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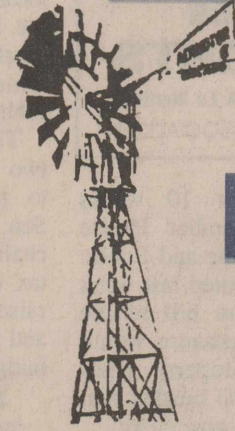
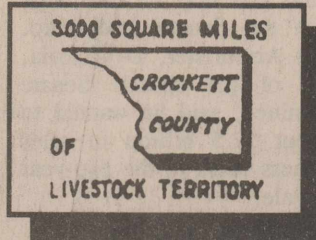
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HIS

"Old Blue"

"Old Blue" may be ragged, worn and a little rusty, but he still chugs along without complaint. As everybody in town should know by now, that "old Blue" is the 1983 blue Oldsmobile that the Moores travel in back and forth from 30 miles out down Taylor Box Draw to and from work every day.

He has never failed to make it through those slick mud holes all along the 2 1/2 miles of dirt road, or the pass at Deadman Thicket when Wild Horse Draw is on a rampage. With his front wheel drive he has been able to traverse the dirt stretch during torrential rains when our high-powered diesel Dodge pickup stayed in the garage, knowing full-well that it wouldn't make it a 100 yards in the mud.

Sometimes Linda and I can just imagine what the townfolks think of our vehicle. But, Old Blue has saved our skins a many a time, making it into town when nothing else could.

The old car has 140,000 miles, runs good, and better still, is paid for. So please bear with us on "Old Blue". We are not ready to turn him out to pasture just yet.

Heritage Statue Project Receives Added Award

Ozona Woman's Forum has been notified of a third award for its Heritage sculpture project, "The Tie That Binds".

Shirley Kirby, president of the Forum, learned last week that the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs' Texas Heritage Department has selected the project report submitted by Charlotte Harrell for first place recognition.

This award will be presented at the annual state meeting in Waco on April 30.

The Forum had already been notified that the art project, a bronze sculpture of a pioneer family by artist/sculptor Judy Black, is to receive a first place award in the TFWC special projects division in Waco.

A first place award at the district level was presented at a meeting in Sterling City March 22.

One Act Play Advances To State

An elated one-act play cast earned the right to advance to state last week, excelling in competition at regional contest Friday in Eula. The Ozona High School presentation of scenes from *The Shadow Box* by Michael Cristofer earned places on the all-star cast for Ty Mitchell and Lauren Wilkins and honorable mention for Jason Stuart and Kristin Shurley.

Other cast members are: Amber McWilliams, Traci Screws, Ty Porter, John Austin Stokes and Tripp Farris. Crew members are Dusty Stewart, stage manager; Jason Hignight, lighting and music; Courtney Cameron, Allison Preddy and Mario

Barrera. Alternates are: Kayla Shurley, Courtney Cameron, Robert Quiroz and Tiffany Maldonado. The play is directed by Renee Casey who is assisted by David Porter.

Also representing Region I-AA will be scenes from *I Pagliacci* by Ruggero Leoncavallo performed by a cast from West Texas High School at Sunnett. Selected as alternate play was that of Plains High School directed by former Ozona resident Gary Davis.

The state contest will be held Friday, May 2, in Austin at the McCullough Theatre located in the Performing Arts Center on the University of Texas campus. The first session begins at 4 p.m. and the second session at

7:30 p.m.

Advance ticket allotment for each school is 100 for the performance session only. Arrangements to purchase tickets for Ozona's session must be done no later than Thursday afternoon in the Crockett County Administration Office. Ticket prices are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. These tickets will be for the session in which Ozona High School performs only.

If you want tickets for the other session, indicate this when ordering your first session tickets. An attempt will be made by the school to purchase the other session tickets on Monday, April 28.

State Prisoners Begin Work In Crockett County



Eight prisoners from the Fort Stockton Transfer Facility, which is part of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division, began work for the county at the East Park Monday mowing, cleaning and doing repair work.

"This is a state-wide program which began back in 1992," said Terry Foster, unit director of the Fort Stockton Transfer Facility. We have offered this service to Crockett County in the past, but Sheriff Fenton is the first sheriff of Crockett County to take advantage of it. Our unit is named the Lynaugh unit after Jim Lynaugh, director of the western division," said Foster.

"We have four to five squads with eight workers per squad out of Fort Stockton, and we can work on any tax supported property, such as state, school, county, highway department or the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. All of these workers are highly screened and hand picked, and most of them are close to parole," Foster said.

The work force has done jobs in Alpine, Balmorhea, Grandfalls, Fort Davis, and has begun working in Iraan and Imperial. "We built the pens at the new rodeo arena at Sul Ross University, and did a beautiful job," said Foster. "We try to rotate workers with special skills and put them where they are needed the most. A lot of these trustees were special skilled people before they were incarcerated such as plumbers, carpenters, brick layers and etc.," Foster said.

"I have only had one complaint since the program started, and that was from a citizen who was frightened

when she came out of her back door to empty the trash in the dumpster off by the alley, and saw the prisoners cleaning in the alley. The trustees are not supposed to talk with any private citizen or even borrow a cigarette from anyone. If they do, they know they will lose their good behavior time and probably serve their sentence to the

max," Foster said. "We are not here to rob jobs from the county, school or state departments, but our only purpose is to help where help is needed," Foster further commented.

Sheriff Fenton has scheduled the work force to paint the Emerald House and clear the right-of-way on some of the county roads for a start.

Case Closed

A murder case solved with a key by Deputy Alton Davis reached its final disposition in Huntsville April 16 with the execution of Kenneth Gentry. Gentry, 36, was convicted of the 1983 murder of Jimmy Don Ham in Denton County while Davis was a detective with the Denton County Sheriff's Department.

Officers were alerted to the death when two fishermen found a body in the south part of the county at a place called Pilot Knoll Park, Davis remembered.

Dinner Theater Benefits Project Graduation

Ozona High School's statebound one act play cast will be presented in a dinner theater performance April 29 with a meal by Ozona Lions Club. The evening of entertainment will benefit Project Graduation.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m. and the show at 8 in the civic center. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the high school, from the civic center board members or at the center.

The man, whose upper body was in the water, had a bullet through the head and was also shot in the chest.

At the crime scene, there were two piles of six shells, "like two guys had been target practicing and it became one guy's turn and he turned around and shot him," Davis said.

There was no identification on the body, but there were a comb and set of keys. On one of the keys was the word "Otis". Two businesses in the area had Otis in their names, Otis Elevator and Otis Engineering. An Otis crew working on an elevator in Denton told Davis the key looked like a repairman's key. A trip to the Dallas office of Otis Elevator confirmed that the key was theirs.

Questions about missing employees revealed that a month earlier a worker had rented a car on Friday and not returned. Later the company got a call that the man was in jail in Cochise Co., AZ, on a gas drive off. They sent Jimmy Don Ham his final check so he could bond out and never heard from him again.

Ham's description fit that of the

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REGIONAL ALL-STAR CAST members Lauren Wilkins and Ty Mitchell join John Austin Stokes in a scene from *The Shadow Box* during a dress rehearsal last week. *The Shadow Box* by Michael Cristofer is published by Samuel French Inc. photo by Neal Ulmer

Leana Baggett Qualifies For State

The Ozona computer programmers placed third at regionals in Abilene Saturday, April 19. Only the top two teams advance to state, so Ozona is the alternate team.

Leana Baggett did advance individually by placing third on the writ-

ten part of the test. She will compete May 2 in Austin.

"The team did a fabulous job this year, and Darin Jackson and Jason Hignight will be greatly missed next year," commented their coach, Rod Miller. "Congratulations to Leana and good luck at state."

Bachman Guest Speaker At Archeology Program

The public is invited to hear Rick Bachman speak on Indian rock art and flintknapping Monday, April 28.

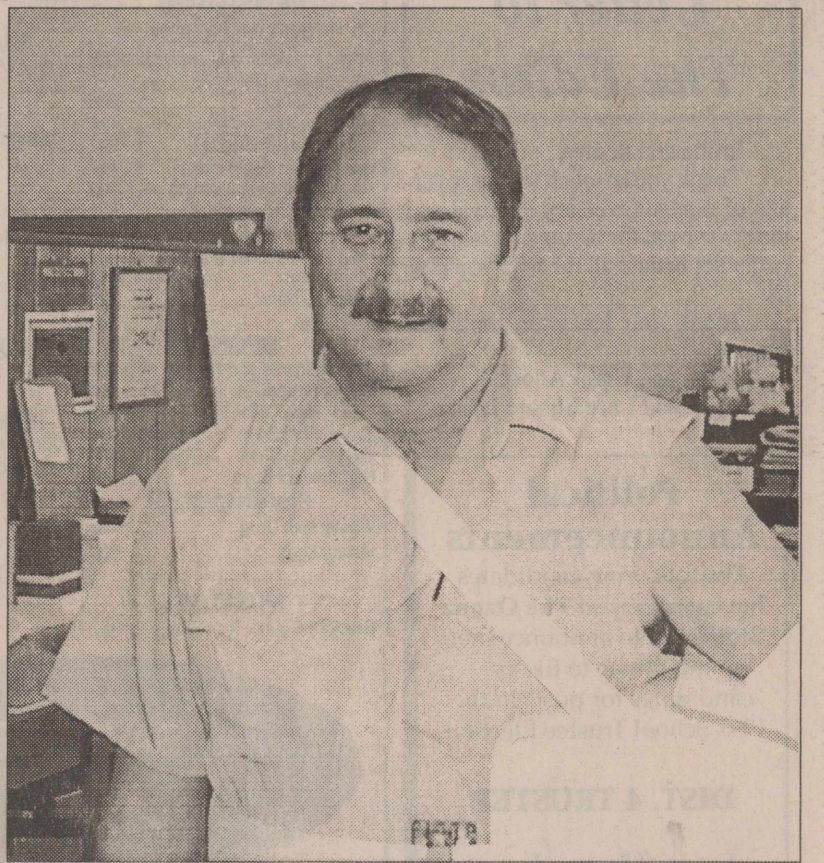
The program is sponsored by Crockett County Museum and Historical Commission in observance of Archeology Awareness Month.

Ozona National Bank's Crockett Room is the location for the 7 p.m. program.

Early Voting Ends April 29

April 29 is the last day to vote early by personal appearance in the May 3 school trustee election. Voting is being conducted at the school administration building week days between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Candidates in District 4 are David Bean and Lucy Humphrey. Veronica Tijerina is the District 3 candidate.



CHIEF DEPUTY ALTON DAVIS learned last week that a murder case he had solved in Denton County ended with an execution April 16 in Huntsville. DigiCam photo by Scotty Moore

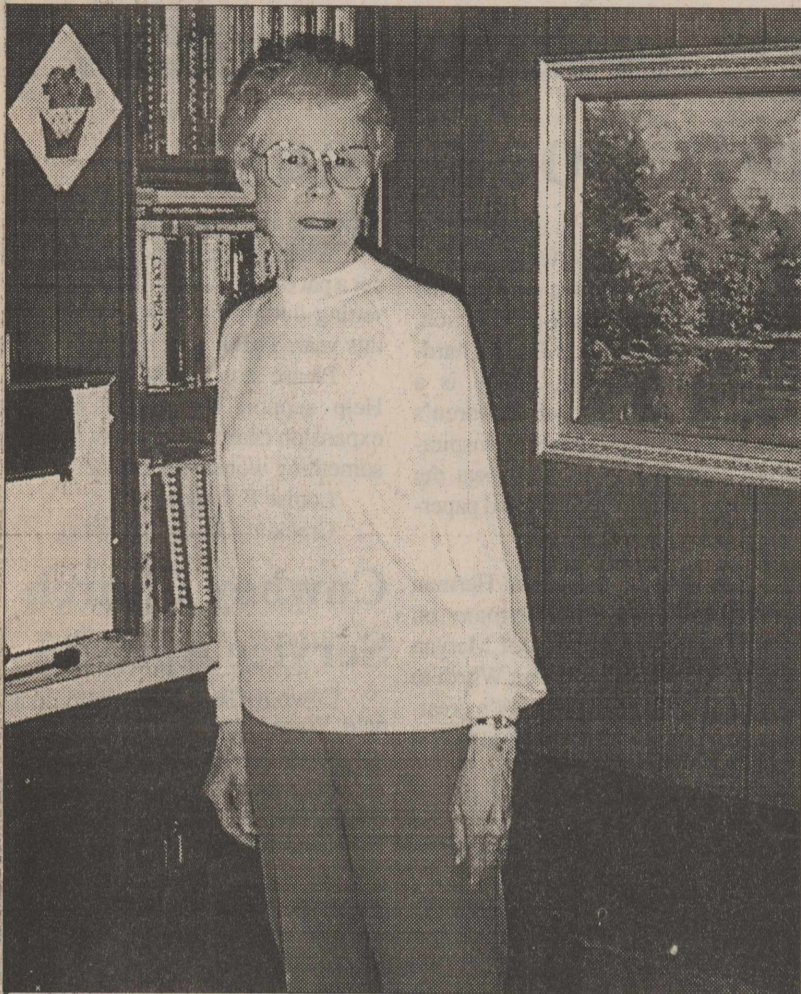
The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
April 14	68	35	-0-
April 15	72	42	-0-
April 16	76	50	-0-
April 17	79	55	-0-
April 18	87	52	-0-
April 19	90	55	-0-
April 20	91	45	-0-

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Lifestyles

Crockett County Cook-of-the-Week



Mena Carnes — Cook-Of-The-Week

Someone's In The Kitchen....

Being a neighbor to Mena Carnes has many advantages. One is, "When I bake, I share with my neighbors," said Mena. This tiny lady and her slender husband, Mut, look as though they never eat the sweets she loves to cook. Many food allergies prevent Mena from eating a lot of what she prepares, but Mut and the neighbors and other friends do enjoy her efforts.

Although Mena is always looking for new recipes, she has a collection of more than 200 cookbooks, "I never go strictly by a recipe," she said. One which friends particularly love, and which is quick to prepare is a banana pudding of her own concoction.

Mena's Banana Pudding

1 pkg. Jello French Vanilla Instant Pudding prepared according to directions. When it thickens, add one medium Cool Whip. "Layer wafers and bananas with pudding, and that's it," said Mena.

Her pound cake recipe has been in the family for years. "Mother always said if you want a good pound cake, never use baking powder or soda."

Mena's Pound Cake

1 lb. butter
3 c. sugar
9 eggs
3 c. flour
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. lemon extract
Cream butter, then add sugar and cream well. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Then add flour and beat well. Add extracts last and beat well. Mena coats her cake pans with Crisco and flour. Bake in a tube pan for two hours at 300 degrees or in two loaf pans 1 1/2 hours at 300 degrees. Let cool in pan approximately 10 minutes before remov-

ing. If cake is in tube pan, she removes from pan, but leaves tube in place until the cake is completely cooled.

"The secret to this cake is the beating," said Mena.

Mena's Lemon Pie

3/4 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
2 Tbsp. flour
3 c. milk
3 eggs slightly beaten
1 Tbsp. butter
1 Tbsp. grated lemon

Add all together except butter. Cook over moderate heat stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil one minute. Remove from heat and add butter and grated lemon. Pour into baked pie shell. Cover with meringue and bake 8 to 10 minutes in 400 degree moderate hot oven. This is actually a plain cream pie with lemon added, Mena says.

Meringue

Beat together until sugar is completely dissolved 3 egg whites, 6 Tbsp. sugar and 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar.

You Can Rest Assured

By Linda Casey

The kids will get grown but they may never leave home.

Your 5-year-old grandchild can probably show you how to use the VCR.

There's a 50% chance your son, or daughter, will call you for bail money sooner or later.

Two cannot live cheaper than one.

The man you married, hoping to change, did, for the worse.

When you tell your mother her

grandchild won't eat broccoli, she will wolf down the whole plate.

The day you have children so there will be someone to care for you in your old age will be the biggest mistake in judgement you'll ever make.

The day you get a new perm in your hair, it will rain, hard.

When you volunteer to help at your child's school party, the other child will be sick that day.

That the local, state and federal governments are all after their share of your money, taxes.

Happy Birthday

April 23 - Eugene Hood, Merlin Schoenhals, Kasey Gray, Carli McAnus

April 24 - Jordan Webster, Jennifer Colin, Patricia Martinez, Emily Galindo, Joe Lara, Jessica Reyes, Luis Mata

April 25 - Alleane Sutton, DeDe Yeager, Abbey Maldonado, James Nelson Jr., Rita Ybarra, Linda Mendoza, Fred Fay, Kristy Worthington, Alex Williamson, Maria Esmerado

April 26 - Richard Gonzales, Chad Myers, Clay Richardson, Bill Pagan

April 27 - Judy Reagor, Albert Ramos, Erin Castro, Jeffrey Mendez, Janell Tambunga, Bonnie Hohertz, Robert Ybarra Jr., David Craig, Roxanne Talamantez, Gabriel Tijerina

April 28 - Dena Porter, Bart Grimes, Cherrie Fielder, Hector Hernandez, Ramon Longoria, Andrew Groll, O. J. Ortiz, Leslie Avila

April 29 - Yvonne Madris, Connie Bentley, Gina Castro, Ruth White, Freddie Nicks, Hector Hernandez, Carlee Kay Goree, Delia Trevino

Wit And Wisdom Highlight Meeting

Jewel Bailey and Lucille Littleton shared the wit and wisdom of their years through a skit filled with humor and old sayings at the April 9 meeting of Ozona Woman's League.

The meeting was held at the home of Jeannine Henderson with Elaine Crawford assisting as hostess.

Others attending were: Vicki Black, Becky Childress, Heatherly Childress, Jodie Childress, Jodi Dabovich, Peggy Dickerson, Terri Faught, Katreece Hale, Karen Huffman, Shannon Hunnicutt, Tonya Poindexter, Cory Seahorn, Vicki Stokes and Kathy Vickers.

It's A Girl

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ballard Jr. of Everman are the proud parents of a seven pound, 13 ounce baby girl. Kaelynn Nicole arrived on April 16, 1997, at 4:17 p.m. She was 20 1/4 inches long.

Mrs. Ballard is the former Shauna McCary of Ozona.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Maryan Thompson of Fort Worth

and John McCary of Ozona, Derold and Doris Maney of Houston. Great-grandmothers are Katy Maney of Ozona and Jessie McCary of Ozona. Also welcoming the baby is Uncle Jimmy McCary of Ozona.

Paternal grandparents are James H. and Amy Ballard Sr. of California and Victor and Becky Santiago of Crowley. Great-grandparents are George and Laverne Berry of Whitesettlement.



Shelby Stuart, Jesse Garza Plan July Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Stuart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelby D'Anne Stuart, to Mr. Jesse Garza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lalo Garza. Shelby is the granddaughter of Mrs. Chester Wilson and Mr. and Mrs.

B. W. Stuart of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schneider of Fargo, ND. Jesse is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Castro.

The wedding will take place July 19 in the First Baptist Church in Ozona. Shelby and Jesse are graduates of Ozona High School and are attending Angelo State University.

It's A Boy

R. Louis and Rachel O. Hall of 2823 Saybrook Blvd., Stow, OH 44224 proudly announce the birth of their first child - Daniel Richard Hall, March 15, 1997.

At birth, Daniel weighed 8 pounds, 9.2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Rachel is the former County Extension Agent-Home Economics of Crockett County. She is now employed by Fabri-Centers of America of Hudson, OH, as visual merchandise

manager. Louis was associated with the Crockett County National Bank for four years and is now employed by Morgan Bank of Hudson, OH, in lending.

Grandparents are T. J. and Vernell Oehler of Fredericksburg and Dr. Richard and Myrtle Hall of Eden.

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Church News

Museum Notes From Mary

In the Pioneer Room at the museum are many objects that were used by families in Crockett County in the early years. Some are older than the 106 years that Ozona and Crockett County have been organized, and were brought to this area by folks when they moved here. Among them is a cradle that was made in 1862 by a cabinet maker in Gonzales for a Mrs. Horatio S. Parker, who put her baby, Zaidce, in it. It's a unique design, with a drop side and slide bars to lock it up into place. In later years Zaidce, as Mrs. L. B. Cox, used the cradle for her children, Kenneth, Vernon, Lemuel Bascomb, Jr., and Ora Mae. Then the cradle was used for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Zaidce's sister, Ora Parker Shipley, made a special "Postage Stamp" quilt, and it was used on this little bed. It is still on the little cradle for all to enjoy. The remarkable thing about the quilt is when Mrs. Shipley made it totally by hand she was 80 years old. Many visitors comment on the tiny, even stitches and marvel that she was able to do this impressive work that late in life. If you've ever quilted, you would enjoy seeing this marvelous piece that represents competence, dexterity and above all, patience.

In this room, also is a pair of western boots made by Oscar Kost especially for Louise Arledge around 1942. They are two-color, with red on the bottom and beige uppers. The foot has elaborate stitching in a graceful design, while the upper has red flowers and green leaves done in the reverse-applique pattern. The three initials MLA are in the front of each boot, also in red. They are pretty little boots, worn enough to be comfortable, but in excellent condition. Oscar Kost had a saddle shop in Ozona for several years and was an accomplished leather worker. He's done a little of everything, I think, and now helps out at the Ozona Stockman. He also has a terrific memory and has helped me by remembering how things were years ago.

Back to the boots - they were given to the museum in 1992 by Sue Arledge. Sue's husband, Larry, and

Louise Arledge are cousins and were in the same class in school. They would often confuse the teachers by saying they were actually twins. Their mothers would take turns staying in town during the week to care for them, while the other could stay on her family ranch. To make it even more confusing, the mothers were married to brothers, so both families had the same last name. Larry and Sue's daughter, Lara Sue (Mrs. Penn Baggett) told me that the two are still as close as they ever were, and continue the ranching tradition on land that was homesteaded by their grandfather, Ed Arledge. Larry and Sue are on the original Arledge Headquarters Ranch east of Pandale, and Louise and her husband, John Rowland, Jr., are on the ranch adjoining to the south.

Knowing the heritage of the cradle, quilt and boots makes these articles all the more precious. There are many more artifacts and stories in the museum. Come visit some day and I'll point out the ones I know.

Here's today's quote "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Norman MacEwan

Mary Hillman

Kunkel Receives Recognition

On Sunday morning, April 20, Herbert Kunkel received two certificates of recognition for his many years of service to the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Rev. and Mrs. James Carter were in Ruidoso, NM, to present Mr. Kunkel with the awards. One was a certificate of appreciation for his service as head usher for over 35 years. The other was a gold cross given by the United Methodist Women of Ozona in recognition of Mr. Kunkel's dedication to the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Carter were houseguests of Joe Boy and Jerry Lynn Pierce.

Mr. Kunkel would appreciate receiving letters and cards of encouragement. His address is: Box 4827, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Psalm 128: 1-2

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Meals On Wheels Menu

Monday, April 28--Swiss Steak, White Rice, Honeyed Carrots, Dessert and Bread

Tuesday, April 29--Baked Chicken Quarters, Italian Vegetables, Apple Rings, Dessert and Bread

Wednesday, April 30--Dorito Casserole, Buttered Corn, Lettuce Tomato Salad and Dessert

Thursday, May 1--Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert and Bread

Friday, May 2--Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Pork and Beans, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickle Slices and Dessert

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Ozona Schools

Cafeteria Menu

April 28... Pizza, Nachos, Salad, Diced Pears and Milk
April 29... Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Corn, Pineapple, Rolls and milk
April 30... Chick Burger, Salad, Tator Tots, Cookie and Milk

Fast Food Menu

April 28... Corn Dog, Nachos, Salad, Diced Pears and Milk
April 29... Soft Burrito, Corn, Fruit, Rolls and Milk
April 30... Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots, Cookie and Milk

Breakfast Menu

(Everyday we have Cold Cereal, Toast, Muffin, Milk and Juice)

Plus:

April 21... Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal
April 22... Beef & Bean Burrito or Cream of Wheat or Cold Cereal
April 23... Sausage & Egg, Burrito or Cold Cereal

Listen to the Talking Newspaper for a daily report of the menu
Dial 392-2447 ext. 215

Promise Keepers Focus On Local Churches

The Ozona Promise Keepers Task Force recently hosted a dinner honoring local pastors and their wives and some of the lay ministers of the Catholic Church. Three state Promise Keeper representatives, Keith Chadwick of Dallas, Gilbert Davila of San Antonio and Garry Blackmon of Houston presented the 1997 goals and focuses for Promise Keepers, which are to strengthen and give support to the local churches.

They also gave information about 1997 rallies and conferences in Houston May 16-17; Washington, DC Oct. 4 (Stand In The Gap: A Sacred Assembly Of Men); and Dallas Oct. 24-25.

This year's theme for the Promise Keepers' conferences is "The Making of a Godly Man".

For more information regarding general conference, call 800-888-7595.

Methodists To Host District Training

Ozona United Methodist Church will be the site of a training session for pastors and laity on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Several courses in Christian Discipleship will be taught. The San Angelo United Methodist District Superintendent, Rev. Barbara Galoway-Edgar, will preside.

All Ozona Methodists are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served at noon for \$5.

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By Louise Ledoux

Crockett County

Public Library NEWS

Friends Book Feast

The 5th Annual Friends of the Library Book Feast was very successful. A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported the Friends Book Feast ticket campaign. Friends President Jeanne Wellman and Vice-President Dean Allen were very pleased with the mail-in response to the campaign.

Chairman Lou Deaton and her volunteers served over 200 plates at the barbecue lunch and desserts sale on Saturday. Smoked sausage plates prepared by R&L Bar-B-Q and served by Friends fed the crowd in two hours' time. Diners were entertained by the toe-tapping music of Willena Holden. The desserts sale was popular as always, and was deliciously enjoyed by everyone.

The library thermometer will get to take another big jump. Thanks, Friends.

The book sale pre-view was well attended Sunday. These early birds got first pick of the great selection of books on sale this year. The book sale will continue the next two weeks on Monday-Saturday from 10 to 6 in the old Hotel Ozona lobby.

I want to thank the Millers for

allowing the Friends to use the hotel for the sale. It's the perfect location.

Go by and browse through the books. We have brand new fiction, classic fiction and non-fiction hardbacks and paperbacks. There is a wonderful selection of children's books, and a nice group of inspirational materials. You can't beat the price - hardbacks are \$1.00 and paper-

backs are 10 cents each.

When you see Linda Casey, give her a pat on the back for her hard work setting out all the books for the sale this year. Thank you, Linda.

Please stop by and check it out. Help support the library building expansion campaign and get yourself something wonderful to read.

Louise P. Ledoux
Crockett County Librarian

Cowboy Church Service April 23

Cowboy Church Services will be held Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Circle Bar Party Barn.

Rev. Monty Price will conduct the service.

THE FUN PLACE TO SHOP

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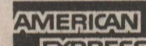
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Fingerprints

By Rev. James Carter
Ozona United Methodist Church

A few years ago the church office in the town where I was serving was burglarized. The thief took everything of value. The detective investigating the crime made this comment: "The burglar went all over this place, but I can't find a fingerprint anywhere."

Roll that around in your imagination! Is it not a crime against life when we cannot find one's fingerprints on anything? In other words, is it not a crime against life if there is not a single task done that needs to be done for human welfare or not a single life, whether young or old, on which a

person has not left her personal mark; her fingerprint as it were?

It is possible to go through life avoiding other people and avoiding tasks that desperately need to be done for others. This is what the Rich Fool in Jesus' parable did. In the same way, we can say of some people, there is no place where they gave of themselves...their strength, their time, their money...so that their marks can be detected.

What a lost opportunity it is when a person leaves no trace of personal service in a church. Oh, they contribute every year, but they leave no fingerprints; no places where one can say: "Here, she put the personal effort of her life, of her time, and of her concern."



First Baptist Church Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church Rev. James Carter Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church Rev. Norvell Allen Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.	Faith Lutheran Church Rev. Charles Huffman, Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church Rev. Sergio Arrellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem Pastor Miguel Arjon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Lupe Domoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rev. Bill DuBuisson Rev. Ray Gallagher Mass: 11:15, Sun., 7 p.m., Sat., 8:30 a.m. M.W.T.F.
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Time To Nominate Students for Gifted And Talented Program

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is now in the process of accepting nominations for its gifted and talented program for students with exceptional intellectual abilities.

According to Assistant Superintendent Ted Cotton, gifted/talented students are those who excel consistently or who show the potential to excel in any one or a combination of the following areas: general intellectual ability, specific subject matter aptitude, creative and productive thinking ability, leadership ability, ability in the visual and performing arts, and psychomotor ability.

"Students in the local program are identified and served in the area of general intellectual ability," Cotton said. "This area is defined as possessing superior intelligence with potential or demonstrated achievement in several fields of study and the ability to perform complex mental tasks. At the present time, the 47 students in our gifted and talented program are working on developing more higher-level thinking skills beyond what is normally required in the regular classroom. Gifted/talented education does not take the place of the regular classroom but supplements and provides time for students to use their thinking and reasoning skills to a greater de-

gree."

Identification of gifted/talented students is very complex and comprehensive, consisting of two distinct steps: (1) nomination and screening and (2) selection. In the nomination and screening phase, a student may be nominated for the program by his/her parent or guardian, by a teacher, by another person, or by scoring very high on a standardized achievement test. Once a student has been nominated, he/she will be given two nationally-developed tests of higher-level thinking skills to determine the student's potential to succeed in the program, and after all data has been collected on each child, a committee of professional educators will review this information and determine which additional students qualify for inclusion in the program.

"Anyone with a child attending grades kindergarten through 11 this year and wishing to nominate them for this program is asked to go by the principal's office and request a nomination form, which needs to be returned to the school by Friday, May 2. If you are unable to go by the school, please call, and we will see that you get one," Cotton said. Students who did not make the gifted/talented program last year may be nominated again if parents wish to do so.

Ozona Primary School Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

- First Grade:**
Ryan Beasley, Morgan Capps, Elizabeth Farley, Park Preddy, Celia Rivera, Jessica Simmons
- Second Grade:**
Isabel Aguilar, Matthew Bullard, Rachel Byrne, Danielle Cook, Cristina Dominguez, Benjamin English, Peyton Fenton, Federico Fierro, Diane Hernandez, Caleb Mitchell, Melony Moran, Melissa Morris, Sweta Patel, Lauren Pool, William Richie, Crystal Rivero, Ariana Robledo, Lacey Sanchez, Jarrod Simmons, Frankie Skinner, Francisco Tambunga, Luis Tijerina

A-B HONOR ROLL

- First Grade:**
Gary Bartley, Puja Bhakta, Zane Caddell, Heidi Cervantes, Alexa Cervantes, James Dickinson, Sara Dor-

- rough, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Kasey Gray, Julia Henderson, Anna Hernandez, Brooke Kelly, Kyann Kothman, Justin Maldonado, Miguel Maskill, Tausha Molinare, Aaron Pearl, Michael Quiroz, Jose Salinas, Ely Silva, Joshua Smith, Brooke Tambunga, Mark Tambunga, Vanessa Tobar, Victoria Treto, Abel Villarreal, Lori Villarreal, Ramon Ybarra, Abigail Zamarripa

Second Grade:

- Lakin Aaron, Adrienne Bendele, Britni Buchanan, Cristian Cervantes, Rebecca Enriquez, Lanell Garcia, Sarah Hixson, Jasmine Lara, Chance Lecroy, Tashina Lewis, Daniela Lombana, Timothy Longoria, Joseph Martinez, Laura Mata, Megan McDaniel, Jacob Moran, Abel Ochoa, John Payne, Daniel Roman, Catlin Sessom, John Tijerina, Levi Vargas, Farran Wilson, Vicky Yruegas

Ozona Intermediate School Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll

FIFTH SIX WEEKS A HONOR ROLL

- Third Grade:**
Kaysi Adams, Brian Anderson, Alexandra Bean, Miranda Fierro, Grant Hodges, Patricia Larson, Raymond Maldonado, Victoria Miller, Jessica Moore, Malorie Moran, Erica Schalek
- Fourth Grade:**
Amber Batura, Jared Bird, Kristin Bunger, Casey Cervantes, Elizabeth Dickinson, Rolando Galindo, Cecilia Garza, Shawntee Goff, Jenna Henderson, Hilary Huffman, Stephen Lara, Christina Martinez, Makinsey Morris, Mary Oglesby, Toby Pagan, Heather Price, Paarth Raj, Britney Ramos, Sara Richie

Fifth Grade:

- Bobbi Bangeman, Corin Garcia, Rose Garza, Jerry Harris, Marcus Osborne

A-B HONOR ROLL

- Third Grade:**
Marcus Badillo, Francisco Batrez, Kathryn Bromley, Lindsey Castro, Daniel Cruz, Tyler Cunningham, Kelli DeHoyos, Roberto DeHoyos, Eric Fierro, Filemon Garza, Brayla Gesch, Matthew Harris-Cane, Ross Kelley, Judy Lombana, Casey Nicks, Kayla Parks, Ana Rivero, Eric Tambunga, Jasmine Tambunga, Dustin Thomas, Audrey Tijerina, Chelsea Tobar, Zane Uvietta, Dean Wadsworth, Justin Weant

Fourth Grade:

- Bianca Aiguier, Alexander Avila, Danielle Bryan, David Casarez, Vincent Castro, Emile Crawford, Anais Cruz, Tara Ellis, Derek Fierro, Cynthia Gann, Jesus Garza, James Harris, Kayla Johnson, Catherine Marmolejo, Lesley Mendoza, Erika Morales,

- Raven Perez, Steven Poindexter, Andrea Salinas, Kassie Smith, Penny Stewart, Ruben Talamantez, Rebecca Tambunga, Johnny Villarreal, Cassandra Ybarra, Heather Ybarra

Fifth Grade:

- Mica Aaron, Zachary Beasley, Brandi Buchanan, Clay Byley, Ruth Cervantes, Layne English, Jesus Esparza, Corey Galindo, Kristopher Gray, Juan Gutierrez, Stephen Humphrey, Christopher Martinez, Jakob Parks, Laura Pierce, Christopher Smith, Jake Stewart



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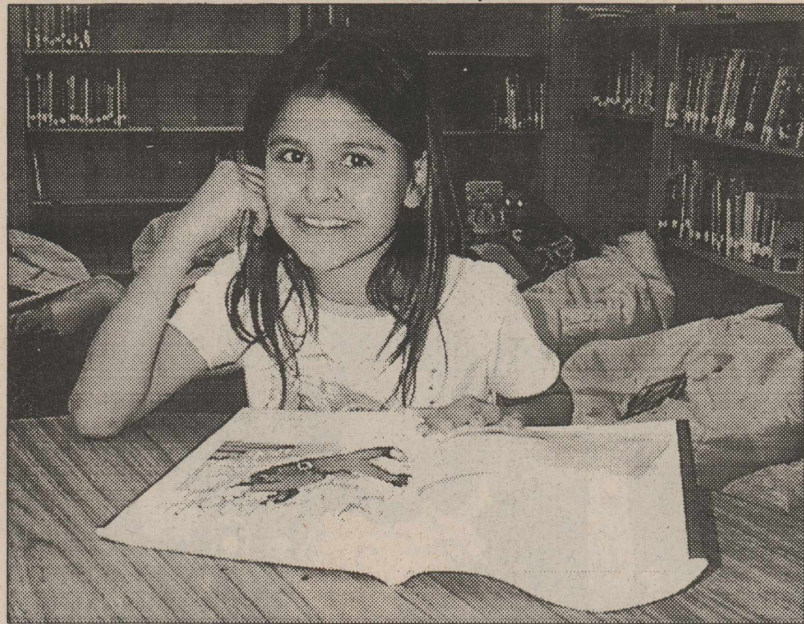
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Final Plans Okayed For School Improvements

During their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15, members of the Ozona School Board approved final plans, designs and specifications for renovation of the three science labs in Ozona High School, the installation of erasable marker boards in classrooms at Ozona Primary, Ozona Intermediate, and Ozona High School, the installation of teacher storage cabinets at Ozona Intermediate School, and the installation of a new standing seam metal roof over the existing roofs of Davidson Gymnasium.

Prior to final board approval, district architect Larry Harvey met with the board and science teachers Frank Reavis, Alan Phillips and Ronnie Casey for approximately an hour during the meeting to finalize plans for the renovations of the three science labs, which will receive new furniture and equipment, in Ozona High School. Previous meetings with teachers in Ozona Primary, Intermediate and High School had already resulted in final plans and specifications for the installation of the erasable marker boards and teacher storage cabinets.

Bid openings for the renovation project will be held on Wednesday, May 7, with a bid opening time to be determined by Mr. Harvey, and the members voted to call a special meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m. to review the bids and approve a bid for the project. The estimated cost is \$564,100 and will be paid for out of the district's fund balance. The completion date for classroom and laboratory renovations has been set for Monday, Aug. 4.

During the meeting, Vicky Munoz, Glenda Winkley and Susie Childress gave trustees a mini-presentation on their use of Saxon Phonics, which has been implemented this year in grades kindergarten through two at Ozona Primary School. The teachers explained that Saxon Phonics is a program that begins in kindergarten. Auditory discrimination skills are taught, and after reading readiness is reached, the teacher initiates the introduction of letters by name, sound and written form. Repetition is an essential part of the program.

First grade students review the letters and begin blending words together to read and "unblend" or dissect words to spell. In the second grade, students review the vowels and consonants, then move to decoding and reading comprehension. All of the teachers were highly complimentary of the new phonics program, which will give primary school students a firm foundation reading skills.

Ozona Intermediate School teachers Vicki Stokes, Terri Faught, Cora Worthington, Nikki Sewell, Jennifer Pool and Charlotte Laughlin gave the board a mini-presentation on their use of Saxon Mathematics, which is also used in Ozona Primary and Ozona Middle School. All of the teachers were very enthusiastic about the program and felt that it gives their students a strong background in mathematical skills.

Saxon Math is a program that uses repetition and reinforcement strategies, and new concepts are introduced on a daily basis. The program is highly organized and sequential to increase student learning and understanding about mathematical concepts. Ozona Primary and Intermediate School implemented Saxon Math last year, and grades six and seven were added this year.

Speech and drama teacher Reneé Casey met with the board to review bids for upgrading the Ozona High School Auditorium Stage to Univer-

sity Interscholastic League specifications. The stage, which has not been renovated in 32 years (1965), has an old and outdated lighting system which cannot be used for district or area U.I.L. play contests. In addition, the stage's overhead rigging has become hazardous for drama participants.

Two bids were received for the stage renovation, and the trustees approved a low bid of \$85,602 from Texas Scenic Company of San Antonio. The bid includes new stage rigging, curtains, lighting, and electrical hook-ups necessary to bring the facility up to the U.I.L. specifications.

Board President Wade Richardson recessed the meeting at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of entering into executive session to discuss personnel items. Emerging out of executive session at 10:39 p.m., members voted to accept the resignation, effective April 30, of Rodney Johnson, the resignation, effective May 23, of Elinore South, and the resignation, effective May 23, of Pat O'Bryan.

Mr. Johnson, math teacher at Ozona High School, resigned to accept the head girls basketball and track position at Ira High School. Mrs. O'Bryan, fourth grade teacher at Ozona Intermediate School, resigned due to her husband's job transfer to Louisiana, and Ms. South resigned for personal reasons.

The trustees also voted to non-renew the contract of Beverly Evans, speech therapist, due to a change in the district's speech therapy program from service provided locally to service provided by the Menard Special Education Cooperative.

2.5% salary increases were approved for Mae Lay (business manager), Armando Ybarra (assistant maintenance supervisor), Coleen Everett (cafeteria manager), all other cafeteria employees, and all other school maintenance employees with the exception of Ray Don Myers, school maintenance director. Mr. Myers received a \$5,000 salary raise for increased responsibilities in regard to technical assistance for technology initiatives in the district. Mr. Myers, in addition to his maintenance supervisor responsibilities, will assist Rod Miller, who was approved by the school board for employment as district technology coordinator on Wednesday, March 26, in the implementation of campus and district computer networking.

The meeting was adjourned following an affirmative vote to set the date and time for the May regular meeting of the board on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Martinez And Tarr Win Qualifiers Tennis Meet

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

Long hours practicing and playing hard as a team have paid off for junior Amber Tarr and sophomore Donika Martinez in their first year together as a doubles tennis team. Last Saturday the duo won the regional qualifiers tennis tournament held in Big Lake.

Although the Ozona High pair have been playing together only this year, they have won a few tournaments. They will represent Ozona at the Regional I, Class 2A Tennis Tournament to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 23-24, on the campus of Abilene Christian University. The girls' doubles team will play their first round at 1:30 p.m., the second round at 4:30 p.m. and the third round at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. On Thursday, the semifinals will start at 10 a.m. and the

finals will start at 2 p.m.

The Ozona duo defeated Bell and Harp from Garden City 6-3, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3. They were supposed to play Wade and Wade from Greenwood, but the Greenwood pair opted to go to their junior and senior prom. Although Tarr and Martinez wanted to play the pair from Greenwood, they won by default.

"We played real good in the first set, fought back in the second set, and it snowballed," said Ozona tennis coach Rick Bachman. "I was real proud by the way they fought back. In the third set, we showed a lot of composure and won the match."

"It was a good experience for us and a good match. The girls from Garden City played real well. We got the momentum back in the second set, and it gave us the momentum into the third set," Bachman said.



MRS. LOGAN'S CLASS at Ozona Intermediate School wrote letters to Troy Aikman while studying the post office. Troy wrote the class back and gave them information about a football camp for children their ages. He also sent them an autographed picture of himself. Pictured are: (front row, l. to r.) Joseph Martinez, Melissa Morris, Alfredo Tobar, LaNell Garcia and Rachel Byrne. Second row: (l. to r.) Melony Moran, Freddy Fierro, Peyton Fenton, Manny Tijerina, John Tom Tijerina and Laken Aaron. Back row: (l. to r.) Barrett Richie, Mrs. Logan, Crystal Rivero, Joshua Roman, Chance LeCroy, Jasmine Lara and Rebecca Enriquez. *DigiCam Photo By Scotty Moore*

Lions Tie With Eldorado In District Game

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

Although the Lions started in good shape, the Eldorado Eagles came back in the sixth inning to deadlock the game at 10-10. Thus was the Lions' first outing in the District 8-2A season. The game was called after six innings due to darkness. The Lions and Eagles were to play the last inning when the Eagles came to Ozona April 22.

Ozona headed into district play with a 5-3 season record.

"We got off to a really good start, then we were stopped for 40 minutes because of rain, and we weren't able to get back on track after that," said Lion baseball coach David Delgado. "It was a pretty good game between two equal teams, and we're looking forward to finishing the game when they come down in a few weeks."

Anthony Ortiz opened the Lions' scoring by first getting on base on a walk. Brian Badillo hit a single, and Ortiz scored when Jon Sanchez reached base on an error. Jamie Ramos was walked to load the bases. Ramon Longoria hit a fielder's choice to score Badillo and Sanchez, and Ramos scored on a single by John Ortiz. The Lions held the Eagles in the first inning to lead 4-0.

Eldorado got on the scoreboard

Fuller Graduates From Marine Training

Pfc. Joel A. Fuller, son of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fuller of Ozona, graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training April 18. After returning home on "boot leave", the 1994 graduate of Ozona High School will be further trained in combat skills before reporting to his specialty school for occupational training in one of hundreds of jobs available to young men and women today.

During 12 weeks of boot camp, Pfc. Fuller earned such Marine Corps unique skills as marksmanship, close-order drill, physical conditioning, life-savings techniques, water survival and Marine Corps customs and courtesies.

Fuller enlisted into the Marine Corps through the recruiting office located at Sunset Mall in San Angelo. His recruiter, S/Sgt. L. L. Sweet, extends congratulations to Fuller on completion of his recruit training.

Ladies Win Relay At Qualifiers Meet

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lady Lions won the 1600 meter relay at the regional qualifiers track meet held in Wall last Friday afternoon.

"They performed well despite the weather," said Lady Lion track coach Alan Phillips. "It was a good meet as far as helping our confidence going into the regional meet."

The Region I Class 2-A Track Meet will be held on the campus of Abilene Christian University on Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, starting at 9:30 a.m. with the 3200m run.

Ozona's mile relay team won the event with a time of 4 minutes, 15 seconds. Team members are: Tiffany Maldonado, Terren Marshall, Leslie Avila and Lori Sanchez.

"We were about 10 or 15 yards ahead of the other teams in the mile," said Coach Phillips.

Lori Sanchez won the 1600m run with a time of 5:28.45 minutes, and she placed second in the 3200m run

with a time of 12:12 minutes. Terren Marshall placed third in the 800m run with a time of 2:29.52 minutes.

Maldonado took third place in the 400m dash with a time of 63.5 seconds. Avila ran the 200m dash in the preliminaries in 27.26 seconds and placed fourth in the finals. Kayla Turland placed fifth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.9 seconds.

Stormi Sessom competed in the shot put and Amber Tarr in the discus. Both of the Ladies had a difficult time and neither made the finals.

Qualifying for regional competition are: Stormi Sessom, Amber Tarr, Lori Sanchez, Terren Marshall, Leslie Avila and Tiffany Maldonado. Alternates are Haley Holden and Kayla Turland.

Justin Browne, the only male athlete from Ozona competing in the track meet, pole vaulted 13 feet, six inches for second place.

Also representing Ozona in the regional track meet will be Charles Villarreal.

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TRIPP FARRIS, JASON STUART AND KRISTEN SHURLEY give the performance their all during a dress rehearsal of the state bound one act play, *The Shadow Box* by Michael Cristofer. photo by Neal Ulmer



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL BAND COUNCIL MEMBERS display the plaque the band received at the concert and sight reading contest held in Fredericksburg April 11. They are: (l. to r.) Maribel Vasquez, Charles Villarreal, Harrell Hodges, Melanie Lozano, Christy Vasquez and Jessi Pagan. Photo by Neal Ulmer

Ozona Lion Band Competes In Regional Contest

The Ozona Lion Band earned a Division II rating in the concert contest and a Division I rating in the sight-reading contest April 16. The Region VII U.I.L. Concert and Sight-reading Contest was held in Fredericksburg. This fall the band earned a Division I rating at the regional marching contest.

The band is under the direction of Mr. Kelly Glaze and assisted by Mr. Norman Carroll.

The selections the band performed at concert contest were "Highlander Regiment" by Ployhar, "Crest of Nobility" by Sheldon and "Two British Folk Songs" by Del Borgo. Judging the band in concert were Richard

Gibby from Austin, Greg Miller from Iowa Park and Charles Traylor from Dalhart. All three judges scored the Lion Band as performing at a Division II or Excellent level.

Judging the sight-reading contest were James Streit from Vernon, Tom Dillon from Fort Worth and Eddie Chance from Waco. These judges each scored the Lion Band with a Division I or Superior rating.

The students and directors of the Lion Band would like to say a special "Thank you" to the members of the school board, administration, teachers, parents and all the members of the community for their continued support of the band program.

Lions Find Cactus Relays Tough Competition

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions' track team had a difficult time and tough competition in the Cactus Relays in Iraan. Crane won the varsity boys' competition, and Ozona placed sixth.

The Crane team scored 162 points followed by: 2 Iraan 131, 3 Reagan County 107 1/3, 4 Greenwood 48 1/3, 5 Rankin 44 1/3, 6 Ozona 26, 7 Alpine 21, 8 Sonora 18 and McCamey 2 points.

Ozona's Lori Sanchez received the Clint Harris Award for Outstanding Female Athlete along with Iraan's Robin Hanna, winner of the Clint Harris Award for Outstanding Male Athlete.

In the running events, senior runner Charles Villarreal placed second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52 seconds. He was sixth in the 800m dash with a time of 2 minutes, 16.31 seconds.

David Browne took sixth in the 110m high hurdles with a time of 16.93 seconds. In the pole vault, he placed fourth with a vault of 12 feet.

In the distance events, Codie Porras placed fourth in the 3200m run with a time of 11:26.78 minutes. Teammate George Hernandez took sixth place with 11:50.07 minutes. Porras was fifth and Hernandez sixth in the 1600m run. Porras' time was 4:58.87 minutes, and Hernandez' time was 5:06.78 minutes.

The Ozona team placed fifth in the 1600m relay race with a time of 3:38.66 minutes. The team was composed of Charles Villarreal, Lando Peña-Alfaro, Ty Mitchell and Justin Browne.

The Sonora JV Broncos won the junior varsity division, scoring 149 1/2 points. They were followed by: 2 Iraan 122 1/2, 3 Crane 69, 4 Ozona 56, 5 Rankin 44, 6 Alpine 34, 7 McCamey 24, 8 Greenwood 23, and 9 Reagan County 21 points.

In the running events, Wayne Flores won the 800m dash with a time of 2:12.53 minutes. Flores won fourth in the 1600m run with a time of 5:16.10 minutes, and I. J. Villarreal placed fifth with 5:24.16 minutes. In the 3200m run, Villarreal placed fourth with a time of 12:12.28 minutes.

Ken Sessom placed fifth in the 200m dash with a time of 26.03 seconds, and Shannon Fleming won sixth with 26.61 seconds. Chad Myers took fifth place in the 110m high hurdles with a time of 19.26 seconds. In the 300m intermediate hurdles, Tim Maldonado won sixth place with a time of 45.66 seconds.

In the relay races, Ozona won second in the 400m relay with a time of 47.13 seconds. The team was composed of Tim Maldonado, Ken Sessom, Shannon Fleming and Ross Crawford. In the 1600m relay race, Ozona placed fourth, running the distance in 3:53.88 minutes. Competing in this event were: Matt Castaneda, Crawford, Maldonado and Wayne Flores.

Sessom took third place in the triple jump with a leap of 26'4 1/2".

Competing in the shot put and the discus events were David Hernandez, Marcus Cordova and Luis Hernandez.



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS placed third overall in their division of Spanish competition at the Language Festival in San Angelo. They earned 26 superior ratings and 15 excellent. They are taught by Mrs. Tommie Flores (Spanish I) and Mrs. Emma Franco (Spanish II and III). photo by Scotty Moore

OHS Students Win At Language Festival

Ozona High School students were quite successful at the Foreign Language Festival in San Angelo April 11. OHS entrants placed third overall in the Spanish competition with first and second places going to 5A schools Fort Stockton and Odessa, respectively.

Ozona competitors earned 26 superior ratings and 15 excellent. Each received a ribbon, and the group as a whole was awarded a trophy.

There were 52 schools and a total of 2200 students participating in the meet with divisions for French, German, Latin and Spanish.

Results for Spanish I entrants, who are taught by Mrs. Tommie Flores were:

Poetry Reading: Tania Sánchez, Superior; Ana Bárez and Courtney Cameron, Excellent

Prose Reading: Larry Luckie and Miguel Ríos, Superior; Ana Bárez, Excellent

Sight Reading: Juan Hernández, Gloria Salazar, Tania Sánchez, Superior; María Ortiz, Excellent

Written Test: Juan Hernández, Tania Sánchez, Superior; Ana Bárez, Ernie Hernández, María Ortiz, Miguel Ríos, Gloria Salazar, Excellent

Spanish II students taught by Mrs. Emma Franco placed as follows:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Rocío García, Juana Rodríguez, Superior; Maribel Vasquez, Ariaana Velasquez, Excellent

Poetry Reading: Tonya Petty, Excellent

Prose Reading: Brandon Parlow, Maribel Vasquez, Ariaana Velasquez, Superior

Written Test: Patricia Garza, Juana Rodríguez, Maribel Vásquez, Ariaana Velasquez, Superior; Rocío García, Excellent

Results for Spanish III students, also taught by Mrs. Franco, were:

Extemporaneous Speaking: Ana

Perusquia, Superior

Poetry Reading: Stephanie Franco, David Martínez, Superior; Evangela Coy, Excellent

Prose Reading: Evangela Coy, Jaclyn Lara, Ana Perusquia, Christy Vasquez, Superior

Sight Reading: Stephanie Franco, David Martínez, Superior; Ana Perusquia, Christy Vasquez, Excellent

Lions Defeat Eagles In Diamond Action

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions came up with several big innings including six points in the fifth and three in the sixth to defeat the Sterling City Eagles 16-3 in a March 14 game in Ozona. At that point, the Lions increased their season record to 2-1.

"It was a good game for us. We were able to work on some things we need to," said Lion baseball coach David Delgado. "We were able to get three pitchers to get some good innings in."

In the first inning, Jon Sanchez got on base with a walk. He scored on a single by Brian Badillo. Ramon Longoria followed with a two-run home run. Anthony Ortiz got on base with a walk. Playing aggressive, he stole both second and third bases. He scored on a fielder's choice to give the Lions a 4-0 lead.

The Lions came back in the second inning as Kenny Vargas got on base with a single. Jon Sanchez knocked a triple, scoring Vargas.

Sanchez scored on a single by Badillo, and Badillo scored on a double by Jamie Ramos. With the three added runs, the Lions expanded their score to 7-0.

Sterling City came alive in the third inning as they scored two runs on three hits. After three innings of play, Ozona led the Eagles 7-2.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Eagles added one run on two Ozona errors. Ozona fought back as Anthony Ortiz and Efran Ramirez both reached first base on walks. Each scored when John Ortiz hit a single. John Ortiz scored on a single by Peter Rodriguez and Jon Sanchez got on base by a walk.

Errors started occurring on the Eagles, and both Rodriguez and Sanchez scored. The Eagles' pitcher walked Ramos, and he, too, scored on an Eagle error, allowing the Lions to take a 13-3 lead.

Both team coaches agreed to play through six innings. In the last inning, Eric Ramos hit a double to start the Lions off. He scored on a single by Vargas, who in turn scored on a single by Sanchez. Sanchez then scored on a double by Jamie Ramos to give the Lions a 13-3 victory.

Pitching in the game and also doing some good batting were Jon Sanchez, Ramon Longoria and Jamie Ramos. Sanchez pitched four innings and in batting he received six hits, one walk and scored two runs. Longoria pitched two innings. He had one hit and one run. Ramos pitched one inning. He had two doubles and one walk.

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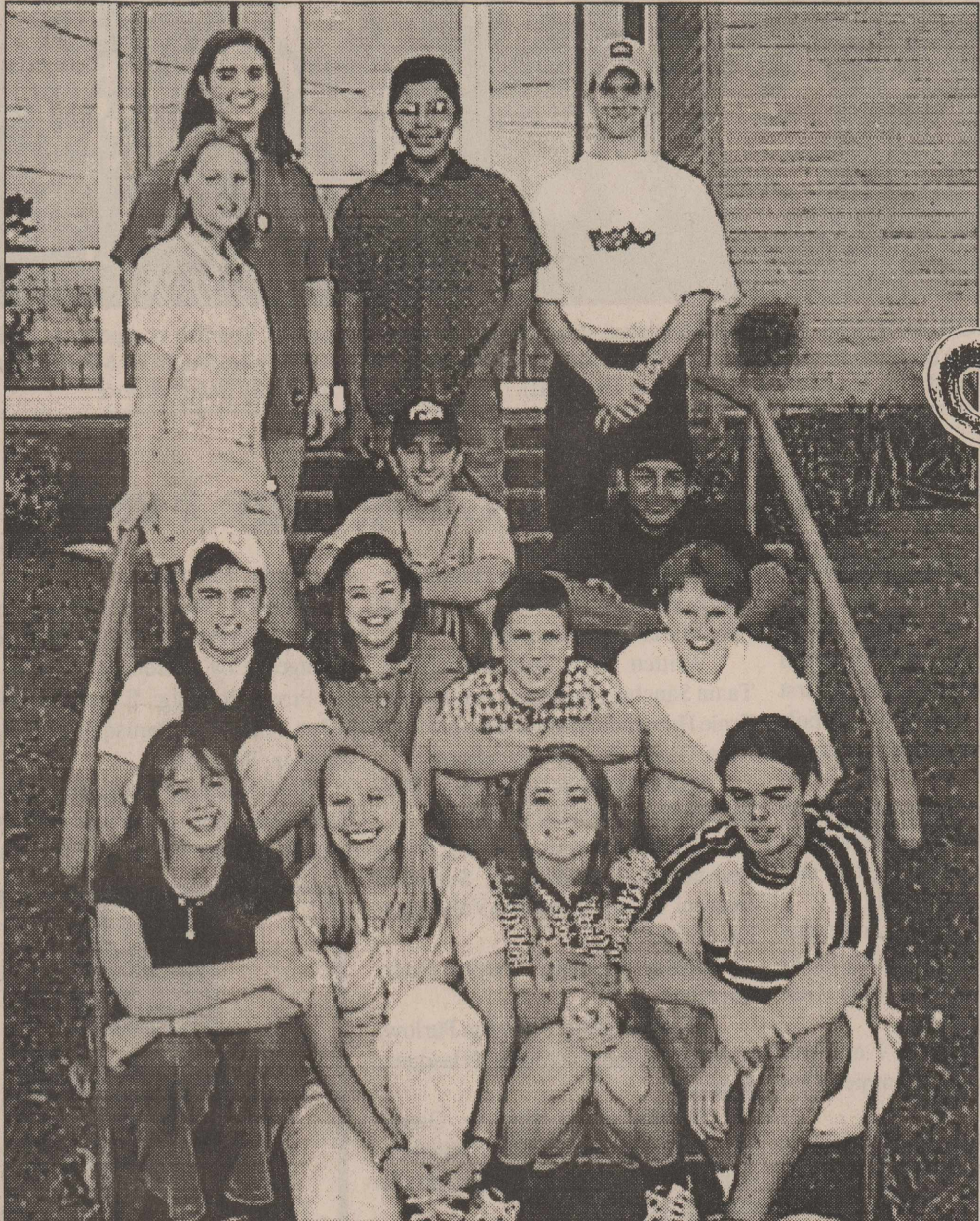
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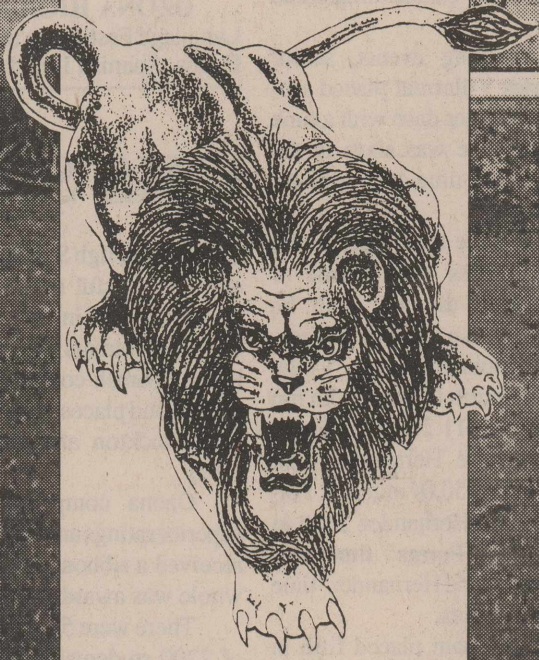
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Regional qualifiers in U.I.L. literary events are: (front row, l. to r.) Kayla Shurley, Allison Preddy, Courtney Cameron and Tripp Farris. Second row: (l. to r.) Ty Mitchell, Kristen Shurley, John Austin Stokes and Dusty Stewart. Seated, third row: (l. to r.) Ty Porter and Mario Barrera. Standing: (clockwise from l. to r.) Evangela Coy, Tracy Screws, Leana Baggett, Darin Jackson, Robert Quiroz and Jason Hignight. *DigiCam Photo By Scotty Moore*



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"FLORAL DYNAMICS", the Ozona Garden Club flower show held April 17 was an impressive success as always. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Marge Smith, winner of the Collectors Showcase and the Arboreal award for horticulture; Dorothy Montgomery, selected for the horticulture sweepstakes award; Mary Jo Mason, winner of excellency in horticulture and the Tricolor Award with her entry "Green With Envy"; Lou Deaton, Ozona Garden Club president and Marolyn Bean, flower show chairman. *DigiCam Photo By Susan Calloway*



CHRIS BECKHAM won the sweepstakes award at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show held in the civic center last Thursday. Her creations in the Dynamic Designers and Petite categories won first place and she was given the Novice Award of Merit. She is pictured with her design "Tumbling Flower". *DigiCam Photo By Susan Calloway*



DOROTHY MONTGOMERY won the Designers Choice Award with her creation "Through the Looking Glass" at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show held April 17 at the Civic Center. *DigiCam Photo By Susan Calloway*

Community Calendar

- April 23 - Head Start Registration 1-4 p.m. 1310 Ave. G.
- April 23 - Cowboy Church Service, Circle Bar RV Park 6:30 p.m. Monty Price, Pastor
- April 24 - Youth Basketball League Awards Ceremony 8 p.m. Davidson Gymnasium
- April 28 - Museum and Historical Commission Archeology Awareness Month Program, 7 p.m. Crockett Room
- April 28-29 - Wildlife Intensive Leadership Development.
- April 29 - One Act Play Dinner Theater to Benefit Project Graduation. 7 p.m. Civic Center. \$10 Admission. Tickets at High School, From Civic Center Board or at Civic Center.
- May 3 - School Trustee Election. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Courthouse.
- May 4 - Cinco De Mayo Parade and Tardeada, Catholic Church.



GENIECE CHILDRESS and Rose Mary Rogers of Iran look over information at the American Association of Museums three day seminar held last week in Midland. *Photo courtesy of Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram*

Mrs. Childress Shares Enthusiasm For Museum

The Texas Association of Museums, the largest and most active state organization of museums in the country, held its annual meeting for 1997 in Midland/Odessa April 9-12. Crockett County was represented by Geniece Childress, director of the Crockett County Museum.

Host museums for the meeting were The Presidential Museum and the Ellen Noel Art Museum of Odessa, The Petroleum Museum, The Museum of the Southwest, The American Airpower Heritage Museum and The Haley Memorial Library and History Center of Midland.

Workshops and seminars related to museum work during the meeting included outstanding speakers. Among them was Dr. Ellsworth Brown, president of the Carnegie Museums and Libraries in Pittsburgh, PA.

Another featured speaker was Joseph M. Chapman. He has served museums and institutions around the world including Carnegie Hall Museum, NY; Plains Indian Museum in Cody, WY; Museum of Modern Art in New York, plus serving 16 years as a special agent with the F.B.I.

Some of the topics covered in the sessions were on automating collections' data, conservation, education and tourism.

"Museums are rethinking their traditional roles in the education arena," said Mrs. Childress. "New opportunities are merging to increase the impact of museums within their

communities. "The Texas Department of Transportation has consistently shown that museums are among the top destination of tourists. It is clear that museums can and do have an economic impact on the community."

Mrs. Childress is excited about the possibilities ahead in making the Crockett County Museum one of the most attractive and vibrant ones in the state.

"Remember, you and your family and friends are always welcome at the Crockett County Museum," she said. "And welcome, too, are your comments and ideas of how we can serve you better. Please visit often. We are your museum."

Helping Hands Moves Toward Goal

By Janet Hill-McDaniel
We had a very successful fundraising weekend. The bake sale and rummage sale netted over \$600 toward our matching grant, leaving only \$1606.77 needed to reach the \$12,500.00. Thanks to those helping with this project.

Our barbecue take out meal on May 7 will put us very close to the top. Tickets are \$5 each with only 400 being sold, so call 392-5026 or any board member to get tickets by May 5.

Helping Hands will sponsor a defensive driving course for people 50+ on May 17 at the Senior Apartments' Club Room. More on this will be forthcoming.

The Helping Hands Board is made up of Virginia Bishop, Lee Oakes, Len Hillman, Marie Gerlach, Nancy Hale, Helen Wall, Mack Ritchie, Dan and Debbie Fleming, Esmi Barrera and Janet Hill-McDaniel.

Weather Related Accidents Investigated

DPS Troopers investigated two weather related accidents west of Ozona on I-10 April 17.

J. T. Dempsey of Dallas was the driver of a 1991 Cadillac which rolled one time at the 341 mile marker. The car hydroplaned on wet highway according to the accident report.

Dempsey and a passenger were taken by EMS ambulance to the health clinic.

About an hour later, a 1989 Ford crewcab driven by Juan Venegas of Rocksprings rolled twice at the 357 mile marker. Wet highway conditions also prevailed at the time of this accident.

Six persons were taken to the clinic, two with debilitating injuries.

Fire Calls Minimal

Ozona Fire Department members have made five calls in the April 13-17 period.

Two of those calls were to motor vehicle accidents on April 17. A request for the jaws of life was rescinded and firemen turned back before reaching the scene of a 7:01 p.m. accident call.

Department members were called out at 8 p.m. to another accident where there were six with injuries.

An April 8 call took them to a burning fiberglass tank on Pandale Road.

Firemen arrived at Crockett County Care Center in four minutes on April 9. This call proved to be a drill at the center.

On April 13 at 4:30 a.m., the fire department was called to the health clinic where there was a hot wire odor but no fire.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION SCHOOL BOARD)

To the Registered Voters of Crockett County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Crockett County, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 3, 1997 for voting in a School Board election, to elect two school board trustees, one for each of the following districts: Single Member Districts No. 3 and No. 4.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3^{er} de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Elección para elegir un miembro del Distrito No. 3 y un miembro del Distrito No. 4.

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APRIL 13-18 WAS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK and the District held an appreciation reception for the Partners in Education volunteers held in the Ozona Intermediate School Cafeteria Thur., April 17. Pictured with the volunteers are: (l. to r.) PIE coordinator Gracie Delgado, Ozona Primary School principal Marilyn Luce, Diane Anderson, Cathy English, Vicky White, Barbara Bird and Tony Zuniga. *DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore*

Airstream Caravan Club Holds April Rally

Members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International Inc. returned to Ozona this spring to hold their April rally at Circle Bar R.V. Park. The caravanners love their time in Ozona and have already made reservations to return next April.

Donna and Royce Hightower introduced the group to Crockett County.

"This is the best place yet," said B. W. Haskins of Midland, a past president of the group. "They act like they want us."

This unit was formed in 1986 and has 65 charter members. The 50+ active members travel with their Airstreams to unit, regional and national rallies. Monthly trips are kept within a 150 miles radius of Midland except for Ruidoso, Frederickburg and Lubbock. "We try to add a new one (location) every year or two," said Mr. Haskins.

"We went 700 to 800 miles out of the way last year," said Gene Choate of Levelland, another past president.

Haskins went on to confess that he was the leader on that national trip and got them lost, turning what should have been an 1800 mile trip into 2300.

Some of the members have been to every state. Foreign countries are open to visits by Airstreamers, also. When one group went to China, the trip was arranged on the basis that the Airstreams would be sold there.

This summer the club will rally with others in Huntsville, AL, remaining there most of June. Branson, Nashville, Chattanooga and the Saturn car plant are among the planned stops.

The next trip is always the best

one agree Mary Haskins and Gladys Choate. "Most of us can't wait to get loaded so we can take off again," said Mrs. Haskins.


But last weekend, they and their friends were happy to be in Ozona. "The bluebonnets," "we don't have those around Midland," the hospitality of the restaurants and the visitor packets provided by the chamber along with the Circle Bar welcome combined to win return visits in the future.

The West Texas unit is made up of members from Ozona, Brownwood, Imperial, Monahans, Wink, Midland, Odessa, Levelland, Lamesa, Big Spring and Fort Stockton.



MR. AND MRS. B.W. HASKINS (l.) and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Choate are thrilled as always to be in Ozona. They are members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. that holds an annual April rally at the Circle Bar RV Park. *DigiCam Photo By Scotty Moore*

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Justice for All, Not Just for the Criminals

Despite victims' rights groups raising a ruckus, the Texas criminal justice system will release 32-year-old convicted child molester Larry Don McQuay after six years of serving an eight-year sentence in order to comply with the state's mandatory early release laws.

McQuay has admitted to molesting more than 200 children, and has repeatedly told prison officials he will molest again.

"I am doomed to eventually rape and then murder poor little victims to keep them from telling on me," was the chilling message he sent to a victims' rights advocacy group in Houston.

Outraged Texans found it hard to believe that state authorities would even consider setting this man free.

As of this writing, McQuay is scheduled for release April 8. He plans to return to his home in San Antonio. Dangerous though it may be, state officials have very few options. Texas prisons have been under federal court supervision for nearly a quarter-century. The prison population caps imposed by the federal court in 1982 made it necessary for the state to increase its early releases by 400 percent. Thanks to the federal court order, Texas inmates

— even those who commit random murders or repeatedly molest children — have ended up serving an average of two months for every year of their sentences as a result of federal court orders.

McQuay is one of 4,000 sex offenders who will serve only a portion of their sentences before release over the next nine years — 1,000 are to be set free this year alone.

And the federal court requirements have cost Texas taxpayers \$1.5 billion, forcing them to build the largest prison system in the free world and supply inmates with color TVs and with law libraries so they can continue to sue the state. The federal court has ruled they are entitled to athletic facilities and other amenities which taxpayers can't always afford to provide their communities. This certainly is not justice for law-abiding, hard-working Texans.

The Texas Attorney General filed a motion in federal court on March 25 asking that control of the prison system be returned to the state. But so far the court has not set a hearing date on this request. For the immediate future, control of Texas' prisons remains out of Texas' hands.

I have introduced legislation to allow Texas and other states to regain the right to run their own prison systems. The "Stop Turning Out Prisoners" Act, (STOP), would curb the authority of federal judges to impose standards which result in the early release of criminals such as Larry McQuay.

It would prohibit federal judges from using one prisoner's suit as an excuse for taking over the administration of an entire prison system, and it reduces the authority of federal courts to impose population caps. The STOP Act also puts limits on fees the state must pay to prisoners' attorneys. Those who filed the 1972 lawsuit which resulted in the takeover of Texas prisons received \$10 million courtesy of state taxpayers.

Enough is enough. For too long the comfort and convenience of convicted felons has taken precedence over the interests of society as a whole, and victims in particular. The STOP Act will restore balance and common sense to prison systems nationwide — and put Texans back in charge of their criminal justice system.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Wellman were in Wimberley the weekend of April 12 to attend the wedding of his grandson, Christopher Wayne Smith and Carissa Leigh Pollard were married in the First Baptist Church of Wimberley.

Recent visitors in the home of Billie Rose and Al Bailey were his mother, Maxine Rodgers of Panama City, FL, and his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Geane Bailey of Apalachicola, FL.

Dorothy Friend, with her daughter and family, Glenda, Kenny and Mecca McMullan of Iraan, joined other family members April 12 at the wedding of Carissa Leigh Pollard to Christopher Wayne Smith in Wimberley. Chris is the grandson of Dorothy's sister, the late Jean North.

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Diet Ripoffs Upset, Cheat Consumers

"Susie - You should try this - it really works."
Several consumers have contacted our office recently about an item they received in the mail. It's an ad for a weight-loss product, with a handwritten note using their first name and telling them they should try the product.

This is something that's been around for a while-it periodically surfaces and we get some calls. Many consumers are upset when they receive these ads, since they think someone is not-so-gently hinting they need to lose weight. Actually, it's just another sleazy direct-mail marketing technique to take consumers' money for another dieting ripoff.

Let's fact it - diet pills and other quick fixes don't work - at least in the long run. Actually, all those short-term remedies do is mess up your metabolism and make it even harder to lose weight and keep it off. And some over the counter preparations may actually be dangerous.

You see, marketers looking for fast bucks will put products on the market which haven't been thoroughly tested, have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (even though in several cases that claim has been made for the product), and have not been manufactured under sanitary and safe conditions. They make their quick money and then disappear into the night with the product - before the FDA can go to court to stop the sale of their product. In fact, they often just rename and repack it - and start selling again.

Scary, isn't it? Not only are people wasting their hard-earned money, but they are risking their good health and even their life.

What can we do as consumers to avoid being ripped off?

First, see your doctor when considering any weight loss plan. A thorough physical can tell your doctor if you have a medical problem which might be causing you to gain weight or if there are any conditions which might make exercise or dieting dangerous for you.

Crockett County 4-H'ers Participate In District Rifle Match

Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports participants traveled to Crane April 19 to compete in the District VI 4-H Rifle Match.

Shooting in the senior division were Dustin Shaffer, Mack Lindsey, Casey Jamerson and Jimmy Nowell. The team placed seventh.

The junior division team placed sixth. Participants were: Quay Oglesby, Logan English, Robert Ogle, Joe Perez, Cody Webb and Koby Fenton. Sub-junior participants were: Jake Stewart, Taylor Oglesby and Layne English. This team placed fourth.

Senior participant Jimmy Nowell

Second, realize that long-term weight loss takes place rather slowly. A loss of 1/2-2 pounds per week is great over the long run. Don't think that's enough? Well, in a year you could lose a total of 25-100 pounds this way.

Third, the only thing which will help you get the weight off and keep it off is a healthy diet and sufficient exercise to burn excess calories. When you take in too many calories and don't burn them up, you gain weight...for every extra 3,500 calories, you gain one pound. Of course, the good news is that for every 3,500 calories you burn up, you lose one pound.

Fourth, the best way to eat for good health is to use the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid. Eating the right number of servings from the basic food groups (and eating the right serving sizes) can go a long way toward helping most of us eat healthier.

Does losing weight and living a healthy lifestyle have to cost thousands of dollars? After all, Oprah has her own chef and personal trainer. Do you have to buy special foods, take shots, or belong to a health club? Nope.

As a matter of fact, free classes are available from my office to help you in fighting the battle for good health. In addition to the Puente de Salud classes currently being offered, we will be offering a once-a-week lunchtime class here at the County Extension Office starting May 9. Participants should bring a sack lunch and drinks will be furnished. We will incorporate light exercise and new cooking techniques, teach you how to watch what you eat, and give you lots of support and help to reach realistic goals.

To sign up, call 392-2721. Bring a friend, a spouse - anyone to help you reach your goals. 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 disability.

Mohair Council Directors Meet Discuss Advertising

Promoting mohair through catalogues is an advertising approach outlined at the Texas Mohair Producers' Board and Mohair Council's executive directors' spring meeting April 10 in Rocksprings. The Council has hired the firm of Zachary and Associates of Abilene to do the promotion according to Jeffrey Sutton, a past president of the Mohair Council.

"We will be concentrating on 150 of the top ranked catalogues that modern women get in the United States," Sutton said. Part of the project will include sending samples and eye catchers to encourage including mohair articles in their catalogues," Sutton said.

Reports from the third summer sale in South Africa last week show 58% of the mohair offered was sold. This reflects a continued demand for kid and young goat. Kid hair was up 5% while young goat remained unchanged. Adult hair was still selling around the \$2 level, Sutton said.

Tonnage at this sale was double, but the movement was much larger at 58% versus 47%.

Land Protection Group Sets Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting for Riverside and Land Owners Protection Coalition Inc. will be Saturday, April 26, in Mason at the Zavala Hill Top Cafe.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The \$10 lunch will be Dutch treat with the choice of a Mexican plate including drink and dessert or chicken fried steak with drink and dessert. At 1 p.m. Riverside and Land Owners' president Stephen Salmon will conduct the program.

Discussion will be on the upcoming 75th Legislation pertaining to water

This spring in South Africa, "mohair will go fast and furious and the supply will be gone," Sutton said. Estimates are that close to 700,000 pounds of kid and young goat has sold there during the past month. Factoring in recent sales of kid and young goat in the U.S. shows that the world supply of these grades is going into the trade and being processed.

Most of the mohair sold in South Africa is going to mills there, not anywhere else such as England or China, said Sutton who expects China to come back into the U.S. market.

International guests from Hong Kong, Italy and Canada will be in the U.S. later this month for the annual Texas Tour mohair promotion. Domestic users of mohair from the northeastern part of the country will also be represented at the San Antonio area event.

Sutton will be in Ilkley, England, for two days in June to meet with officers of the International Mohair Association. He is vice-president of that organization.

and other property rights. The 75th Legislature at present has 77 bills which have been introduced that will have some portion of impact on property and property rights.

"Our property rights are an important issue for which everyone should be concerned," said Sid Hoover, secretary of the organization. "Everyone should be informed and participate to protect and preserve these rights. This is a very important meeting. Everyone is invited to join us at this meeting and bring a friend," said Mrs. Hoover.

San Angelo Hearing Charts Course For Sheep/Goat Industry

The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center has slated a public hearing for May 6 in San Angelo to identify ways to revitalize the nation's sheep and goat industry.

The hearing is scheduled to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 6 at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center located at 7887 Highway 87 North in San Angelo.

Another hearing will be in Salt Lake City, UT, on May 7.

Testimony from these hearings and a previous hearing in Columbus, OH, will be used to develop a strategic plan for the center, which will operate a revolving fund to help finance projects that improve marketing opportunities and infrastructure for the sheep and goat industry.

The center was created by the 1996 Farm Bill, and is initially being funded with \$20 million, and an additional \$30 million in federal funds that may be appropriated during the next 10 years. Funding is being provided through the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, an agency that falls under the Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) mission area. After the federal funding is obligated, the center will have to be entirely supported by the sheep and goat industry.



MOWING, CLEANING and making repairs at the fairgrounds park occupied members of the Fort Stockton Transfer Facility Monday on their first trip to Ozona. Crews will come to Ozona as requested by Sheriff Shane Fenton. DigiCam photo by Scotty Moore

Raised Beds For Gardens

By Miles Dabovich
CEA-AG

If you haven't had much luck with gardening efforts in the past, your soil may be the problem. Tight, heavy, poorly drained soils are common in many areas of Texas. With good management practices and the addition of liberal amounts of organic matter, many of these soils can be improved so that they grow satisfactory plants. But if you are interested in a quick, highly productive garden, consider constructing a raised garden. Raised gardens are often the simplest solution to a difficult soil problem.

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Raised gardens do not have to be expensive. Construct frames of railroad ties, bricks, flagstone or other materials. Small raised gardens might be constructed with 2"x8"s or 2"x10"s.

For more information on gardening, come by the County Extension Office located at 1301 Ave. AA or call at 392-2721. Many free handouts are available in both English and Spanish.

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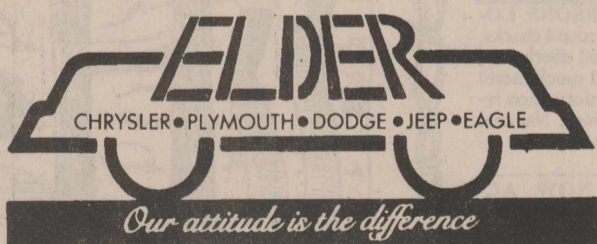


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