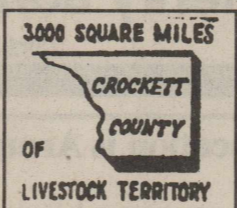


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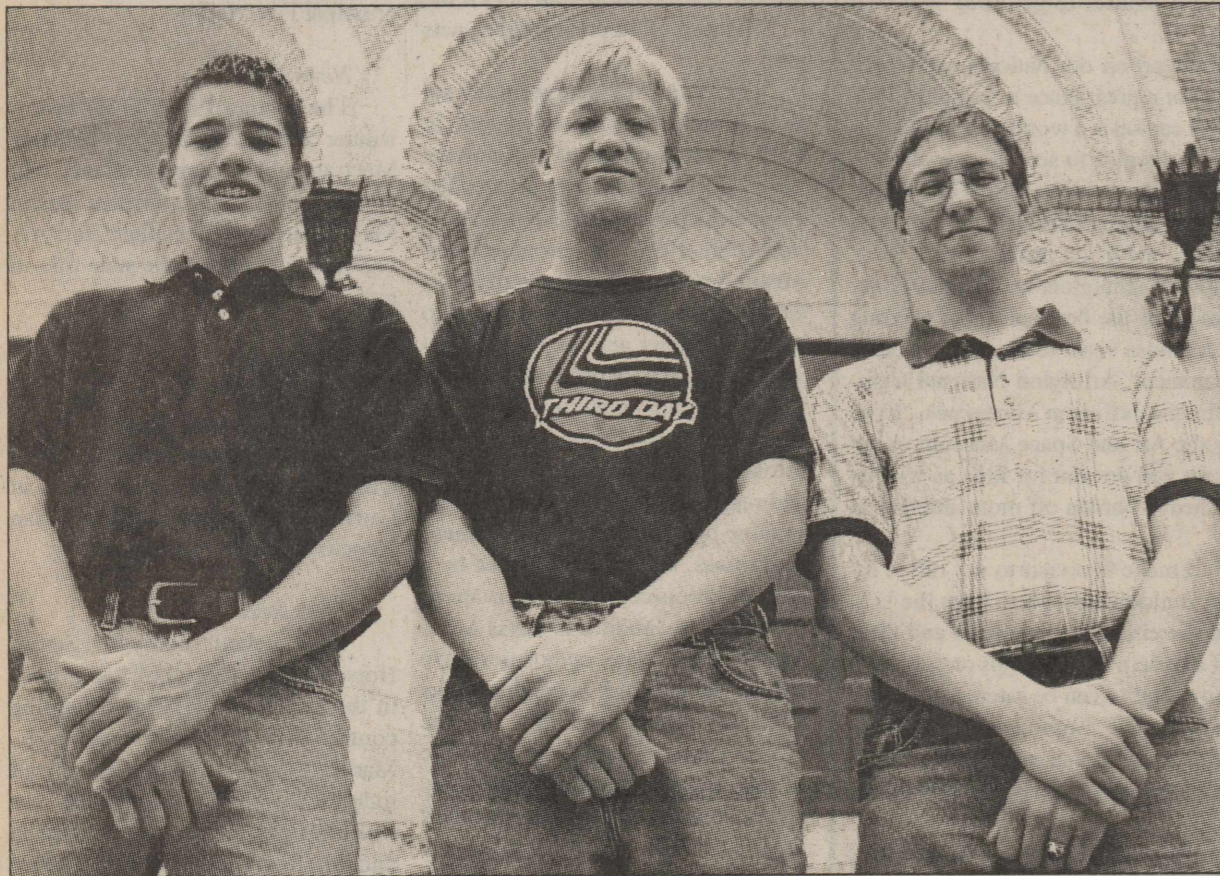
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KYLE RICHARDSON, JASON DAVIS AND JOSEPH KNAACK (l. to r.) will represent Ozona High School in state U.I.L. academic literary competition. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Ozona UIL students statebound

By Michelle Holtz
 STOCKMAN REPORTER

Ozona High School's computer science team placed first in regional U.I.L. academic competition April 14 in Abilene with 152 points to advance to state. Members are Joseph Knaack,

Jason Davis and Kyle Richardson. Individually, Joseph Knaack placed first in computer science to advance to state.

Jason Davis earned third in number sense at the regional meet and will also represent OHS at state.

Kyle Richardson ranked fourth in computer science, and Jason Davis was sixth.

Terry Davis came in fifth in calculator. There were two people tied for third, with Davis missing advancing to state by one problem.

Fire damages local dentist office

A fire at the office of Dr. Steve Sessom, D.D.S. on Sunday started from a grass fire on the south side of the building according to Fire Marshal Steve Kenley. When the blaze was discovered in the narrow space between Dr. Sessom's office and T&C Supermarket, it had already spread up the cedar siding outside wall and into the ceiling, Kenley said.

Although still under investigation, Kenley said he suspects the cause of the fire was a WTU transformer mounted on a pole between the two buildings.

Firemen at the scene Sunday noticed the top of the transformer smoking with oil coming out and a conductor on the pole arcing, Kenley said.

Fire cause and origin personnel for Dr. Sessom's insurance company and WTU were expected to arrive in Ozona Tuesday afternoon.

Smoke was coming out of the roof at the dentist's office when firemen arrived Sunday. They received the call at 1:49 p.m. Entry to the building was gained by breaking a glass by the front door, Kenley said.

"It was very, very smoky; the firemen couldn't see," Kenley said. Those who entered the building were wearing air packs and managed to find their way to the south part of the building where they punched ceiling tile up and saw fire. This process was repeated in several places to determine the extent of the fire and "a little shot of water" injected at each location where fire was found.

At the same time, firemen outside pulled some of the siding off the building to check for fire. Once the fire was extinguished, fans were set up in the building to exhaust the smoke.

The home of Tracy and Mike



DR. STEVE SESSOM'S dentist office was damaged by an April 16th fire.

Preddy, which shares a common roof with the dentist's office, also received smoke damage.

"Firemen didn't use a whole lot of water, just enough," said Kenley

"They did a superb job." The fire was under control by 2:23 p.m.

Ozona patients are being rescheduled at Dr. Sessom's Eldorado office for now.

Report shows Ozona and area sales down

Crockett County and its neighbors all showed a decrease in sales for the third quarter of 1999 according to

Crockett County had 73 outlets reporting gross sales of \$5,804,601 for the third quarter of 1999. This was a 19.8% decrease from 75 outlets with sales of \$7,234,825 for the same period of 1998.

In the all industries category, Crockett County had 128 outlets with a report just released by Carole Keeton Rylander, State Comptroller.

\$9,151,987 in sales for the third quarter of 1999 compared to 131 outlets and sales of \$11,638,297 for the period in 1998, a decrease of 21.4%.

Neighboring counties and their retail statistics are:

Crane: 1999, 55 outlets, \$5,011,781 sales; 1998, 66 outlets, \$5,282,777 sales, -5.1%

Irion: 1999, 22 outlets, \$580,135 sales; 1998, 27 outlets, \$631,282 sales, -8.1%

Pecos: 1999, 204 outlets,

\$26,756,320 sales; 1998, 215 outlets,

\$26,935,990 sales, -0.7%
 Reagan: 1999, 45 outlets, \$4,573,439 sales; 1998, 54 outlets, \$7,453,140 sales, -38.6%

Sutton: 1999, 70 outlets, \$5,924,267 sales; 1998, 75 outlets, \$6,712,852 sales, -11.7%

Terrell: 1999, 22 outlets, \$512,354; 1998, 27 outlets, \$632,122, -18.9%

Upton: 1999, 58 outlets, \$3,285,600 sales; 1998, 61 outlets, \$3,366,801, -2.4%

Goble signs with Angelo State University

An excited Kelli Anne Goble signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Angelo State University last week. Joining her for the big moment in the boardroom in the school's administration building April 14 were her parents, Susan and Kelly Goble, Coach Dickie Faught, Coach Deborah Ramon, other faculty and friends.

The session ended with a deep sigh from Kelli Anne who received a kiss from her mom.

Blue and gold streamers, balloons

and refreshments in the ASU colors of blue and gold filled the room along with congratulatory banners.

Kelli Anne gave a lot of thought and prayer to this decision before making up her mind, said her mother. Kelli Anne was awarded a four-year full scholarship to Angelo State.

The petite 5' 5" guard came to Ozona two years ago from Comstock

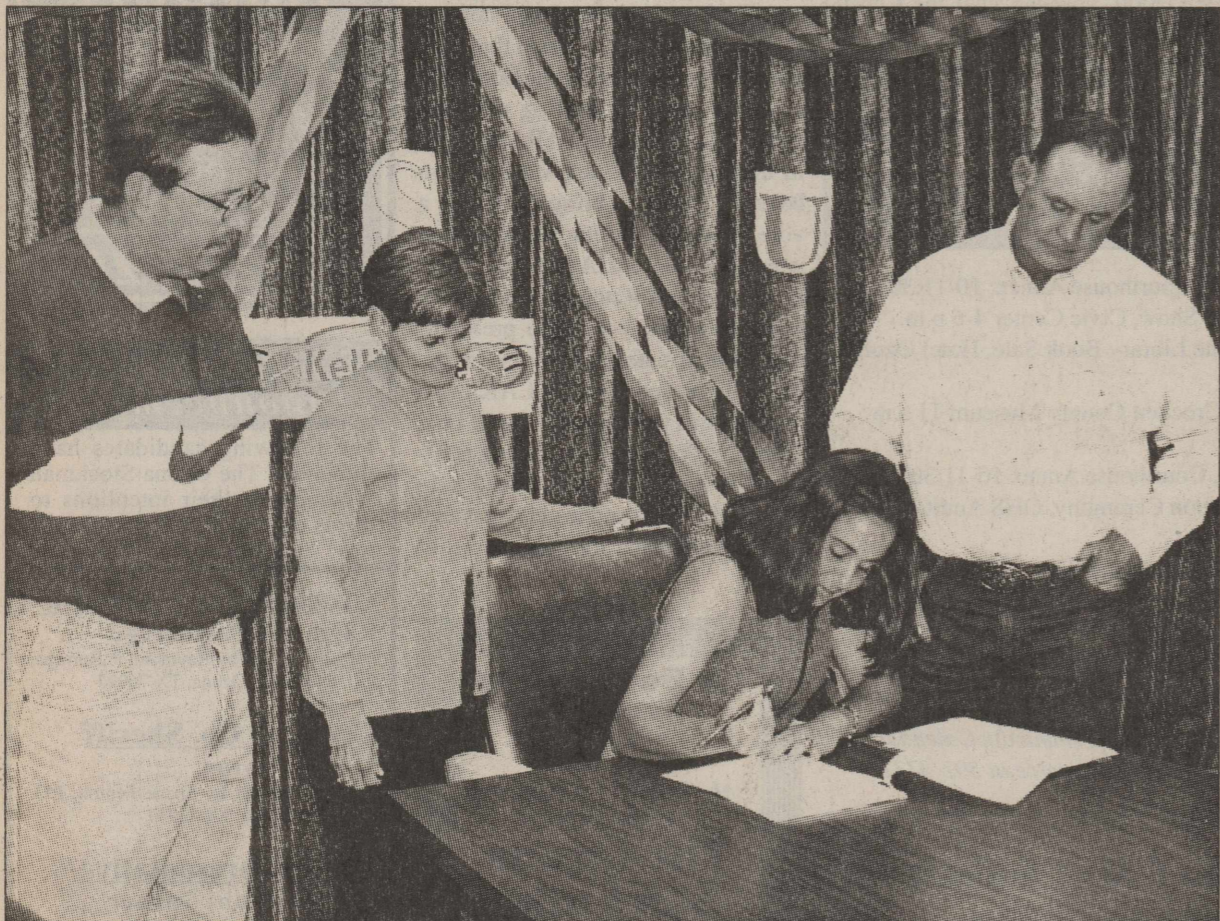
"I'm real proud of her; the whole town's proud of her," said Coach Dickie Faught. "She meant a lot to our

basketball team."

Faught believes that a lot of people from Ozona will watch and support Angelo State basketball now.

"As far as I know, she's the first one from Ozona to go to ASU (on a basketball scholarship). I wish her the best of luck up there. She will represent Ozona very well. I'm excited about going to see her play.

"We were glad to get a chance to coach her for a couple of years," said Faught.



KELLI ANNE GOBLE (seated) signs a letter of intent to play basketball at ASU as Coach Dickie Faught (l.) and her parents Susan and Kelly Goble proudly observe. Photo by Linda Moore

New assistant DA in place

Michael J. Brown, assistant district attorney for the 112th District, is at work and at home in Ozona. Brown was sworn in by District Judge Brock Jones on Oct. 25, 1999, and works on the prosecution team of District Attorney Ori T. White. The 112th District includes Pecos, Reagan, Upton Crockett and Sutton counties.

"Ori felt like people here were not getting the attention they deserved. This is one of the largest districts in the state," Brown said of the decision to locate his office here. He will handle cases for Crockett and Sutton counties, estimated to be approximately 200 per year per county.

"The majority are fairly drug and alcohol related stuff," said Brown. "We get a lot of cases off interstate traffic stops. Sometimes in these stops officers are given permission to search, and this ends with narcotics or cash being found.

"We have a number of sexual assault cases and a lot of family violence cases," Brown continued, "not much of the kind of crime people are afraid of. This is a pretty safe community for families."

Burglaries mostly involve ranch houses and people who know the houses, Brown said.

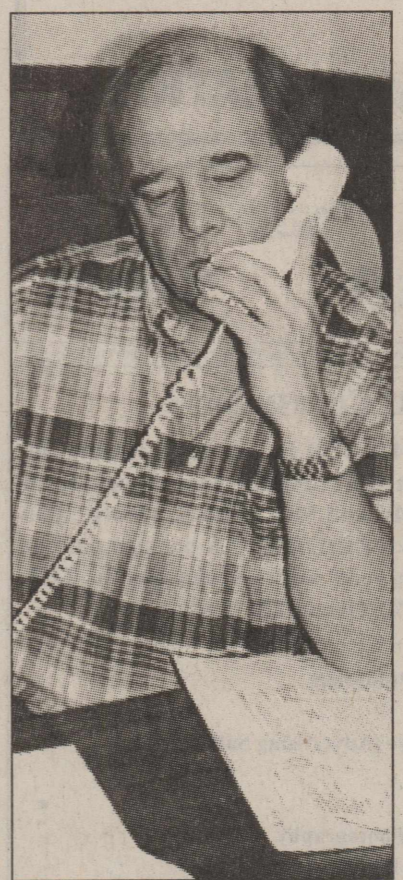
Brown worked out of his house "until we could get this very nice space completed," he said of his office in the courthouse.

"I'm real pleased to be here. We enjoy it so much better than having to drive 300 miles. Here attorneys can drop in, and I go to Sonora at least one day a week.

"I like people to be aware we're here; right here in the corner of the courthouse. People are welcome to drop in. I look forward to meeting the rest of the community."

Toward that end, Brown is planning an open house for his office soon

The former FBI agent has extensive experience as both a state and federal prosecutor. He worked for 12 years as assistant U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas in



Houston. Prior to that, he was assistant district attorney for Harris County.

"I spent a long time in Houston, and practiced law in Snyder before coming here. I like being on the prosecution side and feeling like I make a difference. That's where I'm happiest," Brown said.

"I grew up in Odessa," said Brown, whose wife, Susan, is from Stanton. He is a graduate of Austin College and the University of Texas Law School. Brown is board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Junior and senior youth baseball meeting planned

All youngsters ages 13-15 interested in participating in baseball are asked to meet at the high school baseball field Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call 392-8106.

You will be counted

The time to mail your Census 2000 questionnaire has passed. If you haven't mailed it back, you will still be counted and have the opportunity to complete a Census questionnaire.

"Beginning April 29, Census workers will visit, call or both, households that did not return their Census forms, mailed forms with incomplete information, mailed forms after April 14 or never received a Census questionnaire," said Bill Cosgrove, manager of the Local Census North Office.

The Weather



Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
April 10	76	56	-0-
April 11	83	52	.15
April 12	61	37	-0-
April 13	84	41	-0-
April 14	86	60	-0-
April 15	84	55	-0-
April 16	89	62	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 89	H 88
Lo 56	Lo 55
partly cloudy	mostly sunny
Friday	Saturday
Hi 86	Hi 86
Lo 56	Lo 56
partly cloudy	partly cloudy

Forecast information provided by
 The Weather Channel

Sorority conducts stage scavenger hunt

Monday, April 10, if you happened to be at T&C Supermarket, you would have seen a group of women doing the Congo line dancing and singing down all 12 aisles.

It wasn't the Library Sisters; it was the Sorority Sisters. They were: Dana Cowen, Janina Savala, Melissa Morris, Jackie Necessary and Sterling Roddie.

They even got a few customers, Tyler and Billy Cunningham, to join in a few aisles. Tonya Poindexter was the camera woman.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, was Team 2, another group of sisters: Jennifer Knapp, Kay Shaffer - their queen, Renee Pearl, Tonya Bullard, Laura Sievering, Carol Richie and video camera lady Donna Wiley.

This group had to kidnap a person and this person got to spend the evening with the Alpha Alpha Mu Sorority Sisters. Mandy Shaffer Martinez was the lucky one. She got to enjoy chips and salsa and water from El Chato's. Thank you, Kenny Tobar, for the hospitality.

These two groups were on a Stage Scavenger Hunt hosted by Patricia Sutton and Jennifer Hicks. After the

teams got back from their 40 minute adventure, the two groups watched their scenes on TV. Both groups had three scenes to perform.

Special thanks to Nancy Floyd for playing the piano, Kurt Knapp for the pretend arrest and Kayla Shurley for performing a piece of her role in this year's one act play and for everyone who participated.

After all the excitement, the members enjoyed pizza and dessert. They discussed their business, the scholarship fund and elected new officers. They are: Kay Shaffer, president; Shawna Hopper, vice-president; Jennifer Knapp, treasurer; Donna Wiley, Sunshine Girl; Jackie Necessary, recording secretary; Carol Richie, Extension.

They passed the candle around and found out Sterling Roddie is expecting her second child. This sorority has three members expecting. Janina Savala and Jennifer Knapp are expecting their first babies.

This sorority provided meals for the Methodist Church twice for the Lenten and devotion lunches with all proceeds benefitting Ozona Community Center.



JIM CALDWELL shows off one of the four enormous lemons he brought back to Ozona from the back yard of Jim Brownrigg in Corpus Christi. "It's the biggest lemon I've ever seen," says Jim. *DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore*

Crockett County Veteran's Memorial information needed by May 8

Requirements for placement of names on the Crockett County Veteran's Memorial have been announced by Frank Tambunga.

1. Must have been a registered

Crockett County resident

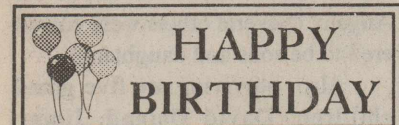
2. Must have served during any U. S. military conflict and need dates or have earned a combat service ribbon

3. Discharge document (DD214 form)

4. Must have DD214 filed with county clerk's office.

All information needs to be turned in to Tambunga by May 8 for the veteran to be included on the monument in time for this year's Memorial Day ceremony.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 915-392-2827.



April 19 - Mary Fierro, Trey Hale, Blas Vargas, Micela Cantu, Norma Fierro, Mike Wiggins, Daniel Aranki, Taylor DeHoyos, Rosita Ybarra, Steve Simmons

April 20 - Jo Henderson, Tommy Conner, Viola Perez, Inez Ybarra, Frankie Skinner, Jerold Savala, Pepe Cervantez, Albert Madrid, John Thompson, Richard Borrego Jr., Clarissa Hernandez, Lupe Martinez, Amy Gonzales

April 21 - John Mark St. Clair, Morgan Glosson, Jami Dalby, Michael Mitchell, Richard Martinez, Diane Storms, Lionel Martinez Jr., Katy Hernandez

April 22 - Stella Fierro, Erica Moran, Maria Tambunga, Tye Taylor, Kevin Lara, Tomas Rodriguez, Irene Alba

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

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

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

Chamber lauded for award

The following note to Ozona Chamber of Commerce is shared by that organization's executive director, Shelly Childress.

Dear Chamber of Commerce: I'm still having a hard time believing that you chose me for your Legacy of Spirit award.

Thank you so very much for honoring me in this way.

This award should remind everyone of their responsibility to those who come after us.

Thank you for all of the good work you do for our town and county. Sincerely, Jane Black

Dance like no one is watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like no one is listening,
Live like it's Heaven on Earth.
-William Pukey

Run-off election results

Poor voter turnout was recorded in Crockett County in the run-off elections April 11.

A total of four votes were cast in the Democratic race for U. S. Senator, one early vote and three on election day. Gene Kelly received three votes to one for Charles Gandy.

There were no early votes in the

Republican run-off, and two persons voted on election day.

In the race for Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Tom Price and Sharon Keller each received one vote. Charles Holcomb received two votes to none for Guy Williams for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 1. Jim Wallace and Barbara Parker Hervey each received one vote in the run-off for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Pl. 2.

Bandera Funtier Arts and Crafts show May 27-28

Time is getting short for booths for the Funtier Arts and Crafts Show in Bandera on May 27-28. The show has traditionally been held around the Bandera Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. On Saturday a guard takes care of overnight security.

For information about booth space, call Jim Black at 830-751-9671 or Olga Bolduc at 830-460-4839.

Aggie Muster April 21

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in the Crockett Room April 21 at 6:00 p.m. for the annual Texas Aggie Muster. There will be a pot luck supper according to Muster Chair Doug McNeely.

Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to R.S.V.P. to Doug McNeely at 392-5228.

It's a boy!

Philip Michael Dennis was born to Vickie and Clark Dennis Feb. 3, 2000, in Fort Worth. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 20" long.

Philip is welcomed by big brothers Will and Thomas Dennis, grandparents Daisy Dennis from Plano and Veva and Blas Vargas from Ozona.

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David Nance

Courtney Cameron
bride-elect of
Josh Gilley

Stacy Barton
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Ozona Garden Club News

By Charlotte Harrell

Sixteen members of Ozona Garden Club met Monday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Ozona Civic Center. Hostesses were Chris Beckham and Sue Burns, who served Easter cookies and other refreshments from a beautifully decorated table. The program, "Solving Design Problems", was a workshop for the annual flower show. Marolyn Bean (Millennium Memories), Mary Jo Mason (Wash Day Blues), Dorothy Montgomery (Underwater) and Marge Smith (Honey, I Shrank It All) each made a design arrangement and explained their methods and rationales to the club members who are busily preparing for the annual flower show to be held on April 20. The flower show will be from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Ozona Civic Center, and the public is cordially invited.

It was noted during the business meeting that the Ozona Garden Club once again had a successful Second Time Around Sale and that the burr

oak tree, which it purchased for the Ozona Care Center, has been planted. Jerri Lynn Pierce reported that the decorations committee for the chamber of commerce banquet functioned smoothly and that all comments regarding the decorations were favorable. Marge Smith and Mary Jo Mason recently judged a miniature flower show in San Angelo, and the Ozona Garden Club received four district awards for its charitable contributions, excellent reporting, and co-hosting the Fall 1999 meeting.

Members of the Ozona Garden Club will next meet in Fredericksburg to visit the Wildseed Farms Market Center on May 8.

Members present were: Marolyn Bean, Chris Beckham, Sue Burns, Ella Clegg, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Virginia Hubbard, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jean Odom, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Marge Smith, JoNel Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek and Cheryl Whitesides as well as one guest, Dorothy Dickinson, from Florida.

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Walk Across Texas

Walking reduces risk of heart attack

A large study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that middle-aged women who walked briskly for at least three hours each week cut their risk of heart attack by 30 percent to 40 percent. The faster the men walked, the lower their risk of heart attack.

Another study, reported in the journal Circulation, found that older men who walked at least two miles a day cut their risk of heart attack in half. The farther the men walked, the lower their risk of heart attack.

Walking helps the heart by lowering "bad" cholesterol and raising "good" cholesterol. It also lowers blood pressure, as well as reduces the

risk of blood clots and irregular heartbeats.

Start slowly and increase time and speed gradually. Walk at the same time to establish a habit. If it's been awhile since you've exercised or you have health problems, see your doctor before starting a walking program.

...Taken from the Mayo Clinic Health Letter

So give your heart a break and call the Crockett County Extension office at 392-2721 to begin Walk Across Texas.

Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Tips for spring lawn care

by Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG

Warm temperatures have arrived and now is the time the green begins showing up in home lawns, and everyone is anxious to enjoy their lawns and yards for the summer. Here are some comments about lawn care taken from articles that have appeared in Lawn Boy Magazine. I think it's very useful information. I hope you have done a soil test of your lawn and if not, give us a call. Remember, a lot of soil has high levels of phosphorus and can cause lawns not to utilize other elements, such as iron, so be sure and check your soil.

Simplifying turf fertilization: Grasses require at least 16 different essential elements in their diets. Most of these are available from surrounding environment, but the growth demands we put upon the typical lawn are difficult ones. Having healthy grass usually entails helping Mother Nature along. Even if you are dedicated to having a low maintenance lawn, you will need to fertilize with nitrogen to sustain thick, vigorous turf. In addition to bringing on deep green color, nitrogen is responsible for the sturdy growth and shoot density needed to fight off weeds and stand up to diseases, bugs and traffic.

All of these positive effects can easily turn into negatives if excess fertilizer is used or if it is applied at the wrong time. The commonly followed practice of fertilizing in the early spring is actually not the way to go. It not only encourages excess blade growth, which means more mowing; it gives your weeds a boost and increases thatch. Excessive spring growth also produces thin-walled grass blade cells that are more prone to injury and disease. Mid-spring is the preferred time for feeding southern grasses.

In addition to nitrogen, your lawn may need phosphorus and potassium. Depending on where you live, your soil may naturally contain adequate levels of these elements. Aiding in root growth and improving germination rates, phosphorus (or phosphate) is needed in small amounts, and tends to remain in the soil. Potassium (or potash) is more prone to leaching and plays an important role in enhancing your grass's resistance to cold, disease, drought and wear.

A fertilizer containing all three of these nutritional elements is called "complete". The percentage of the bag that is made up respectively of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium can be found by looking at the fertilizer grade. These three prominent numbers also tell you the ratio of nitrogen to phosphorus to potassium. For example, in a 50-pound bag of 20-10-10 grade, the ratio is 2:1:1 and you will have 20 percent of the 50 pounds, or 10 pounds of the bag as actual nitrogen; 10 percent or 5 pounds as phosphorus, and 10 percent or 5 pounds as potassium. The remaining 30 pounds in the bag may contain additional elements such as iron and sulfur, as well as organic material known as "filler".

In considering which bag of fertilizer is most appropriate for your yard, it is important that you read the back label for the guaranteed analysis of the contents. If your soil test indicates that you don't need to add phosphorus or potassium, choose a bag where the grade has a low numeral or zero for that element. Aside from checking the grade, you should also determine whether the nitrogen is "water-soluble" or "water-insoluble". Grass plants can immediately use water-soluble nitrogen, once watered into the soil. Man-made ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, and urea are examples of such quick release forms of nitrogen. These provide a rapid green-up but have drawbacks. To spread the release of nitrogen over time, fertilizer companies manipulate the size of particles, and sometimes coat them as well. Because these forms take longer to dissolve, they release nitrogen at varying rates. While still water-soluble, they are called "slow-release". Soil microbes must first break down water-insoluble nitrogen into forms grass plants can use. These truly slow-release sources include synthetic organics, like urea forms, or those derived from natural organic materials, such as composted manure. When buying fertilizer, opt for the water-insoluble types or other slow-release forms. Using slow-release fertilizers will allow you to minimize the amount of time spent behind your spreader. They last much longer and don't have to be applied as frequently. CAUTION: many fertilizers have a combination of both fast and slow-release types of nitrogen; check carefully to find products that derive a majority of their nitrogen from slow-release sources.

For low-maintenance lawns, you should be applying 1 to 4 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year. This may require adjustment given your specific growing environment, soil test results, the lawn's condition, and type of fertilizer (slow or fast release). The fertilizer bag directions take into account what type of nitrogen is being used and the rate at which it should be applied. Follow the manufacturer's instructions, and check the square footage of your lawn to ensure you are applying the appropriate amount. Remember, more is not better with fertilizers, as applying too much may "burn" your lawn as well as promote thatch formation and diseases. Leaving mulched clippings on the lawn over the course of a year will add about 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, so figure accordingly.

The right height: There are several rea-

sons not to cut your grass too short. First grass grows from the crown, not the blade tips. This trait makes grasses ideal for lawns because they keep on growing despite the regular mowing off of their upper stem, leaf sheath and blades. This is also why it's important not to damage grass crowns by accidental scalping with the mower. No crown, no grass! Second, keeping grass on the longer side also allows it greater surface area to carry out photosynthesis. This in turn results in healthier plants. Third, taller grass grows slower than shorter grass. You can use this simple fact to eliminate up to 20 percent of the mowing you do annually. That's a savings of about eight hours for the average lawn owner, not to mention a savings of gasoline and wear and tear on equipment. Finally, by keeping your grass at the high end of its recommended mowing height, you can prevent 90 percent of all weeds from germinating - and thereby eliminate the need for herbicides.

When to mow: Warm-season grasses should be mowed when 2 to 2 1/2 inches tall. Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass height at each mowing to avoid damage to plants. If the lawn grows too high for you to cut off 1/3 the height and have an acceptable length, cut off 1/3 now, and mow 1/3 off again in two or three days. Cutting more than 1/3 the height will cause grass clippings to lay on top of the lawn and decompose more slowly, and will give the grass a more open, bristly appearance. In addition, short cutting will stunt or slow root growth and weaken the grass plants.

What to do with your lawn clippings: Today's advice, contrary to 20 or 30 years ago, is to leave clipping on the lawn. The old belief that clippings contribute to thatch build-up is false. Thatch is a build-up of roots and stems, not grass blades. Use a mulching mower, and leave clippings where they fall. It not only saves the labor of collecting and composting them, it also reduces the need for adding fertilizer to your lawn, and helps to conserve soil moisture. There are exceptions, however, to this advice. If you have neglected your mowing or must mow in wet conditions, the long clippings are likely to form heavy, soggy clumps that cover the grass. In such cases, the clippings should be removed so they do not smother the grass.

The idea of leaving clippings on the lawn is not new. In 1859, Henry Winthrop Sargent, a garden book writer and editor, wrote that "except during May and June when the growth of grass is more rampant, and has to be gathered, we have removed our box for catching the grass as it falls from the rollers, and permit it to fly in a little shower all over the lawn as the cutting progresses. In this way, the lawn-top dresses itself, by returning all that it produces". Today's new mulching mowers, also called recycling mowers, make it even easier to leave clippings where they fall. The deck and blade designs enable these mowers to cut each blade several times, producing a finely chopped clipping.

Truck driver disappears

The driver of a Texas International Gas and Oil propane truck which overturned Monday was not found at the scene or in any area hospitals according to Fire Marshall Steve Kenley. The accident happened just across the county line in Val Verde County on Hwy. 163 South.

"We believe he had just loaded at the plant out here," Kenley said. The 18-wheeler turned over on the first curve after crossing the county line. "A small leak occurred but didn't



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY was celebrated at the care center last Wednesday. Pictured are some of the volunteers that were honored. They are: (front, l. to r.) Glenda Henderson, Johnnie Johnson, Kay Baker and Barbara Howell. Back: Katherine St. Clair, Jo Ann Williamson, Otis Nester and Len Hillman. Photo by Susan Calloway



JOSE MARTINEZ (l.) and Roberto Villegas are pictured in Mindoro, Philippines in 1945. Submitted Photo

Army friends recall war days

Jose Martinez had a visit last week from World War II Army buddy Roberto Villegas of Weslaco, a friend he made a short time before the war ended.

Martinez landed in the Philippines October 24, 1944, and became acquainted with Villegas when they were on Leyte in March of the following year.

They landed on Okinawa on April 1, 1945, Martinez remembers, but had gone back to Mindoro when

the war ended. "We went back to Mindoro to recruit some troops to replace some who were lost (on Okinawa). That's when they dropped the bomb and the war was over," Martinez recalled.

He sailed from Mindoro Dec. 3, 1945, and soon was discharged. Villegas remained in the Philippines a while longer.

These two friends have kept up with each other through the years although the get-togethers are few and far between.

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Food for Thought April 27

Food for Thought, a "come and go" luncheon focusing on nutrition for the body and soul, will be held Thursday, April 27, at Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located at East 11th Street.

Sponsored by the Wesley Nurse Program, Food for Thought includes a stress free meal which includes a short devotion led by the clergy of Ozona. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.

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We would like to thank all the people that kept our daughter, Vickie in their prayers during the time she was so ill. Thank you to all those that called and were concerned. It really helped to know that so many people were united in prayer and asking the Lord for her recovery. Our most sincere gratitude to all the churches that had Vickie, the baby and the rest of the family on their prayer lists. We are thankful to God that she is much improved and doing well. May the Lord Bless each and everyone of you.

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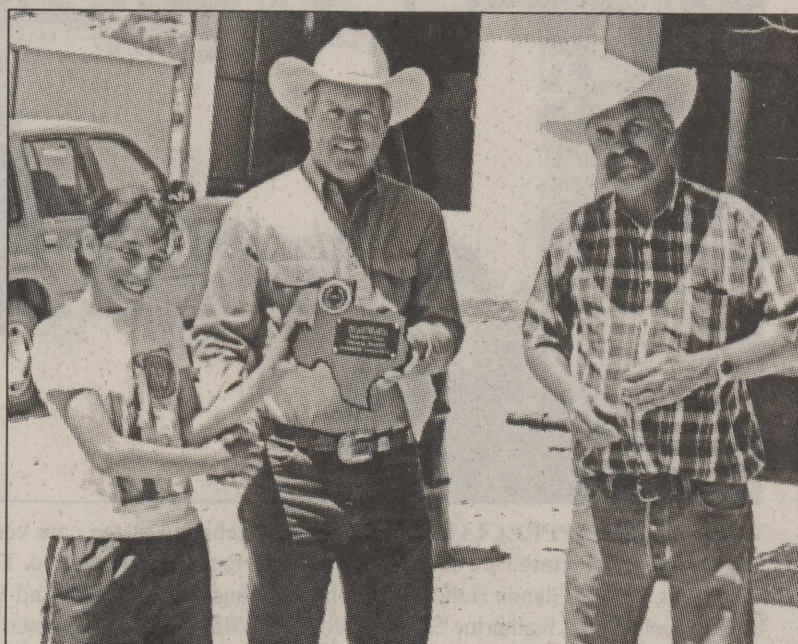
Conservation field day a huge success

The sixth grade classes in Ozona were treated to an educational field day on the Gene Perry Ranch on Thursday, April 13. The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored the annual event.

The purpose of the field day was to increase the awareness of natural resources and educate the students to the need for proper management to sustain and improve these resources. Topics consisting of soils, water, range and wildlife were presented by professionals with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Ivan and Janet Weir entertained the group with a sheep dog demonstration. They showed how these dogs are used to assist ranchers in their everyday ranching operations. The dogs, which are from the Weir-Perry Kennels and trained by Weir, put on a show that all enjoyed. Following this presentation, the students were treated to a hamburger lunch provided by the Crockett National Bank. The meal was prepared by Jim Skehan, Debra Long, Patty Villareal, Laurie Hale, Susan Buchanan, Larry Williams and Pleas Childress.

Following lunch Larry Williams and Pleas Childress presented Daniella Houston with a plaque for her first place conservation poster at this year's contest. Miles Dabovich gave the students a presentation on agricultural production in Crockett County. Jennifer Marshall and Ashlee Worley demonstrated clothing products made from wool and mohair. Dennis Clark and Diane Anderson with the Emerald Underground Water District and Virgil Polocek showed the group how



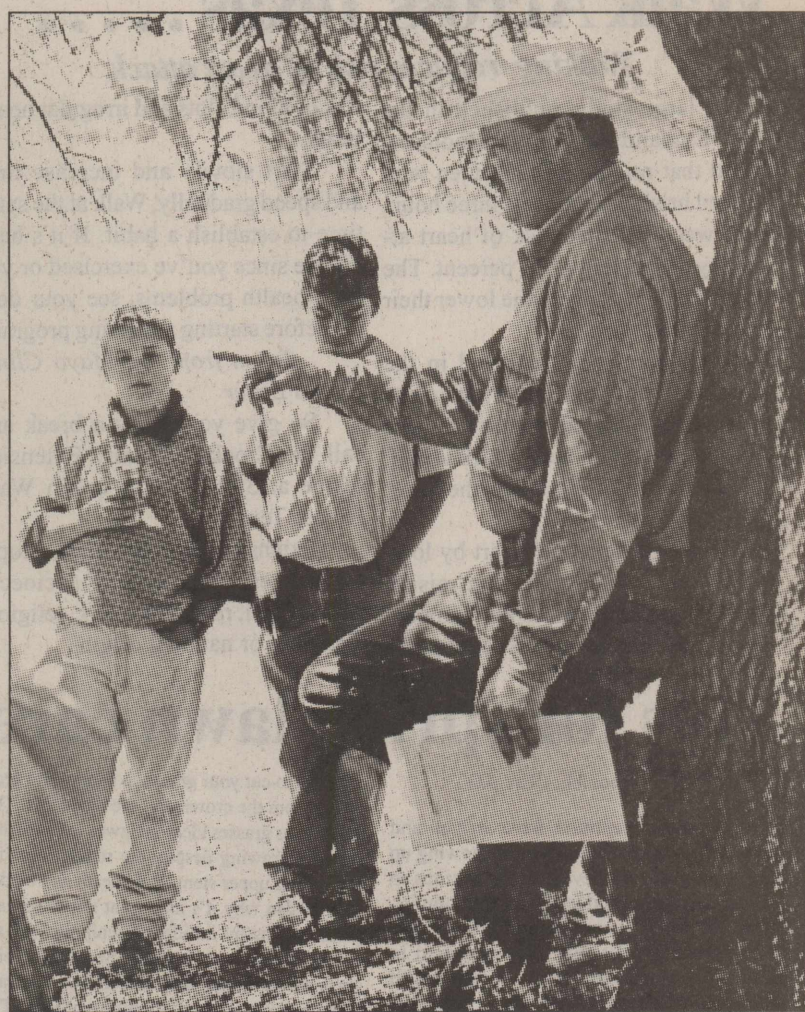
DANIELLA HOUSTON (L.) proudly accepts a plaque from Pleas Childress (center) and Larry Williams in recognition of her first place finish in the conservation poster contest. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

water moves underground and how to conserve water. The Perry Ranch was shearing sheep so the students were able to watch and see how a sheep is shorn.

A trip to Ozona Wool and Mohair capped off the day. Charles Seidensticker explained about the han-

dling and processing of wool and mohair at the warehouse.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank the Ozona School officials for their continued support and all of the individuals who helped make the day a huge success.



MILES DABOVICH talks to the sixth grade students from Ozona Middle School at the annual Conservation Field Day held at the Perry Ranch. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



CHARLES SEIDENSTICKER explains the handling of wool and mohair at the Ozona Wool and Mohair during the annual sixth grade Conservation Field Day for sixth graders. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



THE PERRY RANCH was host to the Ozona Middle School sixth graders during the annual Conservation Field Day on April 13. The students are pictured observing sheep shearing. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

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OZONA HEAD START REGISTRATION FOR 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

Location: Ozona Head Start Center - 1310 Avenue G
Date: Thursday, April 20, 2000
from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 P.M.

Tom Green County Community Action Council - Head Start Program is a comprehensive, pre-k program serving 3, 4 and 5 year old children. Children participate in a program that provides them a "Head Start" to education, social and self-help skills and their health and dental care. Head Start children receive a nutritious breakfast, snack and lunch; participate in large and small group activities; individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three years old by September 1st in order to register for the Head Start Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring COPIES of the following: Proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 1999 W-2/Form 1040 Tax Return, Proof of child's age (child's birth certificate), child's Social Security Number, up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamp Case Numbers. COPIES of these items **MUST BE** brought with you to register your child for the program.

***Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the Center Director if this applies to your child.

Want to know more about stamps?

Have you discovered old stamps, letters with envelopes, or stamp collection you wish you knew more about? Or, need information about their value or where to find all this information?

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will hold an open house on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites in Odessa at 6201 East Highway 80. This is for all ages and for all interests.

There will be assistance for Scouting merit badges, direction for home schoolers in learning history and geography through stamps, exhibits and experts from Houston and San Antonio.

This is a no cost family affair that welcomes all visitors.

Bonilla here for hearing April 19

Rep. Henry Bonilla will be in Ozona today, April 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the district courtroom. The congressman will stop in Ozona on a 10-town tour to talk about OSHA's proposed ergonomics regulation.

All members of the business community are encouraged to attend.

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Menard Co. Chamber of Commerce, the 13th annual Jim Bowie Days

Vacation fun will not be complete without the most entertaining weekend of the summer June 15-18 in Menard. Sponsored by the Menard County Chamber of Commerce, the 13th annual Jim Bowie Days will offer a variety of activities for the entire family.

An arts and craft fair will be shaded beneath the towering pecan trees in Riverside Park under the bridge on Highway 83 in Menard, starting on Friday and continuing through Saturday. Booths are still available and can be reserved by calling 915-396-2365.

Live entertainment on stage will entertain the crowds, food & craft booths, along with washer pitching, games for the youngsters, the Little Mr. and Miss Nugget Contest, and a melodrama featuring Menard's famous gunfighters, the Silver Ridge Runners.

An old-fashioned Pony Express Race will be held at Stockpen Crossing Park along the scenic San Saba River and a Saturday night dance will continue the fun.

A festival unique to Menard, Jim Bowie Days celebrated the legend of Jim Bowie and his search for the lost silver mine in Menard County. The Kentuckian, who was destined to die at the Alamo fighting for Texas, indeed became a legend as big as Texas

itself and in the 1820's came to the beautiful San Saba River near present-day Menard to look for silver. He was later adopted into the Lipan Apache tribe and because of his ensuing battle with them over their silver mine, today known as the Lost Bowie Mine, Menard history would forever be changed.

Thus, A Song of Silver was born in 1988, a rousing musical written by playwright Patty Miller, set in a breathtaking canyon called Silver Ridge just south of town.

The big Jim Bowie Days weekend will lead off with the musical production locally produced, directed and performed with a cast of about one hundred. The outdoor performances begin at sundown and the two-hour production is an action-packed historical account that has delighted large and growing crowds of theatre buffs, history aficionados, and dreamers.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 15, 16 and 17th. The audience continues to grow each year as word of this pageant is spread. Advance tickets are available.

For more information on Jim Bowie Days and a Song of Silver, contact the Menard Chamber of Commerce, Box 64, Menard, Texas 76859, Telephone 915-396-2365.



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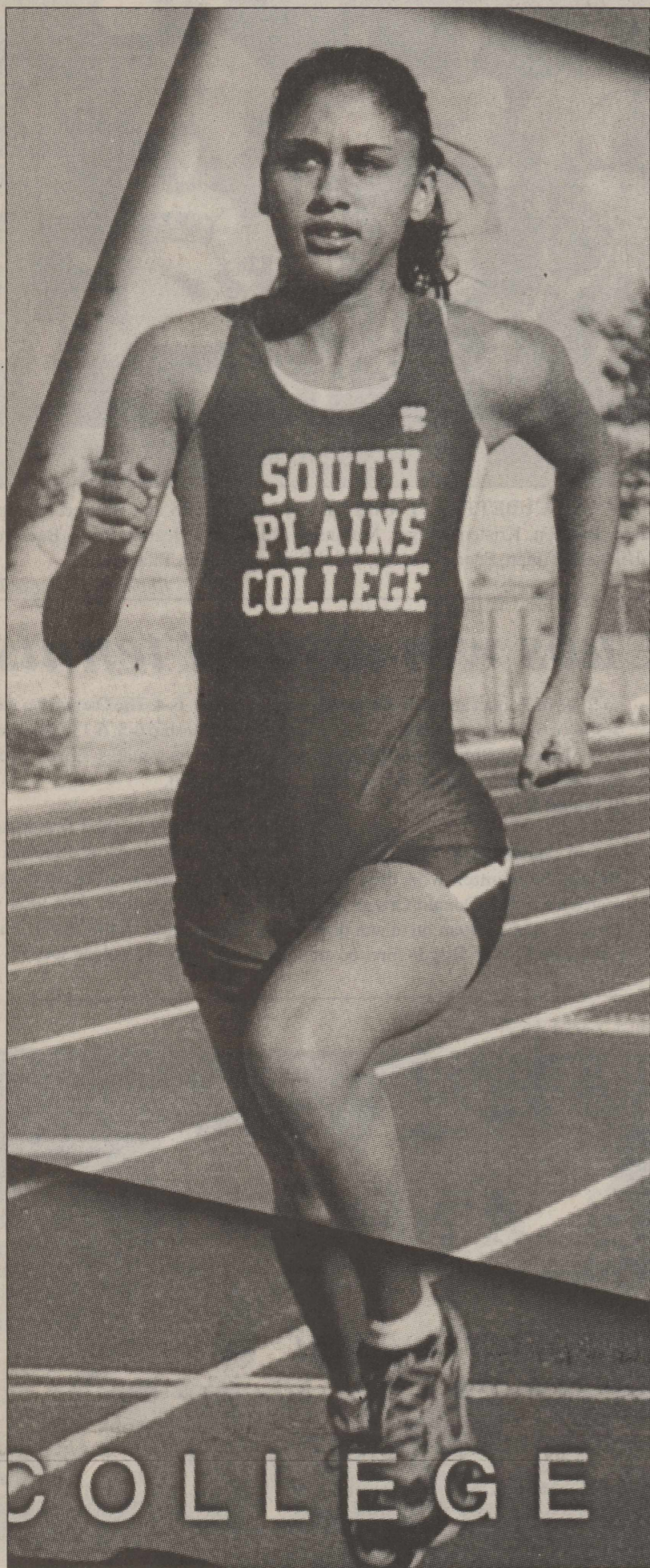
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Sanchez on the run at South Plains



Lori Sanchez - 1999 NJCAA Cross Country All American

Texan Track, the 2000 season official program of South Plains College, is a showstopper for fans of the Ozona track program. Pictured on the cover is Ozona's Lori Sanchez, who earned All-American honors for her finish last fall in the NJCAA Cross Country Championships.

The college freshman is a candidate for competition in the 800, 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 meters and could

qualify for nationals in more than one event this spring at South Plains.

She was the region 1-2A champ in the 800 and the 1,600 at OHS and qualified for state in the 3,200 meter. Lori was named Academic All-District in 1998.

A liberal arts major at South Plains College, she is the daughter of Daniel and Rosa Sanchez of Ozona.

Opportunities for Ozona athletes

Coach Steve Taylor, athletic director for the Ozona School System, can work with college-bound student-athletes at Ozona High School who wish to be recruited.

As a registered coach with nationalrecruits.com, Coach Taylor is able to help student-athletes at OHS

enroll in the Game Plan recruiting program free.

To learn more about the National Recruiting Network and the Game Plan recruiting program on the Internet, contact Coach Steve Taylor at Ozona High School.

4-H'ers judge in Kerrville contests

Four members of the Crockett County 4-H Club participated in wool and mohair judging contests held in Kerrville April 15. Members of the junior team were Aaron Renfroe, Taylor Oglesby and Ashley Unger. Katie Parker was the only senior member, and she judged as an individual in the contest.

The junior team placed first in the mohair judging contest and third overall. Aaron Renfroe was fourth high individual and Taylor Oglesby was fifth high individual in mohair judging.

The 4-H'ers were accompanied to the contest by adult leaders Bobbie Renfroe and Charles Seidensticker.

Summer basketball underway for sixth graders

Ozona's sixth grade summer basketball team, the Lady Starz, played their first game in San Angelo at Robert E. Lee Jr. High School Saturday, April 15. The girls did really well, but the Christoval Cougars managed to win by one point. The score at the end of the game was Christoval 22 and Ozona 21.

High scorers of the game were Malorie Moran and Allison Skehan. Both girls scored seven points each. Others scoring for Ozona were Ali Bean, 3 points, Chelsea Tobar, 2

points and Kerri Mendez, 1 point.

The team consists of 12 girls, but only 11 played during this first game. The girls are: Malorie Moran, Tyler Cunningham, Jessica Moore, Ali Bean, Allison Skehan, Lori Lozano, Chelsea Tobar, Kayla Pratt, Victoria Miller, Mandy Fierro, Kerri Mendez and Chaawna Tambunga.

Thanks go to all who went to watch the game. Everyone is welcome. The next game will be Saturday, April 22, at Central in San Angelo. The game starts at 12:30 p.m.

DPS trooper presents bicycle safety program at Ozona Primary School



DPS TROOPER RICHARD TREECE gives instructions to the students during the bicycle safety instruction held at the Ozona Primary School Thursday, April 13.



TARA JOHNSON participates in an exercise that teaches the students control and balance of their bicycles as they ride as slowly as possible through a pattern of cones. DigiCam Photos by Susan Calloway

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50th Annual Easter Pageant starts at dark on Saturday in Junction

The 50th annual Easter Pageant will begin at dark April 22 in the natural amphitheater below the cross on Lover's Leap in Junction.

Sponsored by the non-denominational Men's Bible Class, the pageant features 50 amateur performers who pantomime the story of the last week of Christ's life on earth, climaxing with the resurrection and ascension. Narrators and background music enhance the 13-act pageant, which is performed on 14 stages of varying levels. The production lasts about three hours.

In 1950, the Easter Pageant had a cast of 20 re-enacting the life of Christ on a small concrete platform. Since that time, the cast of volunteers has grown, and the stage now covers the side of the mountain and includes nine levels, several miles of electric cables and a sound booth where readers and sound effects personnel work to coordinate the works and music with stage action.

All participants, from Sharon Sissel, who directs the drama, to stage hands and wardrobe mistresses, are volunteers.

The pageant annually attracts a large crowd of spectators from throughout the United States. Most watch from cars parked under the direction of Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts, who also distribute free programs. Local Scouts have been providing this service

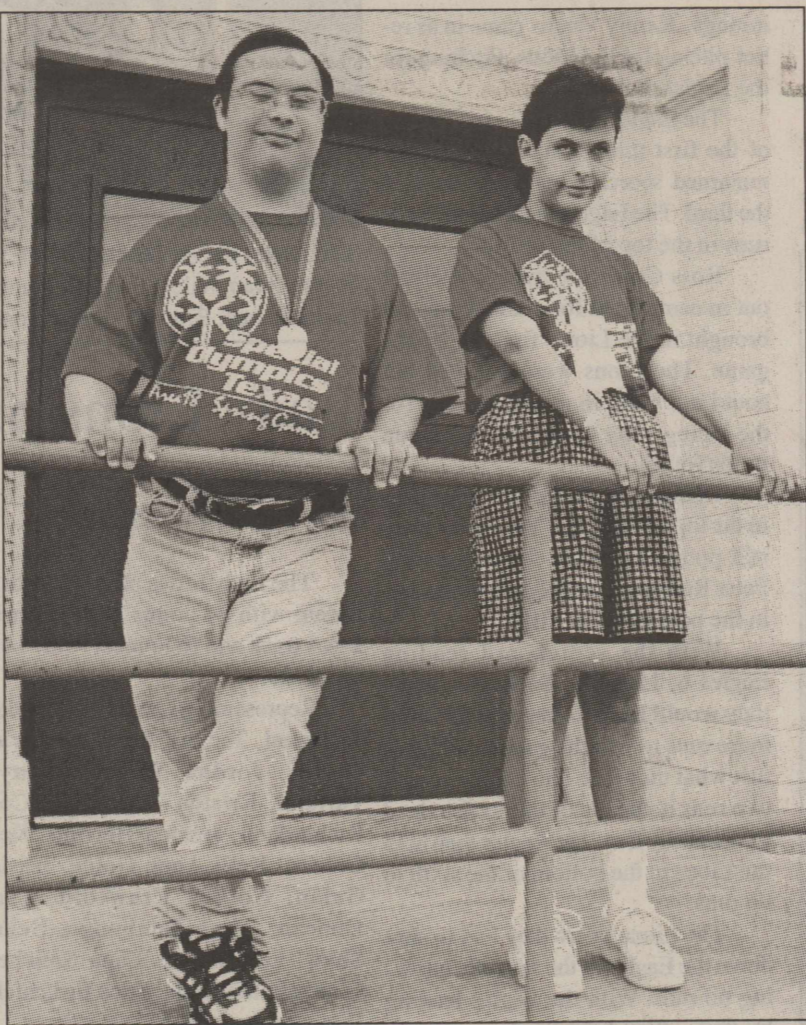
since the pageant began.

There are no reserve parking areas, but spectators are welcome to park their cars early, beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

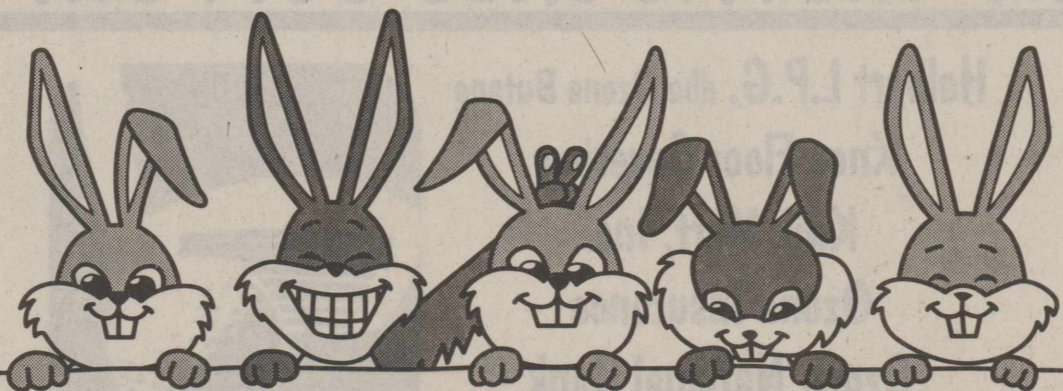
Free coffee will be served by the Junction Volunteer Fire Department. The local EMS will operate a concession stand with food and soft drinks. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Joe Wolpmann. Some spectators come early and picnic on the grounds.

There is no admission charge, but free-will offerings are gratefully accepted. Boy Scouts will take up a collection from those who wish to contribute during an intermission.

These funds are used to add or to replace equipment needed to produce the pageant.



JOHN RODRIGUEZ AND SAMANTHA TAYLOR (r.) competed in the Special Olympics held in Odessa April 15. John won a gold medal in the 50 meter dash and a silver for the softball throw. Samantha took home fourth place in the 50 meter dash and fifth in the softball throw. The youth are accompanied by Susan Goble and Jeannie Thompson. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore



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Ozona sends athletes to regional

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Advancing to regional in track and field for the Ozona Lady Lions are Tammy Alvarez who won first place in discus, Codi Richardson who was first in the 400m dash, and Laken Villarreal who won second in the 3200m and 1600m runs.

Tammy also qualified as an alternate in shot put, Jordan Webster in 100m hurdles, Kristen Tambunga in

the 100m dash and the 400m relay team of Jordan Webster, Codi Richardson, Jessica Herring and Kristen Tambunga.

Although an alternate, Kristen will compete at state in the 100m, replacing the runner from Wall.

Lions advancing are Dustin Faught who won first in high jump, Cade Clark first in pole vault, Martin Sanchez second in pole vault, Josh Tambunga second in the 3200m run and the 1600m run and Ken Sessom

who was second in the 400m dash. Alternates are Lance Unger in the shot put and Ross Crawford in the 300m hurdles.

First and second place winners compete at regional. Third place winners act as alternates if the first or second place winner in their event is unable to participate.

The regional meet will be held April 28-29 in Abilene.

Cubettes compete in district tennis

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona hosted the District 2-AA Middle School tennis tournament April 8.

In seventh grade girls' singles, Cubette Amber Batura won her first match over Hernandez of Junction 8-6. Batura lost her next match to Newman of Eldorado 8-2.

Kristin Bunger competed in singles but lost her first match to Gaston of Forsan 8-2.

In girls' doubles, Jenna Henderson and her partner, Hilary Huffman, received a bye in their first match. They won their second match over Caruthers/Green of Sonora 8-0. From there, Henderson/Huffman lost their next match to Gardner/Gardner of Junction 6-1, 6-0.

Henderson/Huffman then took on teammates Kayla Johnson/Makinsey Morris for third and fourth places. Henderson/Huffman won, the match over Johnson/Morris 6-1, 6-3.

Johnson/Morris won their first match over Blair/Robinson of Eldorado 8-4. Johnson/Morris moved on to beat their next opponents, Kemp/Vasquez of Wall 8-2. Johnson/Morris lost their third match to teammates Henderson/Huffman 6-1, 6-3 to place fourth.

In eighth grade girls' singles, Jamie Fierro lost her first match to Dale of Junction 8-1.

In doubles play, Cubettes Rose Garza and Bobbie Sue Bangeman received a bye in their first match. Garza/Bangeman then won their next match over Flores/Fitzgerald of Sonora 8-0.

Garza/Bangeman went on to de-

feat Osburn/Robbins of Forsan 9-8 (7-5). They then took on Ragdale/Homer of Eldorado in the championship match, winning 6-3, 6-3 for first place.

Michelle Gandar and Laura Pierce also competed in eighth grade girls' doubles, losing their first match to Lively/Jardine of Junction.

Eighth grade Cubs win district in tennis

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The District 2-AA Middle School tennis championship went to Ozona's eighth grade Cubs at the meet held here April 8.

In eighth grade boys' singles, Arron Garza received a bye in the first round. He then won his next match over Halfmann of Wall 8-6. Garza then took on Parker of Eldorado and won the match 6-3, 6-2.

In the semi-finals, Heartsill of Wall won the match over Garza for the championship 6-0, 6-3. Garza placed second.

Brad Mayfield also received a bye in round one. He went on to win over Breyman of Forsan 8-2, then took on Heartsill of Wall and lost that match 6-0, 6-0. Mayfield placed third after

beating Parker of Eldorado 6-4, 6-7, (7-4), 6-4.

In eighth grade boys' doubles, Kris Gray and his partner, Ryan Wiley, received a bye in round one. Gray/Wiley beat Salinas/Amaya of Iraan 8-4. They went on to compete against Chavez/Chavez and won the match 6-3, 6-7, (7-4), 6-3. In the semi-finals, Gray/Wiley took on fellow teammates Stephen Humphrey and his partner, Ryan Pearl, to win the championship 6-4, 6-3. Humphrey/Pearl won their first match over Reed/Burleson of Forsan 8-1. Humphrey/Pearl went on to win over Whisnand/Sefcik of Wall 9-8 (7-2). Humphrey/Pearl then defeated Young/Greer of Eldorado 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. They lost in the semi-finals to fellow teammates Gray/Wiley 6-4, 6-3 to place second in district.

Eagles soar past Lions in baseball action

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions' baseball team hosted the Junction Eagles Tuesday, April 11, at the Ozona baseball field.

Starting pitcher for the Lions was Quay Oglesby who pitched 4 and 1/3

innings. Kenny Vargas came in as relief pitcher for the Lions. Pitching for the Eagles was Taylor.

The Eagles scored one run in each of the first three innings. The Lions remained scoreless at the bottom of the third. The Eagles then scored three runs in the top of the fourth.

Ross Crawford crushed the ball out in centerfield for a home run and brought in the Lions' first run of the game. The Lions were pumped but could not bring in any more runs for the inning after Crawford's homerun in the fourth.

Ozona held the Eagles to no runs in the top of the fifth. The Lions were still pumped as Abel Rodriguez and Peter Rodriguez added two more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

With the scoreboard reading Eagles 6, Lions 3, the Eagles knew they would have to step up and score more runs to win the game, and that's just what they did. The Eagles scored two runs in the top of the sixth to lead the Lions by five. The Eagles then held the Lions in the bottom of the sixth to no runs.

The Lions knew they had to shut down the Eagles in the seventh, allowing no runs. With the Eagles leading by five, they held the Lions in the seventh to win the game Eagles 8, Lions 3.



THE 2000 SEVENTH GRADE CUBS AND CUBETTES TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS are: (front row, l. to r.) Amber Batura, Jenna Henderson, Kayla Johnson, Kristen Bunger, Makinsey Morris and Heather Price. Back row: Mac Fred, Paarth Raj, Jeffery Gillit, Hilary Huffman, Penny Stewart, Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez.

Photo by Cameras Two

7th grade Cubs win district tennis

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona's seventh grade Cubs won the district tennis meet held here April 8.

Jeffery Gillit won his first match over Paredes of Forsan 8-3. Gillit next played Cathey of Eldorado and lost that match 8-5 to move on to compete for third and fourth places. Gillit took

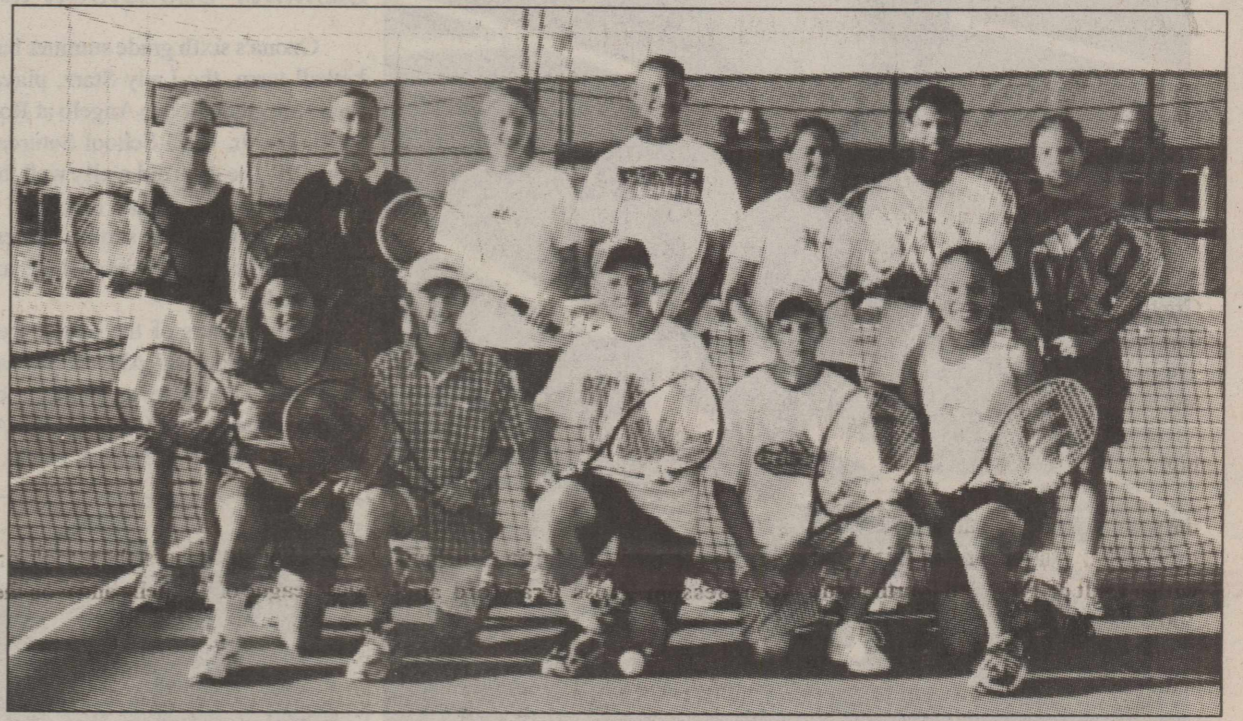
on Slate of Forsan and won the match 6-3, 4-6, 6-5 to place third.

Also competing for the Cubs was Mac Fred who lost his match to Slate of Forsan 8-0.

In doubles play, Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez won their first match over MacDonald/Ortega 8-0. Bird/Talamantez went on to win their next match over Boyd/Corosco of

Junction 6-1, 6-4. The Ozona duo won the championship 6-3, 6-1 in the semi-finals over teammates Eliseo Treto and Paarth Raj.

Treto/Raj won their first match over Hull/Sienkiewick of Junction 8-5. They went on to beat Aguirre/Neighbors of Wall 6-1, 6-1, then took on Bird/Talamantez in the semi-finals. They lost 6-3, 6-1 to place second.



THE 2000 EIGHTH GRADE CUBS AND CUBETTES TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS are: (front row, l. to r.) Alex Tobar, Ryan Wiley, Stephen Humphrey, Kris Gray and Michelle Gandar. Back row: Bobbi Bangeman, Ryan Pearl, Laura Pierce, Brad Mayfield, Rose Garza, Arron Garza and Jamie Fierro.

Photo by Cameras Two



PAIGE TAMBUNGA takes a leap in the District 2-AA Track and Field Meet held in Eldorado on April 14. Photo Courtesy of The Eldorado Success

Lady Lions place fourth in district track/field

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions placed fourth as a team with 84 points in the District 2-AA track and field meet April 14 in Eldorado.

Representing Ozona were: Laken Villarreal, Tammy Alvarez, Scarlett Taylor, Jordan Webster, Kayla Turland, Kristen Tambunga, Codi Richardson, Jessica Herring, Kelli Osborn, Kelli Anne Goble, Jessica Galan, Colbey Crawford, Terri Duncan, Paige Tambunga, Bekah Shaw, Lori Rivas, Lana Sanchez, Claressa Tambunga, Erica Birkenfeld, Victoria Castro and Teresa Perez.

Individually, first and second place winners advance to regional.

Third place winners act as alternates, participating in regionals when necessary to fill in for a first or second place contestant in that particular event.

Tammy Alvarez captured first place in the discus with a throw of 104.5 and third in the shot put with 31' 3 1/2". Scarlett Taylor threw the discus 85' for fifth place.

Codi Richardson won first place in the 400m dash with a time of 62.77.

Laken Villarreal was second in the 3200m run in a time of 12:59.55 and second in the 1600m run with a time of 5:57.43.

Jordan Webster came in third in the 100m hurdles in a time of 16.73. Kayla Turland followed in fourth

place with a 16.97.

Third place in the 100m dash went to Kristen Tambunga who ran a 13.40. Kristen will go to regional as a replacement for the Wall contestant.

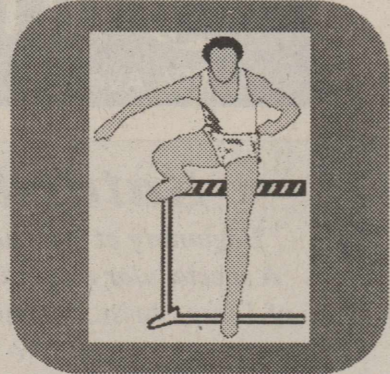
The Lady Lions' 400m relay team won third with a time of 52.34. Runners were: Jordan Webster, Codi Richardson, Jessica Herring and Kristen Tambunga.

The 1600m relay team came in fourth with a time of 4:46.66. Team members were: Jordan Webster, Jessica Herring, Kelli Anne Goble and Kelli Osborn.

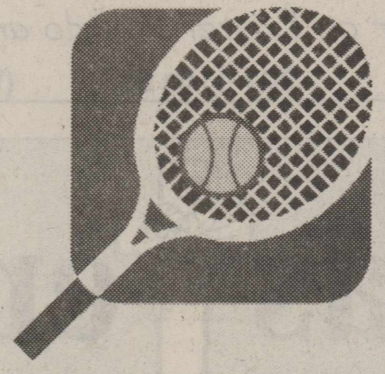
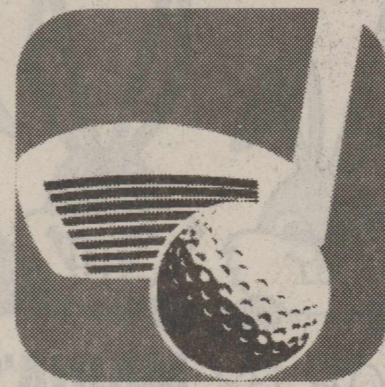
The 800m relay team of Kayla Turland, Kelli Osborn, Kelli Anne Goble and Jessica Galan placed fifth with a time of 2:02.44.

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Junior Varsity Lions win district track/field meet

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Junior Varsity Lions won their district meet April 14 in Eldorado with 232 points. Ozona contestants were: Rigo Treto, Brandon Marmolejo, Ramon Trujillo, Jacob Tambunga, Luis Cruz, Jared Shaffer, Quay Oglesby, Robert Ogle, Koby Fenton, Chase Clark, R. J. Fierro, Kyle Richardson, Abel Rodriguez, Gustavo Perez, Andrew Shaffer, Lalo Garza, Nat Hernandez and Victor Hernandez.

Individually, Rigo Treto placed first in the 3200m run in a time of 11:08.25.

Brandon Marmolejo won first in the 1600m run in a time of 5:15.42 and second in the 3200m run with a time of 11:25.84.

Luis Cruz placed first in the long jump with a leap of 18' 9", second in the triple jump with a leap of 36' and second in the 100m dash in a time of 12.12.

Jared Shaffer came in first in the 200m dash in a time of 24.17, second in the long jump with 18' 1" and third in the triple jump with a leap of 36'.

First in the triple jump was Gustavo Perez with 39', 11. He ran the 400m dash in 55.82 for first place and was third in the long jump with a leap of 17' 10 1/2".

Abel Rodriguez placed first in the pole vault with a height of 10' 6". Kyle

Richardson and Chase Clark tied for second in the event with a vault of 9' 6". Richardson was sixth in the 200m dash in a time of 27.32.

Chase Clark was third in the 110m hurdles in 20.89 and third in the 300m hurdles in a time 49.01.

Ramon Trujillo placed third in discus with a throw of 101' 11 1/2" and fifth in the 800m run in a time of 2:34.44.

Robert Ogle placed third in the high jump in a height of 5' 2" and sixth in the 400m dash with a time of 60.31.

R. J. Fierro came in fourth in the 100m hurdles in 20.94 and fourth in the 300m hurdles in a time of 49.87.

Lalo Garza placed third in the 100m dash in a time of 12.17 and fourth in the high jump with 5'.

Koby Fenton came in third in the 800m run in 2:32.64. Andrew Shaffer was fourth in the event in a time of 2:32.71.

Quay Oglesby placed second in the high jump with a height of 5' 4".

Jacob Tambunga placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 100' 11".

The J.V. 400m relay team came in second in a time of 47.08. Runners were: Jared Shaffer, Lalo Garza, Luis Cruz and Gustavo Perez.

The J.V. 1600m relay team came in second place with a time of 3:45.78. Runners were Jared Shaffer, Luis Cruz, Gustavo Perez and Lalo Garza.



THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS for the 2000-2001 school year are: (front) Scarlett Taylor - mascot. Middle row: Codi Richardson, Lana Sanchez, Myda Fay and Jessica Galan. Back row: Staci Sutton, Colbey Crawford, Paige Tambunga and Erin Castro. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore

The Cisco Networking Academy Program: 2000 and Beyond

By Pete Maldonado

When George Ward was hired by Cisco more than six years ago, he never imagined that his work would eventually spawn what has become one of the most visible and acclaimed programs in Cisco's history. The Cisco Networking Academy Program. Formally launched in the United States on Capitol Hill October 1, 1997, the program has since grown from about 55 pilot Academies to over 1,100 Academies today. The Networking Academy program has been adopted by educational institutions in all 50 United States and 28 other countries.

Ozona High School started its Cisco Networking Academy in the spring of 1999. The program consists of four semesters of instruction and one of internship.

The curriculum is a web-based multimedia curriculum, which the students obtain from desktop computers. The Cisco curriculum is updated daily in order for the students to obtain the latest in curriculum changes.

The curriculum is based a lot by the principal of learn by doing. The Ozona High School program is one of only six in the Educational Region XV service area.

The Ozona High School program will be the first one to complete all four semesters of training. After the four semesters the students are prepared to take Cisco's CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) certification.

This certification is in great demand in the Information Technologies field.

The Cisco Networking Academies is a program that trains and certifies students to design, build and maintain networks. This is a program that is a partnership between Cisco, Ozona High School, government, and

industry. This is the "SHOP CLASS" of the 21st century. Vocational skills for the 21st century revolve around computer and networking technologies.

The Ozona High School Networking students designed and built their own Networking classroom and lab. The students will maintain/upgrade their own lab and help troubleshoot and maintain all the labs at Crockett County Consolidated Common School District.

How does the program work? Ozona High School (Local Academy) provides the trained teacher, classroom/lab space, and Internet access. Cisco provides curriculum, teacher training, virtual community, equipment, and technical support.

Our Local Academy has 24 students enrolled in the program. The Networking II class will have 11 graduates from semester four and they will be ready to take their Cisco Certified Network Associate exam at the end of the school year.

The Networking I class has 13 students enrolled in it and will complete semester two by the end of the school year. They will return to take semesters three and four in the Fall and then do an Internship in the Spring of 2001.

With the vision and understanding of the future needs of our students of Ozona High School, Mr. Larry Taylor and the Board of trustees of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, played an important part in getting the Cisco program established at Ozona High School.

Mr. Pete Maldonado has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education; Master's of Education in Technical Education and is certified to teach the Cisco Internetworking program. Mr. Maldonado is the instructor for the Cisco program and he has completed all of the training provided by the Education Region Service Center and Cisco Industries.

For more information about this program you can email Mr. Pete Maldonado at pete.maldonado@netxv.net. A Powerpoint presentation design by the Networking students is available for your viewing.

Lions place third in district meet

The Lions' track and field team placed third with 90 points at the District 2-AA meet held April 14 in Eldorado.

Participating for the Lions were: Josh Tambunga, Lance Unger, Ty Allen, Juan Garcia, Ken Sessom, Ross Crawford, Martin Sanchez, Gabriel Tijerina, Dustin Faught, Cade Clark, Trey Hale, Ray Ramos, Stephen Tarr and Wesley Bishop.

Dustin Faught was first in the high jump with a height of 62".

Cade Clark captured first place in the pole vault with a vault of 12'. Martin Sanchez was second in this event with a vault of 11'6" and fourth in the 300m hurdles in a time of 43.31. Trey Hale came in fourth in the pole vault with a height of 11'.

Josh Tambunga won second in the 3200m run in a time of 11:16.87

and second in the 1600m run in a time of 4:49.92.

Ken Sessom was second in the 400m dash in a time of 51.25.

Ross Crawford placed third in the 300m hurdles in a time of 41.06.

Lance Unger was third in the shot put with a throw of 45' 4 1/4". Ty Allen was fourth, throwing 43' 3".

Juan Garcia came in sixth in the discus with a throw of 118' 3".

Gabriel Tijerina placed sixth in the 200m dash in a time of 23.77.

Winning fourth in a time of 3:43.58 was the Lion 1600m relay team composed of Martin Sanchez, Ken Sessom, Ross Crawford and Gabriel Tijerina.

The Lions' 400m relay team came in sixth in a time of 45.28. Runners were: Ross Crawford, Ken Sessom, Gabriel Tijerina and Ray Ramos.

Regional tennis qualifiers compete in Brownwood

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Casey Jamerson won his first match over Knight of Brock 6-0, 6-2 April 15 in Brownwood at a regional qualifiers' tennis meet.

Jamerson then went on to win over Richards of Cross Plains 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. He lost to Martin in the championship round 6-4, 6-4.

In a dual match Dustin Faught took on Brownwood's number two player and won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In boys' doubles, Dustin Faught and Shane Albers won their first match over Ramirez/Ruiz of Paint Rock 6-1, 6-2. Faught/Albers then took on Estes/Teague of Rochelle and won the match 6-2, 6-3.

They then competed against Richter/Maloney of Iowa Park to come out on top, beating the Iowa

Park duo 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1).

Faught/Albers next competed against Valquitte/Whittenburg of Lampasas in the championship match, falling short as Valquitte/Whittenburg won the match 6-2, 6-1.

"This was a great experience for our boys as they were able to play against some very talented regional qualifiers from 1A to 4A sized schools," said Coach Rick Bachman. Casey, Shane and Dustin had to endure hard fought, 3-set semi-final victories to reach the finals. This will be of great benefit when we participate in the regional tournament.

"I was extremely pleased with the effort shown by all of these young men."

The regional qualifiers tournament will be held in Big Lake Saturday, April 26.

Porter, Shurley receive recognition

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN REPORTER

Ty Porter was named to the all star cast and Kayla Shurley honorable mention all start cast April 14 at the regional one act play competition. The contest was held at Abilene Christian University.

The one act play cast and crew

members are: Ty Mitchell, Ty Porter, Laken Villarreal, John Austin Stokes, Amanda Carson, Scarlett Taylor, Brittney Ellis, Ercia Birkenfeld, Tripp Farris, Thomas Mossman, Koby Fenton, Michelle Camarillo, Terri Duncan, Paige Tambunga, Lana Sanchez, Kayla Shurley and Mario Barrera.

Barrera awarded scholarship

OHS senior Mario Barrera has been named a winner in the 2000 Burger King Founders Award Program. Principal Donny Wiley was notified of the award earlier this month.

The program is funded by the Burger King/McLamore Youth Opportunities Foundation, and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals' foundation, the Trust to Reach Education Excellence.

Barrera will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to continue his education. He was selected as one of 269 winners chosen among more than 9,000 applicants.

Mario is the son of Esmi and Elliott Barrera.



THE OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL Gifted and Talented students have been studying a unit on inventions during the month of March. They have given reports to the kindergarten, first and second grade classes on famous inventors and inventions that have made a difference in our lives since they were invented. Pictured are Taylor Newton, Kyle Sewell and Lalo Longoria with their projects. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore



ERNIE HERNANDEZ takes a swing in the Lions hardfought 8-3 loss to the Junction Eagles April 11. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

The Technology Dept. of Crockett Co. CCSD would like to invite you to a **Distance Learning Showcase Day** April 19, 2000 from 9:00 to 11:30 am Distance Learning Classroom High School Library

The showcase will link all 12 video sites, located within Region XV. In order to demonstrate various facets and capabilities of our new distance learning and teleconferencing classroom.

Some of the applications being presented are:

- Tour of the Region XV Network Operations Center
- Curriculum Sharing
- Virtual Field Trip
- Discussion of Dual Credit Courses
- Q & A Session

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April 28 - Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

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April 24 - Easter Holiday
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April 26 - Hamburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Pears, Cookie
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April 28 - Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Rolls

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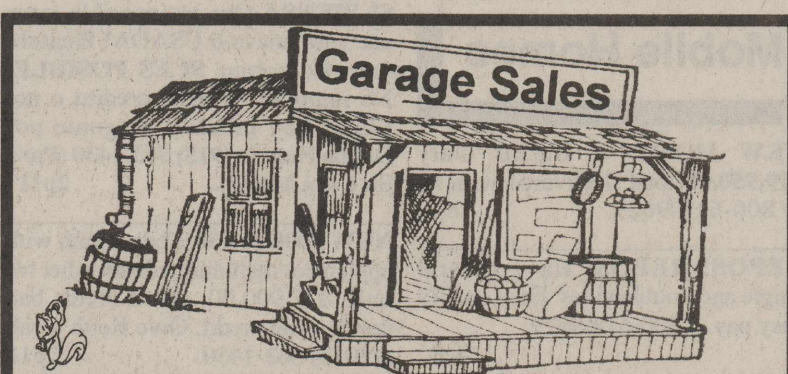
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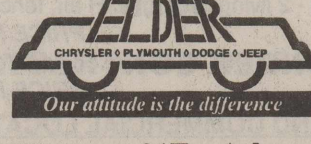
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