over Sonora in last Monday's (Jan. 10) basketball action in Sonora. The Cubettes remain undefeated in eight regular games and two tournaments.

The Cubettes scored 21 points in the first quarter and held Sonora scoreless. Ozona had little trouble during the game as they continued to score.

Others scoring include Amber Tarr with 13 points, Autumn McWilliams made nine points, Amber McWilliams scored seven points, Leslie Avila and Haley Holden made

two points each, and Stephanie Castro and Stephanie Franco scored one point each.

Scoring 23 points in the first half, the 7th Grade Cubettes won 33-26 over Sonora in last Monday's game in Sonora. The "B" team also won by a score of 5-3.

Substituting for Mrs. Tiffany Pullig, Coach Michelle Driver said, "The score doesn't show how hard they played. Both the A and B team played well. The girls hustled more than they have since I've been here. We had a good balance in scoring and great defense."

Those scoring for the Cubettes were Lori Sanchez with 16 points, Lindsey Flanagan made 10 points, Angela Branch scored five points, and Gina Castro made two points.

Cubs Split Two With Sonora

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona 8th Grade Cubs lost to the Sonora Colts 38-34 in last Monday evening's (Jan. 10) action in Davidson Gym. The score was very close throughout the game.

Both teams scored well in the second quarter with the Cubs scoring 11 points and the Colts scoring 19 points. The other quarters' scoring was fairly even but the Cubs were unable to overcome the difference.

Coach Don Payne said, "I was proud of our kids' hustle and they are

getting better. We've got to have some more kids scoring and they need to hit their free throws."

Scoring for the Cubs were Justin Browne with 19 points, Robert Daniels made six points, Rob Hamon scored four points, Wesley Bean made three points, and Frankie Ramos scored two points.

The 7th Grade Cubs improved their record to 11-0 by defeating the Sonora Colts 37-13 last Monday in Ozona. The Cubs had a big first quarter with 10 points scored to Sonora's two points.

Coach David Delgado said, "It was a good warmup for the Cubs with the McCamey tournament coming up this week. We had excellent defense and we did not give any easy baskets."

Mitchell Martinez led the scoring with 19 points, Matt Galindo scored six points, Anthony Ortiz and Robert Kelly made four points each, and Brad Sullivan and Chad Myers scored two points each.

Go Lions!

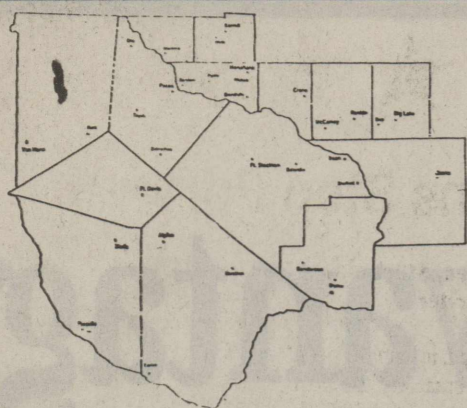
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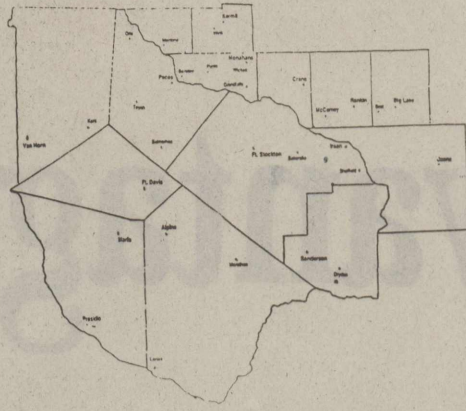
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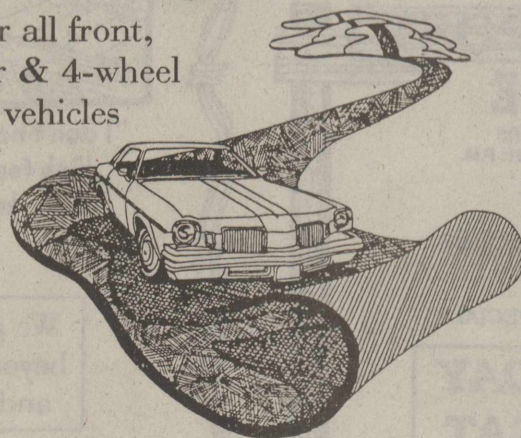
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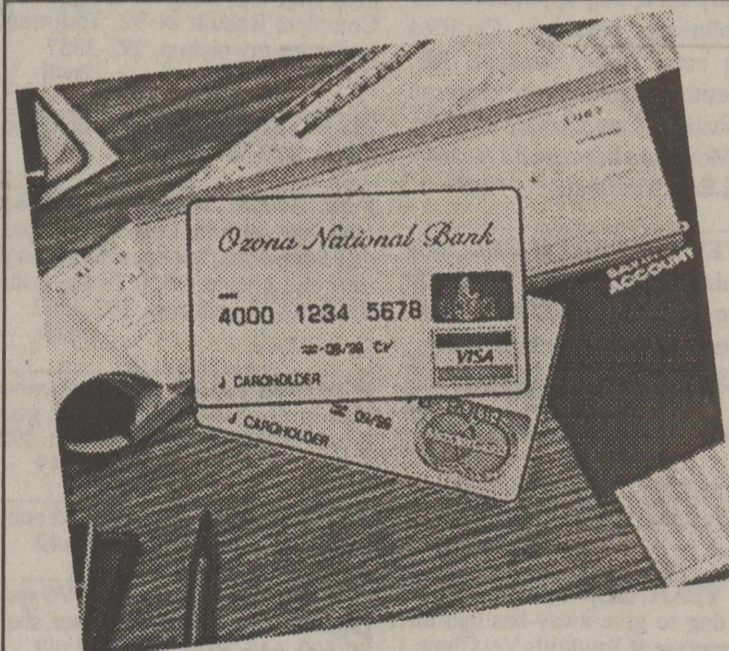
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