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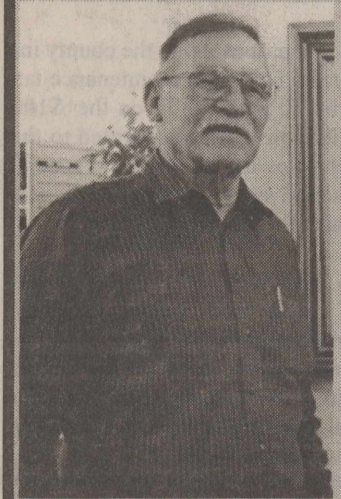




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Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Jan. 24	63	39	-0-
Jan. 25	79	32	-0-
Jan. 26	72	32	-0-
Jan. 27	57	46	-0-
Jan. 28	66	45	-0-
Jan. 29	57	45	-0-
Jan. 30	50	46	-0-

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

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 47	Hi 56
Lo 28	Lo 28
Partly Cloudy	Sunny

Friday	Saturday
Hi 59	Hi 58
Lo 38	Lo 41
Mostly Sunny	Few Showers

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Preparing for TAKS tests

Crockett County works on making the grade

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

It's the four-letter word uttered the most throughout schools. Some would call it dirty, some would call it mind-blowing and others would just call it plan frustrating.

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or the TAKS test is just around the corner as the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District gears up for the upcoming test dates.

Unlike other standardized tests in the past, the TAKS comes with more passing requirements, tougher questions and its own curriculum.

"It's made every teacher change the way they teach," said Cecelia Richter, who teaches eighth grade math at Ozona Middle School. "Students have to go through at least two steps to get an answer and they have to think from beginning to end."

Each grade level is tested in at least two to three subject areas with the most being four at the highest level.

While teachers use different methods to get the students to learn, each student, classroom and grade is aiming for the same goal - a passing score.

As the students move up to the next grade, the test advances as well.

"The expectations are more," said Vicki Stokes, third grade teacher at Ozona Intermediate School. "Just as you seem to be doing well, they raise the expectations and push harder."

With the first testing date of Feb. 22 almost here and more to come throughout the spring semester, teachers are in high gear to get the knowledge to the students in time.

WHAT IS TAKS?

Standardized testing is nothing new in Texas. In fact, the first test issued to students was in 1980 with the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TASB), which lasted for four years.

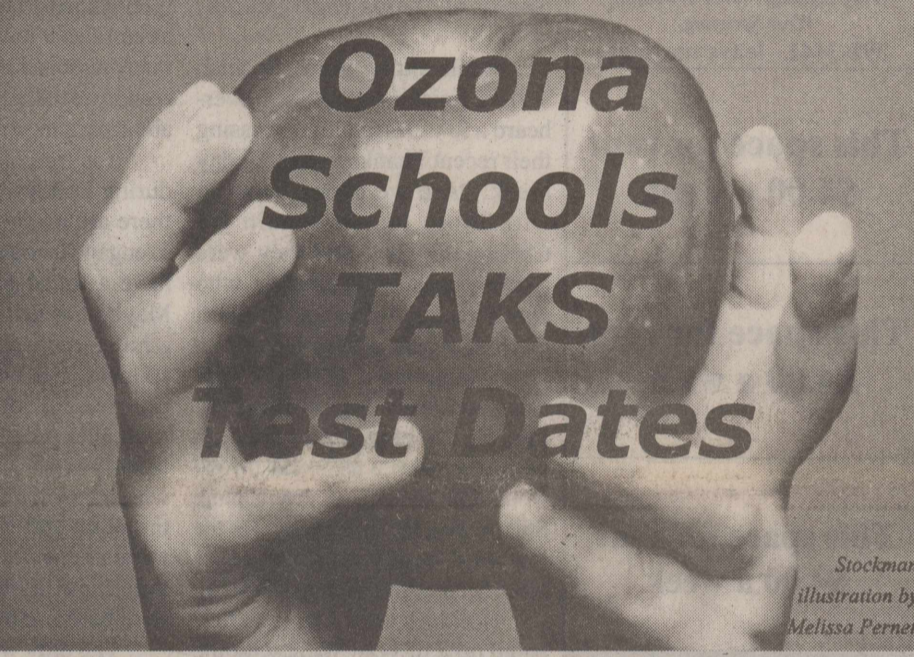
After that, the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) was issued until 1989. These two exams tested students in reading, mathematics and writing.

In 1990, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) was administered to grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. From 1994-2002, the TAAS was given to students in grades 3-8 and 10 in reading and mathematics, grades 4, 8 and 10 in writing and grade 8 in science and social studies.

The stipulation that students in grade 10 had to pass all three areas to graduate was also implemented.

The 2002-2003 school year saw the implementation of the TAKS as the primary state assessment program. The TAKS is designed, by a state legislative mandate, to be more comprehensive than any of the previous standardized tests and encompasses

Feb. 22	Grades 4, 7 Writing and 9 Reading Grade 10 English Lang. Arts Exit Level (Grades 11 and 12) English Lang. Arts Exit Level English Lang. Arts retest	April 21	Grade 5 Science Grades 8 and 10 Social Studies Grade 9 Mathematics Exit Level Social Studies Exit Level Social Studies retest for graduating seniors
Feb. 23	Grades 3 and 5 Reading Exit Level Mathematics retest	April 22	Grade 10 Science Exit Level Science Exit Level Science retest for graduating seniors
Feb. 24	Exit Level Social Studies retest Make-up session for Grade 10 English Lang. Arts	May 17	Grade 5 Mathematics retest
Feb. 25	Exit Level Science retest	June 28	Grade 5 Mathematics retest
April 5	Grade 5 Mathematics	June 29	Grades 3 and 5 Reading retests
April 18	Grade 8 Science practice test	July 12	Exit Level English Lang. Arts retest
April 19	Grades 3-4 Mathematics Grades 6-8 and 10 Mathematics Exit Level English Lang. Arts retest for graduating seniors	July 13	Exit Level Mathematics retest
April 20	Grades 4 and 6-8 Reading Exit Level Mathematics Grades 3 and 5 Reading retests Exit Level Mathematics retest for graduating seniors	July 14	Exit Level Social Studies retest
		July 15	Exit Level Science retest



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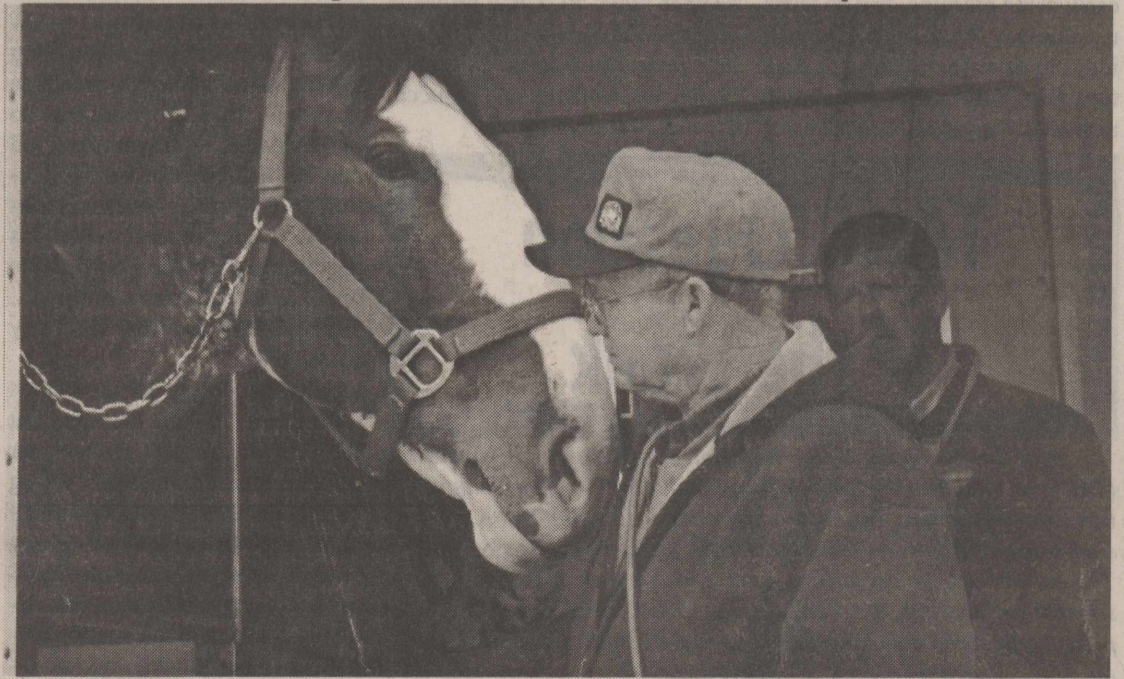
Helpful tips for parents

As test dates get closer, here are some tips for parents to help their students at home:

- Become involved in the child's education - attend school open houses, get to know the teachers, check the child's grades, work practice questions or check their homework to make sure every question is answered and pick up a test calendar from the school.
- Encourage the child to do well on the test - be positive, reassuring and let them that they should do their best.
- Make sure the student is "dressed for success" - wear clothes that fit within the dress code.
- Eat a good breakfast - one without too much sugar is best.
- Have the child get at least a good night's sleep every night as the test date nears.
- Make sure the child attends every day of school to get the needed information.

- Source: Crockett County Consolidated Common School District teachers, administrators and staff.

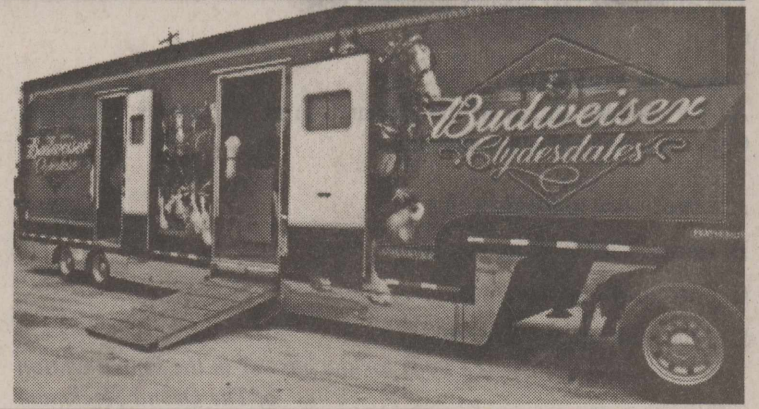
Budweiser Clydesdales make stop in Ozona



Photos by Paul C. Perner IV

TOP: Ozona veterinarian Dr. Gary Vannoy examined a Budweiser Clydesdale that made a stop Monday morning. The group made a stop so Vannoy could check the horse.

RIGHT: A Clydesdale peaks out from the trailer during a stop in Ozona. The group was traveling to Houston and then their final destination at Mardi Gras. The group had three trucks and a van with their dog "Gus."



Ozona state champion basketball team to be honored

Has it been 10 years already? Yes, 10 years ago the Lady Lions basketball team was heading to the state tournament in Austin.

What a fun year it was to watch a group of girls that truly lived and breathed a sport they loved! With an experienced coach and a not so experienced team, the

Ladies went to Austin and claimed the State AA trophy.

As many of you will remember, because most of Ozona seemed to be there, it was one of the most exciting events to come our way.

Well, this year the 94-95 State Champion Lady Lions will be honored during half-time of the

AA State Championship game. The game will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Frank Erwin Center. During halftime, each young lady that is there will be announced and a brief biography given.

On Saturday, March 5 before

Please see **LADY LIONS**, page 7

CROCKETT COUNTY SWEEPS ODESSA, FORT WORTH SHOWS



Photo courtesy of Dudley Barker

CHAMPION LAMBS: Clint Hale (left) with the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb and Murphey Black with the Grand Champion Finewool Lamb at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo on Jan. 7 in Odessa.



Courtesy photo

CHAMPION LAMB: Murphey Black exhibited the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb this past weekend at the Southwestern Livestock Exhibition in Fort Worth. For more results, see page 5.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

TAKS takes teamwork

When I started the story on the TAKS test, I knew a few things about it. I knew it was called the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, that it was more difficult than the TAAS I had to face in high school and that the TAKS had changed the school curriculum. I didn't know, however, the extent to which the TAKS has changed our school system, and how difficult this test really is.

As I interviewed teachers and administrators, I listened to their frustrations of those who had to move from the TAAS to the TAKS as far as their teaching methods go. I listened to how the students in Ozona schools, like many others across Texas, have to "put their thinking caps on" in order to pass this critical test.

Whether or not you agree with the TAKS and standardized testing, it is here for now. It is this test that determines whether or not a student can move on to the next level of their education.



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of Ozona. The couple will live at the ranch southwest of Ozona.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Owensby are in the process of getting their new office in order. The Owensbys moved to Ozona from California and have purchased a home near the country club. Dr. Owensby expects to begin his practice here the first week in February. His offices will be in the hospital clinic building.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Baggett left this week for an extended visit to Austin and points in South Texas.

A proposal that the county increase the school maintenance tax from 50 cents to \$1 on the .50 valuation will be submitted to the voters of the county in a special election set by the Commissioners Court for Saturday, Feb. 9.

Between 600 and 700 pounds of usable used clothing had been collected by a committee of solicitors here this week for the United National Clothing Collection for the relief of people in war-stricken areas of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hill have moved to Ozona following Mrs. Hill's graduation from Texas Tech. Mrs. Hill is the former Chris Clegg

Tom Parker, former Ozonan, now of Balmorhea, was in Ozona last week on business and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Von Parker. He owns and operates Parker's One Stop Grocery in Balmorhea.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hill have moved to Ozona following Mrs. Hill's graduation from Texas Tech. Mrs. Hill is the former Chris Clegg

Holiday Harm

By JASMINE TAMBUNGA
Senior at Ozona High School

While sitting in my Spanish 3 class finishing quizzes, I overheard a few classmates discussing their recent Thanksgiving holiday break. "Are we gonna hook up with those hunters again for Christmas?" Our teacher, who was listening to the conversation as well, began a fiery lecture on how dangerous it is for 17 year olds to socialize with grown men, and then sat dumbfounded at her desk wondering why in the world anyone would find such things entertaining. Still excited, the girls laughed at the instructor's quandary, and tried to convince her that the action did no harm.

Holidays are a highly anticipated time of year. What with the gifts, the family, the food. For teens it is an entirely different sort of joy. The whirlwind of exciting plans being made - agendas full of 10:00 parties here, 11:00 raids there. But what makes the holiday break any different from any other weekend when speaking of teenagers and their partying habits, and why would they choose to do it more during this time?

Well, the apparent reasons, of course. No school means later curfews and not having to wake up early in the morning. But do teens use this way of life during the holidays to deter their feelings? As a teen, Christmas just isn't the same anymore. Presents aren't as excit-

It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

ReRide Wrong Again

Two cows were brought into the auction ring and in an attempt to maximize the price received by the consignee the auctioneer offered "buyer's choice." This meant that the winning bidder got his choice of the two cows. It just so happens that the winning bidder was a newcomer to the cattle business who, for purposes of this essay, we shall refer to as ReRide, for reasons that will become obvious.

While watching ReRide put together a cowherd for his new ranch it was clear to everyone that he was as sharp as a bowling ball... only without the decision making abilities of one. In politically correct terms ReRide had "a decision making disorder." It also didn't help that he couldn't tell a Jersey cow from a Southdown sheep. He would have been better off staying home and paying an order buyer fifty cents a hundred to buy his cows, or to at least sit beside him in an advisory capacity. But instead, ReRide insisted on exercising his right to be wrong at every available opportunity.

ReRide bid with the confidence of a cat burglar only to bring the auction activities to a complete standstill when it came time to pick between an obviously good cow in the height of her production and a bag-of-bones, slaughter-run reject. Faced with this seemingly easy decision ReRide appeared to get lost in thought... and it was unfamiliar territory for him.

Rather than do the smart thing and let the ring man pick out the best cow between the ten year old gummer and the fresh young cow, ReRide tried to save himself some embarrassment by taking both cows at two times the money. As you might expect, this decision was met in the auction arena with a few chuckles and several snorting guffaws.

That's because usually a buyer can buy the remaining animal in the ring for \$100 or even \$200 less than the first pick.

So the next time ReRide had to pick between two cows he studied long and hard before making his pick. Then the auctioneer proceeded to sell the cow ReRide had left behind for \$250 more than ReRide's first pick. Talk about embarrassing!

Needless to say ReRide immediately came down with a bad case of "Buyer's Remorse" and realized he was in danger of losing a reputation he never really enjoyed in the first place in this tight little community.

He knew he had to do something... and fast. So with no more conscious than a stampeding cow he stood up and announced, "Wait a minute, that's the cow I wanted."

You were hurrying me and misunderstood which cow I wanted. I don't want that swaybacked, bad bagged, sack of bones you tried to unload on me."

To which the auctioneer replied, "No, ReRide, we all watched you pick the first cow and you'd better start bragging on her because she's yours now."

ReRide received several lessons like this but never did come to the realization that a person doesn't just fall off the hay truck one day and become a good cow buyer.

There is a steep learning curve and ReRide missed the curve at every turn.

After the previously mentioned public humiliation whenever the auctioneer asked ReRide to select a cow from an assortment in the ring ReRide appeared to brain lock.

First he'd picked a black one, no, make it the red one. (It didn't help that ReRide couldn't see through a barbed wire fence.) It got to the point that the delays in waiting on ReRide to make a decision outlasted the life spans of some of the cows in the auction ring.

Invariably the auctioneer would try to speed up the process by pleading, "ReRide, your option is about to expire. Please pick a cow."

The last time I saw ReRide at the auction he was again being asked to select from a pair of mismatched bovines in the sale ring.

Despite the urgings of the auctioneer to make a decision ReRide still resembled a VW bug in that he looked like he might go either way at any time.

Finally, he made his selection to which the auctioneer routinely replied, "Okay, now let's sell the good cow."

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TAKS Question of the Week

With the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test that students across Texas, including Crockett County, will be taking this spring, The Ozona Stockman will be running a question similar to those found on the test each week to test the public's knowledge. The answer will be revealed in next week's paper. If people want to submit their answers, they can call us at (325) 392-2551 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com and we will print the results. Good luck!

The answer to last week's question was:
 C. 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ...

This week's question:
 As the primary author of the Declaration of Sentiments, Elizabeth Cady Stanton helped advance the -

- A. temperance movement
- B. women's suffrage movement
- C. prison-reform movement
- D. education-reform movement

- Look for the answer in the Feb. 9 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Feb. 4 - JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Wall at 5 p.m. at Wall.
- Feb. 7 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Games, 1-3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Lady Lions vs. Eldorado at 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions vs. Eldorado at 5 p.m. at Eldorado.
- JV Gold Lady Lions vs. Eldorado at 6:30 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- Feb. 8 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Mason at 5 p.m. at Mason.
- Feb. 9 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com.

Please include name, address, phone number and email if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

Correction...
 Pleas L. Childress Jr. is a member of the Board of Directors of Ozona National Bank. P.L. Childress, Pleas L. Childress Jr.'s father, was president of the bank from 1915-1936. This information was incorrect in the Jan. 26 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

Chamber seeks nominations for annual banquet awards

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

Is there someone or an organization that you feel is deserving of recognition?

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is asking the community for assistance in providing the names of those outstanding individuals or companies that have contributed to the community.

Awards will be presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The banquet has been scheduled for March 8, and will be held at the Fair Park Convention Center.

If you would like to submit a nomination for one or all of the following awards, you may do so by sending a brief write-up to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 1135, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Citizen of the Year: (Individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the community during the past year-2004.)

Unsung Hero: (An individual that has contributed to the community in the recent past that has not been recognized)

Legacy of Spirit: (An individual deserving of a lifetime achievement award. Someone who has contributed to the community for many years, that has not been recognized.)

Organization of the Year: (Non-Chamber member organization that has demonstrated outstanding support to the community.)

Nominations may be submitted to the Chamber office, but must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 4.

The Chamber asks that nominations also include a name of a family member or friend that the Chamber may contact.

Following the Feb. 4 deadline, the Chamber will review the history of past recipients that will be compared to submitted nominations.

For more information, call 392-3737.



It's a boy

Brody William Sims-Forehand was born on Jan. 7, 2005. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Sarah Sims and Aaron Forehand.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Sharon Williams of Ozona and Donna and Doug Sims of Amarillo.

Proud great-grandmothers are Nancy Forehand and Jeanie Williams, both of Ozona and Lidia Ellington of Madera, Calif.

Chamber of Commerce holds annual Board Retreat

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

The Chamber of Commerce held its annual Board Retreat on Jan. 22 at the Crockett Room. Each year incoming board members undergo an orientation outlining their role as a Chamber Board of Director. They are familiarized with the Chamber staff and various committees, and they review funding sources and the organizations bylaws.

During the retreat, incoming and tenured directors review the accomplishments of the Chamber for the previous year, as well as discuss the status of any ongoing projects. Goals and activities for next year are reviewed and discussed. There were more than 25 in attendance at this year's meeting. Attending were current board members, incoming board members, representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation, Templeton Construction, Henry Schmidt, visitor center architect, and members of the Crockett County Commissioner's Court.

This year's meeting began with a review of the funding and construction costs of the visitor center project from architect Henry Schmidt and a review of TxDOT's administrative fee from Gary Enos. The architect presented color boards outlining carpet, tile, stone, etc. selected for the project.

"The project becomes more of a reality when you start picking out colors and specifics for the center," said Chamber Executive Director Shanon Biggerstaff. "Due to the weather and abundance of rain, the project has started out rather slow. Templeton poured the slab for the center on Saturday, so now it will begin to take shape and things will move faster. It's very exciting."

Jim Smith of Templeton Construction gave a progress report of the project reviewing all activities from the start of the project from August to date.

John Shinn of TxDOT reported that the Ozona Landscape project was officially complete.

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Care Center Chatter



Photo by Susan Calloway
JAN ST. CLAIR holds her cake during her surprise lingerie party on Jan. 28 at the Crockett County Care Center.

By JAN ST. CLAIR
Activity Director

We have had a good week. E.A. Wadsworth R.N. started our Monday afternoon with her reading class. Thank you E.A.

We thank our churches that provide spirited services to our facility. They are the Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church of Ozona and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Wednesday afternoon Otis Nester entertained our residents

with his music. Thank you Otis.

Thursday, JoAnn Williamson styled our lady residents in the beauty shop. We sure could use some volunteers for our beauty shop starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Thank you JoAnn.

Thursday afternoon, I had the surprise of my life. I was honored with a wedding lingerie party by JoAnn Williamson, Johnny Johnson, Nell Wester and a host of staff members. I must say the staff had just as much fun as I did. Thank you all for a wonderful party, it was very much appreciated. I didn't know people in Ozona could keep a secret, but believe me I know for sure now it can be done.

Sonya Hoover and Tonya Bullard donated some hats as well as JoAnn Williamson. Thanks ladies, we will be working on our hats for lady residents this month.

We now have new speakers and microphones in our facility. It's a sure thing everyone will be able to hear all over the facility.

Come check us out here at the CCCC, where our residents are our number one priority.

Have a good week, from our home to yours.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 2 - Matilda Camarillo, Ofelinda Alaniz, Duncan Knox, Lalo Longoria Sr., Josh Ramos and Terry Dickerson

Feb. 3 - Blanca Martinez, Asia Dawn Lara and David Ray Casarez

Feb. 4 - Dottie Gonzalez, Ryan James Sanchez, Shelly

Lechuga and Elizabeth Venegas

Feb. 5 - Ozzalynn Ortiz, Jettie Adcock, Josh Long, Park Preddy, Abey Lara, Joshua Tambunga and Crystal Vasquez

Feb. 6 - Veronica Mendoza

Feb. 7 - Alejandro Mendez

To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

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Wedding Selections have been made by Pam Green bride-elect of Cole Crenwelge

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Local historian to direct annual trail ride in Mexico this weekend

The annual trail ride through Zaragoza Coahuila, Mexico will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The event is in honor of the 252 anniversary of the founding of the town, said state historian Alberto Galindo, who is director and founder of the ride. The town was founded Feb. 1, 1753.

The ride started 11 years ago with 150 riders and one wagon. This year, there are 2,400 riders and 250 wagons expected.

"We started it as a way to celebrate history and now it has just grown," Galindo said.

Wool Growers and Ozona Wool and Mohair are sponsors for the prizes given at the ride.

For information, call Galindo at 392-2411.



Photo by Melissa Perner
THIS POSTER made by Alberto Galindo, state historian, is of the annual trail ride in Zaragoza Coahuila, Mexico.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By NELL WESTER
Senior Center Volunteer

January is behind us and springtime is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to checking out all the bluebonnets, as we should have a nice bumper crop with all the nice rain we have had. I personally like the warmer weather anyway.

Lynn is coming along famously. She is taking therapy twice a week. We look forward to having her back at the center.

Pot luck was good Wednesday, but we missed the Care Center folks. Remember to put it on your calendars for every second and fourth Wednesdays. We have a good time and lots of good food.

Exercise to the two mile

tape is still at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. If that is too early for you, check with us and maybe we can have another group at a later time.

We would like to have folks that enjoy playing games come out on Mondays. The bridge is going good. There was three tables last Monday. Come out and see what you can stir up, even if it's just to visit and drink coffee.

Later this month, we will be having Willena and the Red Bandana Group playing music. We are so happy to have her back. I can't wait to tap my toes and enjoy the music.

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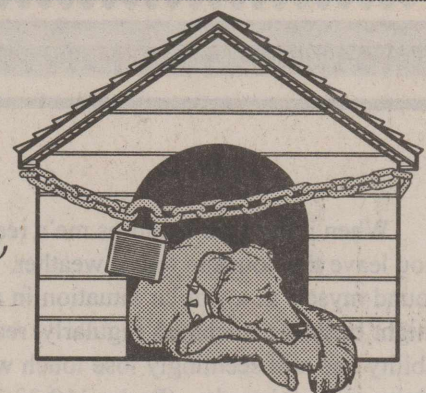
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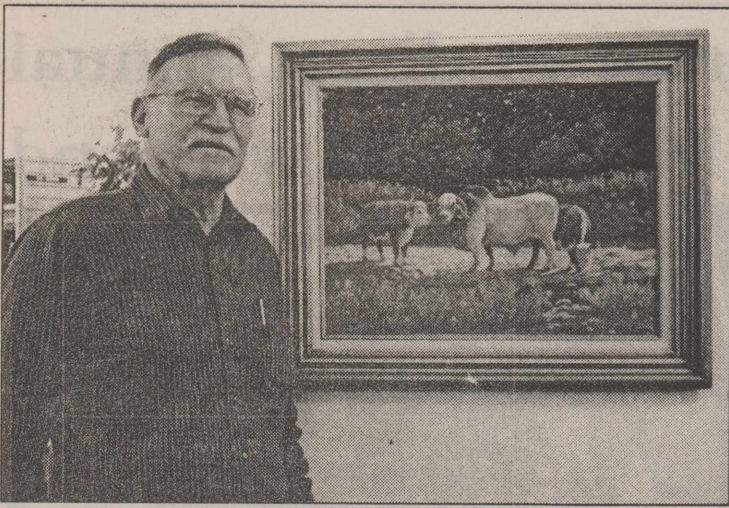


Photo by Susan Calloway

ROBERT HUCKABY, of Fort Stockton, stands by his painting "El Toro Macho" at the Crockett County Public Library. Huckaby's works will be on display through March at the library.

Friends of the Library News

By Charlotte Harrell
Friends of the Library Board President

Friends of the Library is pleased to announce a new art exhibit at the library during February and March by artist Robert Huckaby of Fort Stockton.

Mr. Huckaby is a retired rancher who paints full time now. The following poem is indicative of his feelings that motivate his paintings:

Trails I've Walked
I have seen the rising sun flood
the skies with shades
of golden light
I have heard a rabbit cry as
hungry jaws ignore
its pleading fright.
I have felt the frigid cold when
arctic winds descend
on southern plains;
Blasting short-haired Texas
cows, unprepared
for nature's bitter pains.
I have known the aching bones
of working days and hours
without breaks
I have lived a rancher's life
and know the pleasures
that he takes.
I have seen the sun and moon
revolve in every season's light;
And loved, and ached in
loneliness, and lived
in pure delight.
In years of drought and choking

dust I've felt the searing pain;
And steeped in everlasting joy,
when finally came the rain.

I've walked the trails of faded
pasts, of history's long ago;
And wondered if, from those
who passed, there's something I
should know. I would like to
leave a small brief glimpse of
feelings I have known; So those
who walk the trails I walked,
can see when I am gone

Mr. Huckaby grew up in Fort Stockton and, for over 32 years, ranged up to 90,000 acres in Southwest Texas. In 1985 he turned full time to painting, and his background in ranching and his keen observation of color, form, and values are evident in his paintings.

Mr. Huckaby has studied with such noted artists as Grace Knox, Robert Pummill, Howard Terping, Kenneth Riley, Frank McCarthy, Harvey Johnson, Jack Swanson, Roy Anderson, Bill Moyers, David Halbach, Gary Carter, and others. He has won awards in Texas and New Mexico. Collectors from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and other states to the West Coast hang his paintings.

Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Jan. 24, we had our last free lesson of the series. Club dancers Leroy and Carol Adcock, Otis Nester, Renee Padier, Lucy Hinde, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch and Tina Jarvis welcomed Cody Gotcher to his second lesson.

Our next lesson was Jan. 31 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Anyone interested in learning to square dance, come by and join the fun cost is \$3 per lesson.

Our next dance is at 8 p.m. Feb. 12.

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Obituaries

Juan I. Molina

Juan I. Molina, 95, of Ozona, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral service was Monday, Jan. 31 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Molina was born July 19, 1909 in Ozona. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include, three daughters, Hilda Valdez of Cartersville, Ga., Beatrice Galvan and Pife Borrego both of Ozona; one son, Juan Luna Molina of Buchanan, Ga.; 18 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Antonio Montalvo Vasquez

Antonio Montalvo Vasquez, 75, of Ozona, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Church of God of Prophecy with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Vasquez was born Oct. 20, 1929 in San Buena Ventura, Coah. Mexico.

Survivors include his wife, Evangelina Vasquez of Ozona; seven daughters, Genoveva Gonzalez and Alicia Osoria both of Monclova, Olivia Rico and Elizabeth Reyes both of Ozona, Margarita Fernandez of Rocksprings, Norma Vasquez of Abilene and Elva Ramirez of Waco; three sons, Francisco Vasquez, Antonio Vasquez and Arturo Vasquez all of Ozona; four sisters and two brothers.

Sonoma Williams Blackstone

Sonoma Williams Blackstone, of Kerrville, died Jan. 26, 2005 at the age of 95. Born Nov. 23, 1909 in Ellisville, Miss. to Jeff and Eddie Williams Anderson, she was a graduate of San Saba High School and Daniel Baker College, now Howard Payne University.

For several years Mrs. Blackstone was a teacher in the San Saba and Barnhart school districts, and she also taught private piano lessons. After her marriage, she and husband Nip ranged in Terrell County and lived in Ozona. She was a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona Woman's Forum, Ozona Music Club and the Ozona Garden Club.

Upon retirement, they moved to San Saba, and in 2003 she moved to Kerrville. An active member of the San Saba Methodist Church and the Pierian Club, she also enjoyed following national politics.

Predeceased by her husband, N.D. Blackstone II and her son, George Blackstone, she is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ward (Carol) Wueste of Kerrville; grandchildren Mrs. Adam (Alice) Turinas, Chatham, N.J. and Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Lesesne, Dallas, as well as three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her nephews Steve and Mike Elkins of Barnhart and niece Kathy Beightol, Gainesville.

Burial service was at the San Saba City Cemetery, Saturday, Jan. 29.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church of San Saba or other charity Arrangements were by Howell-Doran Funeral Home, San Saba.

James D. 'Jim' Vaughn Sr.

James D. "Jim" Vaughn Sr., 76, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005. He was born in Hondo on Dec. 24, 1928. Mr. Vaughn was a veteran of the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. Huntington. Mr. Vaughn later owned a Texaco Station on Austin Hwy. and worked 11 years at the San Antonio Express/News until his health began to fail. He was a Life Master bridge player and enjoyed playing in tournaments all over North America.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Burns Vaughn whom he married in Adamsville in 1949; sons, James D. Vaughn Jr., Kenneth R. Vaughn and his wife Yvonne, Robert W. Vaughn, John D. Vaughn and his wife Trish and Billy J. Vaughn; daughters, Barbara A. Prudom and her husband Tom, Linda L. Andrews and her husband Richard, Sharon L. Baiser and her husband Mike; 20 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara L. Malone and her husband Sonny and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20 at the Sunset Funeral Home in San Antonio with the Rev. Brian Burns officiating. Burial followed at the the Smith School Creek Cemetery near Lampasas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the San Antonio Rescue Mission, 907 E. Quincy, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Arrangements were made by Sunset Funeral Home.

In the Fog

When it happens it causes me a real problem because I live in a place where it is very easy to become disoriented if you leave the house in foggy weather. When this occurs I can't tell where I came from or where I am going. I have also found myself in a similar situation in my Christian life or walk. I can't explain as to why; I just know it happens. We might be going to church regularly, reading our Bibles daily; praying and doing everything God says to the best of our ability and still seemingly lose touch with God. I have come to the place in life that I want to have fellowship with God above everything else, (Psalm 119:33-35).

I don't want to stray away from or lose fellowship with Him, (11Kings 10:31). When in the Spiritual fog, my soul or spirit seems empty, the strong joy and peace is not there and I have no sense of spiritual direction and it scares me. I start by searching and seeking for God with all my heart, (1 Kings 8:54-61). I spend more time reading my bible, and praying. Sometimes, I am not in the fog for long and at other times it may be awhile. Oh, what a joy (there is life within my soul or heart) when the fog clears, (Psalm 119:1-3).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man 'O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon & Charity McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Crockett County 4-H on a roll

Black wins third consecutive champion lamb, Birkenfeld wins champion breeding goats

Another fantastic day for Crockett County 4-Hers participating at the Southwestern Livestock Exhibition in Fort Worth this past weekend with Murphey Black exhibiting the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb.

This makes three in a row for Murphey adding to his Grand Champion Finewool Lamb in Odessa and his Reserve Champion Lamb in Kerrville.

Congratulations to Murphey and his family, and what a season he is having!

Not only was Crockett County represented with a Champion in the lambs, but also with Champion Breeding Goats.

LuCinda Birkenfeld received honors for Reserve Grand Senior Percentage Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Overall. LuCinda also exhibited the Grand Champion Junior Full Blood Boer Doe.

Congratulations to LuCinda and her family for a successful Breeding Goat Program.

In the Finewool Lamb Division, all of the Crockett County lambs exhibited placed in the top five.

Of the eight lambs that exhibited for Breed and Reserve Breed Champion, four of them were from Crockett County.

In Class 1, Aaron Renfroe exhibited the second place lamb. In Class 2, Murphey exhibited

the class winner followed by his sister, Allie Black, who was second.

The brother-sister pair Aaron and Kelbie Renfroe were fourth and fifth in that class respectively. In the Heavy Division, Aaron Renfroe was second place Heavy Weight to make for the fourth lamb to go to the Championship Drive. Murphey's Class 2 lamb received the Reserve Champion Finewool.

In the Finewool Cross Division, three out of four heavy weight lambs placed in the top 20. They were Aaron Renfroe with a 12th, Clint Hale with an 18th, and Allie Black with a 19th.

In the Junior Meat Goat Show, Alexandra Bean exhibited an awesome whether in the 9th class and received third place.

Accompanying and supporting the 4-H members in Fort Worth were County Extension Agent Miles Dabovich, his wife Kristen, their daughter Kendra, Billy Dell and Bobbie Renfroe, Will M. and Vickie Black, Ed and Laurie Hale, Bill and Susie Black, Douglas and Tina Bean, Victoria Miller, Donnie Laughlin, Randy and Cindy Dusek, and Billy and Judy Reagor.

Crockett County will be traveling to San Antonio Feb. 12-18 and hopes to be successful again!

TAKS: Teachers make learning fun for students

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GRADES AND SUBJECT AREAS

Students from third grade to high school are required to take a TAKS test each year. The subjects vary by year, but students in the third grade must pass the reading portion in order to be promoted to the fourth grade, according to the state's Student Success Initiative.

Fifth grade students must pass both the reading and math TAKS to be promoted to sixth grade.

Beginning in 2007-2008, eighth grade students will be required to pass the reading and math to be promoted to ninth grade.

For high school juniors, they must pass all areas, reading, math, social studies, English language arts and science to graduate.

Students get at least three chances to take the TAKS for promotion and high school students have two years to retake areas of the TAKS they may have failed, according to the Texas Education Agency.

If a student fails an exam after all three chances, parents can appeal the retention. However, a Grade Placement Committee, consisting of the child's teacher, principal and parent, must unanimously agree to grant the appeal in order for the student to advance, TEA stated.

With so much riding on passing this test, students often feel pressure or stress when it comes to test taking.

"We push (the students) because our school is evaluated, us as teachers are evaluated and when the students do well, it helps their self-esteem," Childress said.

In the high school, English teacher Tammy McWilliams said it's not so much teaching the students what is on the test but also for them to be ready for the endurance of taking the test.

Juniors who take the exit level English Language Arts test in April will have to complete one essay, three short-answer questions and 48 multiple-choice questions.

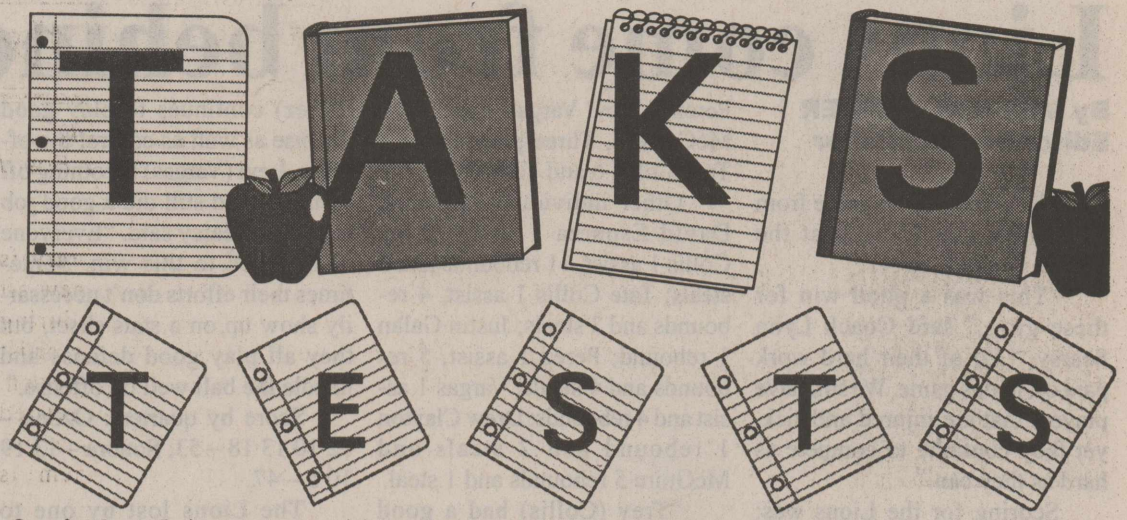
"The kids understand that the state has raised the bar and they are working really hard," Tammy McWilliams said.

For third-graders, taking a standardized test is a new experience, while high school students are swamped with other tests such as the SAT and ACT college-entrance exams.

"If we teach our TEKS then we've covered all that's on the TAKS," Richter said.

Tammy McWilliams said high school students are working on improving their writing skills and learning to read not just for information, but also for specific details and understanding.

Students on all three test taking campuses have also received



Grade 3 - mathematics and *reading; Spanish mathematics and reading.

Grade 4 - writing, mathematics and reading; Spanish writing, mathematics and reading.

Grade 5 - *mathematics, *reading and science; Spanish mathematics, reading and science.

Grade 6 - mathematics and reading; Spanish mathematics and reading.

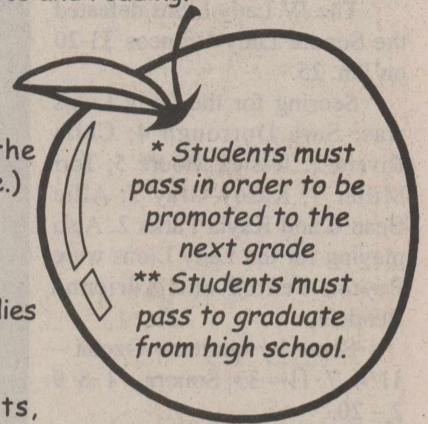
Grade 7 - writing, mathematics and reading.

Grade 8 - mathematics, reading and social studies. (In 2007-2008 students will be required to pass the mathematics and reading to be promoted to ninth grade.)

Grade 9 - mathematics and reading.

Grade 10 - English language arts, mathematics, social studies and science.

Exit Level (Grade 11) - **English language arts, **mathematics, **social studies and **science.



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one-on-one visits with either Superintendent Jim Ramage, McWilliams, intermediate and primary school counselor Janina Savala or district principals Dan Webb, Manley Holmes, Doug Guynes and Steve Taylor.

During these visits, the student and adult will go over the student's previous TAKS scores, talk about what areas need improvement and celebrate the areas the student was strongest in.

"There is so much tied to the TAKS test that it's important to me that we do this," McWilliams said.

Teachers are also pulling their students aside and working with them individually and in after-school tutorials.

"We're down to the finish line," Stokes said. "Anything they do takes practice."

"Together we can make a difference, parents, students and teachers," added Jessica Luckie, third grade teacher at OIS.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Teachers are required by the state to follow the TEKS, the curriculum the TAKS is based on. Each grade has also been taking practice tests throughout the school year to see which areas need to be worked on as testing dates approach.

"If we teach our TEKS then we've covered all that's on the TAKS," Richter said.

Tammy McWilliams said high school students are working on improving their writing skills and learning to read not just for information, but also for specific details and understanding.

"The kids are very aware this is a challenge and they want to do well," she said.

Science has also become a focal point in high school.

Students who graduate with the minimum number of requirements only have to take two sciences, one each their freshman and sophomore years. This leaves their junior year, the exit level test year, without a science class.

David McWilliams said that the high school is looking at moving the curriculum so juniors will have to take a science that year.

"This is the most economical method we can do, without having to hire more personnel and build more labs," he said.

In her fifth grade class at OIS, Charlotte Laughlin has been emphasizing vocabulary using "words of the week" and having the students draw pictures of words that describe emotions, use the word in a sentence and list synonyms.

"They are learning new words in different ways," she said.

Unlike other teachers in lower grade, Childress has no previous scores for her eighth-graders on the social studies part; due to eighth grade being the first year social studies is tested.

"That is my biggest hurdle," she said. "I can look and see how last year's students did, but this year's class is a whole different set of kids."

In the middle school, students are taught with flash cards, hands-on worksheets and computer games to make the learning

more fun.

In fact, the eighth-graders are having a contest to see who can get the highest average on the computer game where the students answer similar questions found on the TAKS test.

"They are playing a game and having fun, but they are learning," Childress said.

Teachers throughout the district are also using warm-up or "bell ringer" questions at the beginning of each class to get the students thinking.

Richter said the students have to "think out loud" when they are not sure about the answer to a question.

"I have them tell me what they are thinking or how they came to that conclusion," she said. "It's not just a matter of its right or wrong, but what process was used to get to that answer."

Teachers are also going through TAKS everyday in teacher groups, studying the different objectives and attending different types of training as needed, said Steve Taylor, high school principal.

All three campuses have also undergone parent meetings, sent notes home to parents about the test and have had mock and practice TAKS test days.

"Our teachers are doing an outstanding job working with our young people," David McWilliams said. "Every single teacher we have is doing their best to make sure our students are successful. The staff is also very concerned for our kids. We are going to see some success."

Emergency farm loans being accepted for Crockett County

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding and flooding that occurred on July 1, 2004 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office located in San Angelo, said Paul S. Cline, acting farm loan manager.

Crockett County is one of five in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of

actual production losses resulting from excessive rain, flash flooding and flooding that occurred July 1, 2004 and continuing.

Cline said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

The farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production to be eligible, and those participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss, Cline said.

Deadline for applications is Sept. 12, but people should apply as soon as possible, Cline said.

For information, call the FSA office at 653-1246.

Crockett County Fort Worth Stock Show Winners



Courtesy photo

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW WINNERS: (left to right) Kelbie Renfroe, Allie Black, Murphey Black and Aaron Renfroe. Behind them is Crockett County Extension-Agent Miles Dabovich. The group placed at the Southwestern Livestock Exhibition in Fort Worth this past weekend. Kelbie received a fifth place with her finewool lamb, Allie placed 19th with her finewool cross lamb, Murphey won Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb and Aaron placed fourth with his finewool lamb and 12th with a finewool cross lamb.

DPS announces new application process for some commercial driver licenses

Beginning Jan. 31, anyone applying for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a hazardous materials endorsement must undergo a security threat assessment.

Beginning May 31, drivers who already have a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement will be required to undergo the security threat assessment when they renew their license.

The security threat assessment is required by Section 1012 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.

The threat assessment includes the collection of the applicant's fingerprints and verification of the applicant's citizenship, immigration eligibility or permanent legal presence in the United States.

Applicants for hazardous materials endorsements will be required to meet all standard federal regulations for the class of license sought, complete all

required forms and testing and pay the necessary fees.

If these requirements are satisfied, DPS will issue the applicant a CDL without the hazardous materials endorsement until the TSA completes the threat assessment process.

DPS will provide the applicant with a fingerprint card to take to a local law enforcement agency to initiate the required background check. The local law enforcement agency will require the applicant to produce a valid Texas CDL for identification purposes, so applicants may not initiate the fingerprinting process before receiving the new license.

Once fingerprinted, the applicant will mail the fingerprint card and a \$73 cashier's check or money order to DPS using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope they were given when they applied. (The local law enforcement agency may charge a fee for the fingerprinting service.)

The DPS will forward the

applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for processing. The FBI will send any information about the applicant's criminal history to the TSA, which will make the final determination regarding eligibility for the hazardous materials endorsement.

The applicant will be notified in writing whether the endorsement has been approved or disapproved.

If approved, DPS will mail a new CDL to the applicant. The endorsement is valid for five years.

If disapproved, the applicant will receive information on how to appeal the denial through TSA.

For more detailed information regarding the Act, including the waiver and appeal process, is available at the TSA website at <http://www.tsa.gov>. CDL holders with additional questions regarding the Act's requirements should contact their local driver license office or the License Issuance Bureau - CDL Section at (512) 424-2010.

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Lions come from behind to defeat Sonora 53-47

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions came from behind on Jan. 25 to beat the Sonora Broncos 53-47.

"This was a good win for these guys," said Coach Lynn Searsy. "All of their hard work paid off in this game. We still have players that are injured and sick, yet they continue to compete as hard as they can."

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 26; Tate Collis 5; Nick

Perez 9; Levi Vargas 9 and Matt McGuire 4. Three-point goals - Trey Collis 6 and Tate Collis 1.

Other individual statistics: David Esparza 1 assist; Trey Collis 1 assist, 11 rebounds and 3 steals; Tate Collis 1 assist, 4 rebounds and 3 steals; Justin Galan 1 rebound; Perez 1 assist, 5 rebounds and 4 steals; Vargas 1 assist and 4 rebounds; Drew Clayton 1 rebound and 2 steals and McGuire 5 rebounds and 1 steal.

"Trey (Collis) had a good game, especially rebounds. Nick

(Perez) continues to play good defense as well as control the offense. Levi (Vargas) is coming off an injury and still did a good job scoring," Searsy said. "Everyone contributed to this win. Sometimes their efforts don't necessarily show up on a stats sheet, but they all play good defense and handle the ball well on offense."

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 10 13 18 - 53; Sonora - 13 19 10 5 - 47.

The Lions lost by one to Grape Creek, 42-43, on Jan. 28.

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 4; Galan 8; Coates 2; Perez 5; Vargas 8; Clayton 3 and McGuire 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 8 3 17 - 42; Grape Creek - 13 11 8 11 - 43.

The Lions are 9-13 overall and 2-7 in district play.

Ozona will face Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 8 p.m.

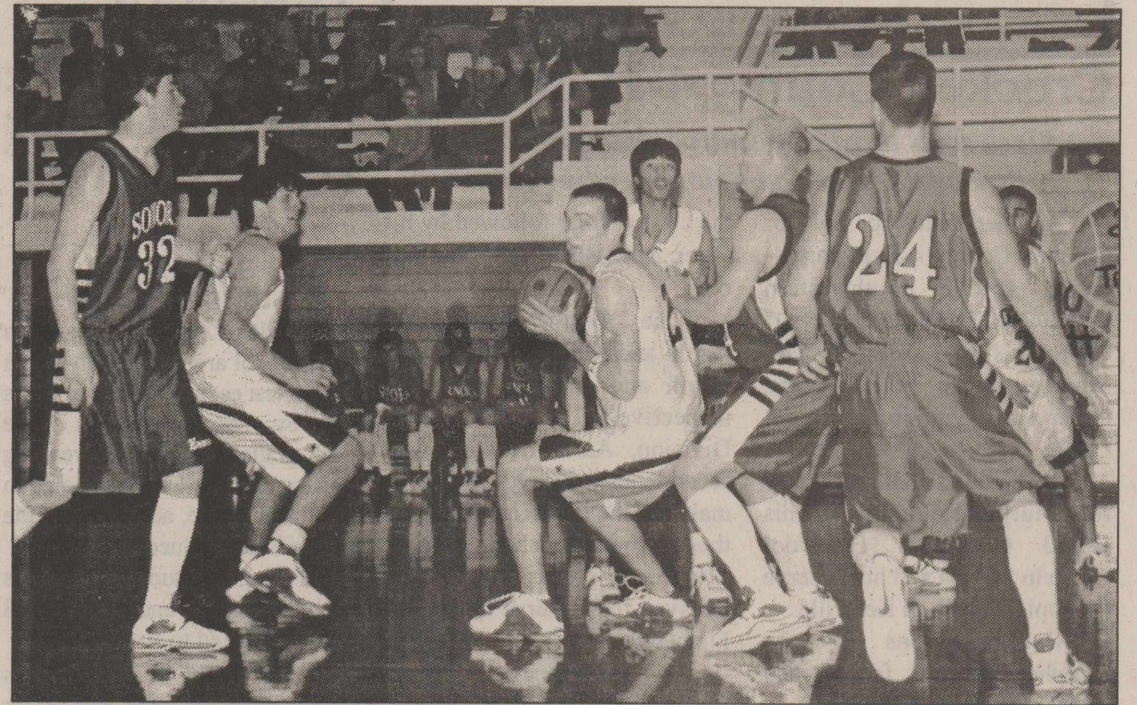


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TREY COLLIS PUT THE BALL UP WITH A TURN-AROUND JUMP SHOT to add two points to the Lion scoreboard, despite heavy defensive pressure from a couple of Sonora Broncos. Matt McGuire and David Esparza are on their toes keeping the defense guessing. Collis led the Lions in scoring with 26 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in the Lions 53-47 victory over Sonora on Jan. 25.

JV Lady Lions defeat Sonora

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions defeated the Sonora Lady Broncos 33-20 on Jan. 25.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Sara Dorrrough 4; Celia Rivera 2; Jessica Moore 5; Tori Miller 7; Kasey Gray 3; Allie Bean 6 and Kayla Parks 2. Also playing for the Lady Lions were Peyton Fenton and Adrienne Bendele.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 4 7 11 - 33; Sonora - 1 8 9 2 - 20.

The Lady Lions lost by one, 22-23, to the Grape Creek Eagles on Jan. 28.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Dorrrough 7; Bean 3; Parks 2; Rivera 4; Alexa Cervantez 2 and Bendele 2. Also playing for the Lady Lions were Fenton, Moore, Gray and Miller.

The JV Lady Lions are now 11-13. They will take on Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 5 p.m.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
PEYTON FENTON concentrates as she shoots a free throw.

Eighth Grade Lions take second place in Reagan Co. Tourney

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions traveled to Big Lake on Jan. 20-22 to play in the Reagan County Owl Basketball Tournament. The Lions finished in second place.

The Lions lost to Reagan County 26-22 in the first game and came back in the second game to defeat McCamey 38-28.

On Jan. 24 in Ozona, the Lions defeated the Reagan County Owls 41-35 in overtime.

"This was a great team effort by all the young Lions," said Coach Benjy Unger.

Scoring in the game was: Johnny Flores 7; Matthew Komechak 3; Matthew Garza 24; Fabian Onate 5 and Steven Silva 2.

Playing in all three games for the Lions was Wilson White, Matias Gandar, Jordan Dehoyos, Matthew Garza, Fabian Onate, Daniel Gonzales, Devon Diehl, Jesse Ramos, Nathan Knox, Matthew Komechak, Josh Smith, Latham Ducote, Steven Silva, Jonathan Flores, Felix Venegas and Ruben Rivas.

The Lions will play their final game against Eldorado at 5 p.m. Monday at Eldorado.

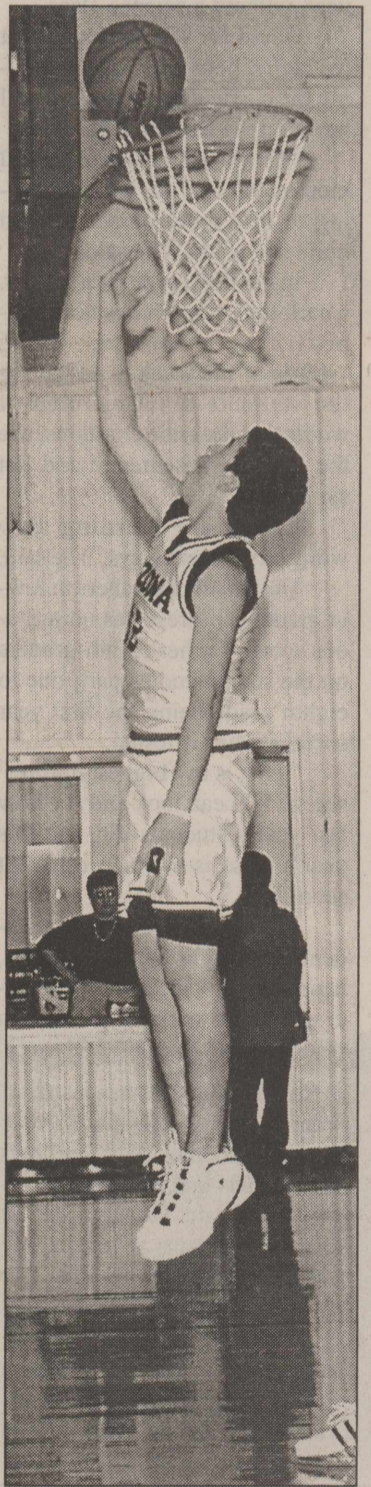


Photo by Joe Hernandez
MATTHEW GARZA puts up a layup for two points in the eighth grade Lions battle against Reagan County on Nov. 24.

Lady Lions struggle in district play

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions lost to Sonora on Jan. 25 by a score of 32-37.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Ashley Unger 14; Malorie Moran 5; Taylor Oglesby 2; Megan McDaniel 1; Casey Ybarra 6; Hilary Huffman 3 and Heather Ybarra 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 11 9 - 32; Sonora - 5 8 13 11 - 37.

The Lady Lions struggled

against the Grape Creek Eagles losing 28-70 on Jan. 28.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Huffman 1; Oglesby 4; Unger 4; Moran 7; McDaniel 4; H. Ybarra 2 and C. Ybarra 6. Three-point goals - Moran 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 10 6 7 - 28; Grape Creek - 12 20 22 16 - 70.

The Lady Lions are 11-17 overall and 2-9 in district play.

They will face Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

PARRISH AIGUIER backs up a couple of Owls to get in place for a rebound. His effort was not necessary as A.J. Montanez made the shot for the Freshman Lions in their Jan. 24 game against Big Lake.

Seventh Grade Lions take Reagan County Tournament Championship

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions won the Reagan County Tournament on Jan. 20-22 in Big Lake.

In the first game, the Lions defeated Reagan County 28-18.

Scoring for the Lions was: Jay Villareal 2; Kyle Sewell 6; Matthew Fay 6; Dylan Castillo 7 and Jaron Vasquez 7.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 13 6 6 - 28; Reagan County - 10 2 2 4 - 18.

In their second game, the Lions defeated McCamey 27-15.

Scoring for the Lions was: Villareal 3; Sewell 2; Lane White 2; Fay 4; Castillo 4 and Jaron Vasquez 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 13 2 - 27; McCamey - 3 0 6 6 - 15.

The Lions lost by two to Reagan County on Jan. 24.

Scoring for the Lions was: Sewell 2; White 4; Josh Ramos 1; Fay 8; Castillo 6 and Vasquez 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 10 8 6 - 33; Reagan County - 5 8 10 12 - 35.

The Lions will play their final game against Eldorado at 5 p.m. Monday at Eldorado.

7th Grade Ladies pluck Lady Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated the Reagan County Lady Owls 37-14 on Jan. 24.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Brandi Glosston 8; Jayci Miller 7; Alex Macias 6; Vanessa Rodriguez 4; Myra Dominguez 4; Shelby Ortiz 2; Abby Rodriguez 2; Alex Cruz 2 and Angelic Gutierrez 2.

Libby Moore was hurt and couldn't play, said Coach Kim Miller. Other players were Kelsey Childress, Brandyn Tebbetts, Jolissa Payne.

The Seventh Grade B Team defeated Reagan County 20-4.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Gutierrez 6; Rodriguez 4; Tebbetts 4; Dominguez 2; Chelsey Spence 2 and Payne 2.

On Jan. 22, the Lady Lions played in a tournament in Big Lake beating Reagan County 33-13 in the first game.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rodriguez 6; Macias 6;

Rodriguez 5; Childress 4; Ortiz 2; Glosston 2; Miller 2; Cruz 2; Dominguez 2 and Gutierrez 2.

Ozona then lost to McCamey 28-27.

"The game was close the whole time. The referees called 29 fouls on us and fouled out three of our starters, Miller, Macias and Rodriguez," Miller said. "Libby Moore another starter was injured and could not play. There is no doubt in my mind that if we had a fair called game, we could've beaten McCamey at given day. They were not better than us in any way but the referee was from McCamey and that says it all."

"I was extremely proud of my girls they ALL gave 110 percent to that game and were completely exhausted at the end. They played a great game and stepped up to take the starters places that fouled out. They are a great bunch of girls."

The Lady Lions will play their final game against Eldorado at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.



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JARON VASQUEZ executes a challenging shot to score two points for the seventh grade Lions against Reagan County.



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Nomination time for gifted and talented

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 Director of Special Programs Doug Guynes, gifted and talented students are those who excel consistently or who show the potential to excel in 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," Guynes said. "This area is defined as possessing superior

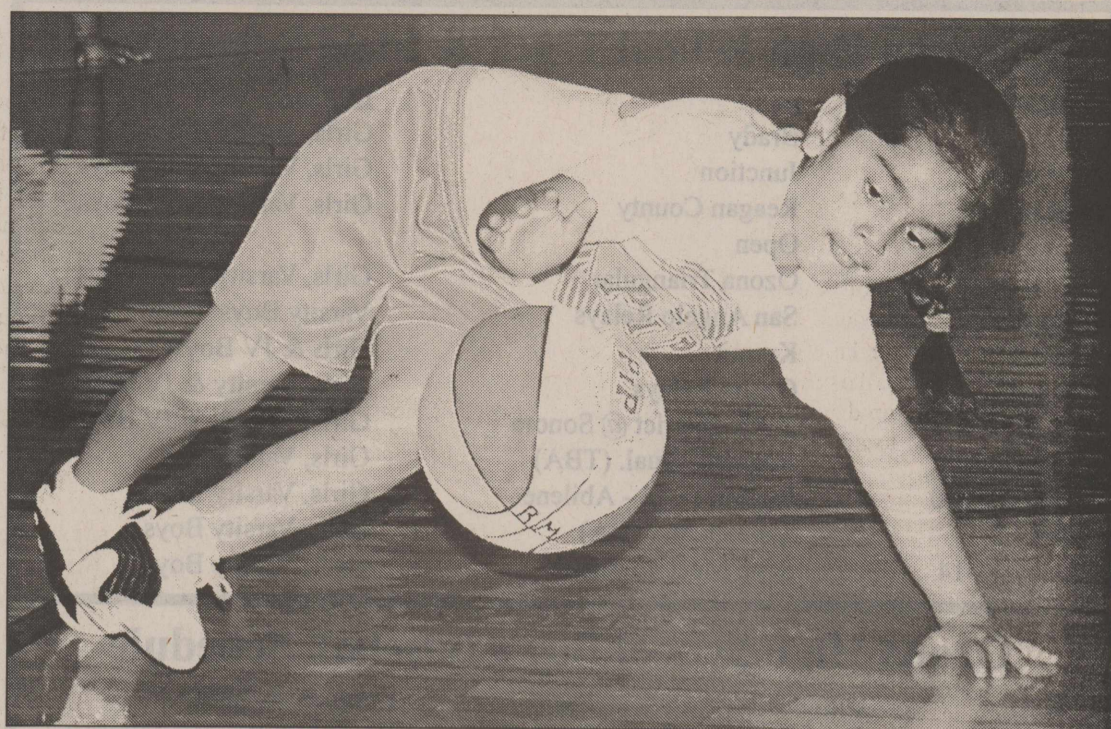
intelligence with potential to perform complex mental task. At the present time, students in our gifted and talented program are working on developing more high-level thinking skills beyond what is normally required in the regular classroom. Gifted/talented education does not take place in the regular classroom but supplements and provides time for students to use their thinking and reasoning skills to a greater degree."

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 parents or guardian, by a teacher, or by another person. Once a student is 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.

"Any one with a child attending grades kindergarten through 1,1h grade this year and wish 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 Feb. 11. If you are unable to go by the school, please call and we will see that you get a form," Guynes said.

Students who did not make the gifted/talented program last year may be nominated again this year if parents wish to do so.



PIP PIP HURRAY FOR RACHEL MENDOZA as she concentrates on her dribbling during a PIP (Players in Progress) demonstration during the varsity games on Jan. 25 in Davidson Gym.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

Knights of Columbus hold local free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus held their Local Free Throw Competition on Jan. 30.

- The results are:
- Boys:**
- 10-year-olds** - 1. Jeffery Dylan Sanchez, 11 free throws; 2. Marty Moran 10.
 - 11-year-olds** - 1. Anthony Delgado 12; 2. Alejandro Mendez 11; 3. Abey Lara 10.
 - 12-year-olds** - 1. Dylan Castillo 7; 2. Russel Komechak 1.
 - 13-year-olds** - 1. Freddy Veloz 9.
 - 14-year-olds** - 1. Matthew Komechak 10; 2. Matias Gandar 9; 3. Steven Silva 8.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS

- from the Jan. 30 local competition at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- 10-year-olds** - 1. Kelsie Dean 9; 2. Alexandra Rodriguez 8; 3. Tesla Caperton 7.
 - 11-year-olds** - 1. Stacie Quiroz 11; 2. Kristen Mendoza 10; 3. Adrienne Sanchez and Rebecca Ramos, 5 each.
 - 12-year-olds** - 1. Libby Moore 6; 2. Vanessa Rodriguez 5; 3. Brandyn Tebbetts 4.
 - 13-year-olds** - 1. Jayci Miller 10; 2. Cristina Rodriguez 9; 3. Britni Mitchell 8.
 - 14-year-olds** - 1. Morgan Glosson 13; 2. Alysha Lara 9; 3. Stacy Silva 6.

The winners will advance to the District Free Throw Contest which will take place Feb. 13 in Ozona.

If the winners are unable to compete in the Feb. 13 contest, contact David Delgado to let him know.



Photo by Melissa Perner

RICHARD YOUNG (right) tells the story of the Battle of the Alamo as Ozona Middle School seventh-graders look on on Jan. 25. Young, and his wife Judy, are professional storytellers from Kimberling City, Mo. They brought history alive for the students with tales from Alamo legends to ghost stories of the Big Bend region.



Photo by Melissa Perner

OZONA HEAD START STUDENTS visited the Ozona Post Office on Jan. 26. The group toured the building and learned about how the mail is sorted each day.

LADY LIONS: Team to be honored at state tourney

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the AA championship game, there will be a reception for the 94-95 Lady Lions at the Drury Inn and Suites on I-35 and St. Johns.

The reception will be held in the Colorado room from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The state games from that year will be playing during the reception and it is a Come and Go affair.

Pictures will be organized and taken from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and then everyone will have the opportunity to leave in time for the game.

After the game, the Colorado room will again be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a post-reception.

If you cannot make it for the earlier reception, this will give everyone an opportunity to see the

girls and again watch some exciting video of the state games.

The Colorado room is available for us all day, so come early and stay late and again enjoy the wonderful season of the 94-95 Lady Lions.

For further information, call Pam Tarr at 392-5109 or Donna Herring at 392-3978 or 392-2031.

Taylor graduates from Texas Tech

Scarlett Nicole Taylor graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University on Dec. 18 with a bachelor of science degree in human development and family studies.

She was honored in a special ceremony with 35 other honor graduates in her field on Dec. 17. Taylor received a Texas Tech Honors plaque at this ceremony and reception.

Taylor was among 2,000 other December graduates at the commencement exercise held at the Texas Tech Spirit Arena.

Taylor is a 2001 graduate of Ozona High School.

She is the daughter of Steve and Renee Taylor.

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Ozona High School Track & Field Schedule

Date	Site	Division
Feb. 26	Brady	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
March 5	Junction	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
March 12	Reagan County	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
March 19	Open	
March 25	Ozona Triangular	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
April 1-2	San Angelo Relays	Varsity Boys
April 1	Kermit	Girls & JV Boys
April 8	Ozona Relays	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
April 14	2-AA District @ Sonora	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
April 22	Regional Qual. (TBA)	Girls, Varsity Boys
April 29-30	Region 1-AA - Abilene	Girls, Varsity Boys
May 5	State Qual. (TBA)	Girls, Varsity Boys
May 13-14	State Meet @ Austin	Girls, Varsity Boys

Ozona High School Boy's Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Division & Time
Feb. 22	San Saba	San Saba	V - 4:00 p.m.
March 1	Rocksprings	Rocksprings	V - 4:00 p.m.; JV - 6:30 p.m.
March 3-5	Eldorado Tourney	Eldorado	V - TBA
March 10-12	Bangs Tourney	Bangs	V - TBA
March 14	Sonora	Ozona	JV - 5:30 p.m.
March 15	Sonora**	Sonora	V - 5:30 p.m.
March 18	Wall**	Ozona	V - 4:00 p.m.; JV - 6:30
March 21	Eldorado	Ozona	JV - 4:00 p.m.
March 22	Eldorado**	Eldorado	V - 4:00 p.m.
March 24	Mason**	Ozona	V - 4:00 p.m.; JV - 6:30 p.m.
March 28	Reagan County**	Ozona	V - 4:00 p.m.; JV - 6:30 p.m.
April 1	Junction**	Ozona	JV - 4:30 p.m.; V - 6:30 p.m.
April 2	Ozona JV Tourney	Ozona	JV - TBA
April 4	Sonora	Sonora	JV - 5:30 p.m.
April 5	Sonora**	Ozona	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 8	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 11	Eldorado	Ozona	JV - 6:30 p.m.
April 12	Eldorado**	Ozona	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 15	Wall**	Wall	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 16	Wall	Wall	JV - 11:00 a.m.
April 18	Mason	Ozona	JV - 5:00 p.m.
April 19	Mason	Mason	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 22	Junction**	Junction	JV - 4:30 p.m.; V - 7:00 p.m.
April 25	Reagan County	Ozona	JV - 5:00 p.m.
April 26	Reagan County**	Big Lake	V - 5:00 p.m.
April 29	Grape Creek	Ozona	V - 5:00 p.m.; JV 7:00 p.m.

**District Game

Ozona High School Girl's Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Division & Time
Feb. 10	Miles (Scrimmage)	Miles	V, JV - Starting @ 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Brady (Scrimmage)	Brady	V, JV - TBA
Feb. 15	Crane	Crane	V, JV - Starting @ 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton	V, JV - Starting @ 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 25-26	Crane Tourney	Crane	V - TBA
March 1	Crane	Ozona	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
March 3-5	San Angelo Tourney	San Angelo	V - TBA
March 8	TBA		
March 17-19	Crane JV Tourney	Crane	JV - TBA
March 22	Eldorado*	Eldorado	V - 4:30 p.m.
March 24	Grape Creek*	Ozona	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
March 29	Wall*	Ozona	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
March 30	Wall JV Tourney	Wall	JV - TBA
April 1	Junction*	Junction	V, JV - Starting @ 4:30 p.m.
April 2	Wall JV Tourney	Wall	JV - TBA
April 5	Sonora*	Sonora	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
April 6	Eldorado*	Ozona	V - 4:30 p.m.
April 12	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
April 15	Wall*	Wall	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
April 19	Junction*	Ozona	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.
April 22	Sonora*	Ozona	V, JV - Starting @ 4:00 p.m.

**District Game

Ozona High School Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Feb. 4-5	West Texas Champs.	San Angelo
Feb. 11-12	Lake View Invitational*	San Angelo
Feb. 18-19	Forsan or Reagan Co.	Forsan/Big Lake
Feb. 25-26	Ozona Invitational	Ozona
March 4-5	Regional Team Tennis*	San Angelo
March 11-12	State Team Tennis**	Austin Area
March 18-19	Eldorado Invitational	Eldorado
March 24-25	Reagan Co. Invitational	Big Lake
April 1-2	Mason Invitational	Mason
April 5-6	District 2-AA Champs	Mason?
April 15-17	Regional Qualifiers	TBA
April 18-19	Dual Qualifiers	TBA
Apr. 20-21	Region 1 Champs.	Abilene
May 2-3	State Championships	Austin

*Denotes a team event. We must have a full team to participate.

**Is tentative, depending upon how we do at the Regional level)

Ozona High School Golf Schedule

Date	Site	Division
Feb. 21	Sonora	Boys
Feb. 24	Sonora	Girls
March 1	Big Lake	Girls
March 3	Big Lake	Boys
March 7	Ballinger - Quicksand (San Angelo)	Boys/Girls
March 21	Iraan	Girls
March 23	Iraan	Boys
DISTRICT ROUNDS		
March 31	Eldorado	Boys/Girls
April 7	Mason	Boys/Girls
April 13	San Angelo (Quicksand)	Boys/Girls
April 25-26	Abilene-Regionals	Boys/Girls
May 9-10	Austin - State	Boys/Girls



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THE VARSITY LION BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (l. to r.) Levi Vargas, Tate Collies, Drew Clayton, Zane Coates, Colby Mayfield, Trey Collis, Matt McGuire, J.D. Borrego, Justin Galan, Nick Perez, David Esparza and Coach Lynn Sears.



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THE JUNIOR VARSITY LION BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (l. to r.) Matt Turland, Matthew Bullar, Caleb Mitchel, Jack Rodriguez, Justin Maldonado, Kyle Fish, Jimmy Tebbetts, Sam Peña, Robert DeHoyos, Josh Santos and Rocky Muñoz.



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THE NINTH GRADE LION BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (back row, l. to r.) Abel Martinez, John Tom Tijerina, Ramon Ybarra and Ethan Moore. Front row: Aaron Pearl, Alan Lozano, Rylee Ramos, AJ Montanez, Kolton McGinnis, Parrish Aguiar, Mark Tambunga and Coach David Delgado.



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THE EIGHTH GRADE LION BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (back row, l. to r.) Wilson White, Jonathan Flores, Matthew Komechak, Ruben Rivas, Nathan Knox, Steven Silva and Latham Ducote. Front: Jordan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl, Jesse Ramos, Matthew Garza, Daniel Gonzales, Fabian Onate and Josh Smith.



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THE SEVENTH GRADE LION BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (back row, l. to r.) Jordan Martinez, Dylan Castillo, Lane White, Jaron Vasquez, Coach Benny Granger, Matthew Lay, Bailey Badillo, Kurtland Reyes and Andrew Galindo. Front row: Kyle Sewell, Robert Torres, Nick Leonard, Jay Villarreal, Josh Ramos and K.C. Carson

Hilderbran to chair tourism committee, member of natural resources committee

AUSTIN - Speaker Tom Craddick has renamed Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, as chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, and also named him as a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

The Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committee, previously called the State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee, has jurisdiction over state parks, the preservation of wildlife and fish, hunting and fishing, and the preservation of Texas' history and memorials.

The committee also oversees the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission.

Hilderbran was also appointed to the Natural Resources Committee, which he previously served on in 2001.

"I wanted to return to this particular committee because water is one of the most important issues facing Texas and Texas' future," Hilderbran said. "Serving on this committee will allow me to protect this natural resource for future generations of Hill Country residents."

The Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction over the conservation of natural resources; the control and development of land and water; irrigation; water districts and all similar organs of local government dealing with water and water supply; and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as it relates to the regulation of water resources.

Hilderbran proposes a bill to protect local governments from unfunded mandates

AUSTIN - State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has filed two pieces of legislation that, if passed, would no longer require local governments to pay the costs of administering new state laws.

"There is a lot of legislation that places fiscal implications on the backs of local governments," Hilderbran said. "The state shouldn't be passing new laws that cost political subdivisions without attaching state money to those mandates."

Local governments are almost entirely dependent on property taxes to pay for the services they offer. When the state passes legislation that requires the city or county to administer a new law, that government must either raise the property tax or reduce other services.

"State-required services should be funded by the state, not local property taxes,"

USDA-NRCS Seeks Comments on Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking comments from Texas landowners and organizations on its flagship conservation costshare program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas, is launching a comment period to allow public input on EQIP through March 15.

"NRCS periodically reviews and updates the EQIP priorities, with input from the public, to ensure the program continues to address the most important resource needs as well as any emerging resource issues," Butler said.

The program originated in the 1996 Farm Bill and was reauthorized in 2002.

"Updating the national priorities will help us prepare for the 2006 program year and for the next Farm Bill reauthorization in 2007," Butler said.

Public listening sessions will be held in each State in coordination with the State Technical Committee. NRCS is looking for a wide array of public and stakeholder input from these sessions.

Feedback from agricultural organizations, environmental groups, commodity organizations, agencies, individuals and others is encouraged.

A listening session will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 1 at the Hilton Austin Airport Hotel, Del Valle Room, in Austin.

In addition to State listening sessions, the Federal Register and the NRCS national Web site, www.nrcs.usda.gov, can be used to submit written comments.

The culmination of the State listening sessions will be a national public listening session scheduled for the spring of 2005.

"These listening sessions are not exclusive to EQIP," Butler said. "We also invite comments on our other programs, such as the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program, Grassland Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and Conservation Technical Assistance Program."

NRCS will be providing updates on all Farm Bill pro-

Hilderbran said.

House Bill 115 would halt unfunded mandates by amending the Texas Government Code, while House Joint Resolution 20 would call for a constitutional amendment to be voted on in the general election in November.

"This legislation would remove the temptation for future legislatures to revert to unfunded mandates and provide a balanced approach, protecting both the political subdivisions and the state," Hilderbran said.

Jim Allison, general counsel for the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, issued a statement of support for the legislation.

"Unfunded mandates have resulted in financial burdens being imposed on local taxpayers," Allison said. "By filing this legislation, Representative Hilderbran has shown his concern and support in protecting the local taxpayer from unnecessary tax increases."

gram activities in Texas as a part of the listening session.

All comments received will be recorded and forwarded for national review and consideration in developing the 2006 EQIP and beyond.

EQIP's national priorities, which NRCS uses to guide which producers will be selected for program funding, are:

1. Water Quality: Reductions of nonpoint source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, or excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDLs where available, as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination and the conservation of ground and surface water resources;

2. Air Quality: Reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards;

3. Soil Erosion: Reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land; and

4. Wildlife Habitat: Promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation.

The following questions will be used to guide comments on the EQIP national priority portion of the session:

1. What emerging natural resource issues are not addressed by the current national EQIP priorities? Identify the nature of the concern and its extent or significance within Texas.

2. What modifications, if any, are needed to the four existing National priorities? Do these existing priorities continue to reflect the critical national resource needs and concerns?

A compilation of inputs from the States will be presented at the National Listening Session tentatively scheduled for this spring. Further details on the National Listening Session will be forthcoming.

Comments can be faxed to (254) 742-9819, e-mail to norman.bade@tx.usda.gov or sent by U.S. mail to Norman P. Bade, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, USDA-NRCS, 101 South Main, Temple, Texas 76501.

CHAMBER: Board reviews various projects

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The project consisted of planting 120 Cedar Elm trees on both sides of Interstate-10. New sidewalks and planters were added as well. The intent of the project was to give the entry ways into Ozona greater appeal, and to alert travelers on the overpass of I-10 they are passing a community.

TxDOT has made arrangements with Fanner's Daughter, the landscape contractor for the project, to come back in the spring and replace any trees that do not leaf out. At that time, the maintenance of project will completely be turned over to Crockett County.

The Chamber of Commerce learned that TxDOT was planning as part of their regular maintenance program, to resurface both State Highways 163 and 290 the later part of 2005 or early 2006. The Chamber inquired about possible funding for landscaping or streetscaping during this process.

To date TxDOT has sur-

veyed the community to determine the requirements to complete this project. After some discussion, John Dewitt of TxDOT, informed the group that within this budget, about \$150,000 will be earmarked for Ozona to do some additional street and or landscaping, as a separate project from the resource job. The Chamber and TxDOT have toured the community and addressed a number of possibilities.

"The Chamber has discussed its masterplan with TxDOT and the county. The masterplan has been divided into phases. The phase will determine the type of funding the Chamber will seek in order to complete the project. There are a number of funding programs available through TxDOT, and the Chamber is considering other funding sources as well," said Biggerstaff.

Following the reports of on going projects, guests were dismissed and the Chamber board and staff rolled up their sleeves to discuss how they plan to accom-

plish all activities scheduled for the 2005 year.

"We had a very productive meeting, and the board has been terrific about taking a hands on approach. They truly are a working board interested in accomplishing positive things for our members and Ozona," said Biggerstaff.

The board discussed activities that will be added to the Davy Crockett Festival and the possibility that Ozona may be host to a film crew in June. Committees were formed to begin the planning process for the 2005 Chamber of Commerce year.

The Chamber also held their regular board meeting Jan. 17, at which new officers were installed. The board reviewed the 2004 year-end budget and the 2005 budget for the organization.

Plans for the annual Chamber banquet are underway. The banquet has been set for March 8 at the Fair Park Convention Center.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 1-25-05 to 1-31-05

1-25-05

- Deputy met with complainant at the 100 block of Llano St.
- Report of loose goats in the area of the high school. Sheriff's office made contact with owner of the goats.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 100 block of Medical Drive about a subject that was requesting medical attention. Deputy reported subject was admitted to see doctor.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 300 block of Ave O on a burglary of a residence. Deputy filed report.
- Report of an intoxicated juvenile driver in the area of Ave E, deputy was unable to locate.
- Deputy responded to an alarm call at the high school. Deputy reported that the building was secure and alarm was reset by key carrier.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 1700 block of Laredo St. about subjects that lives across the street and had thrown beer bottles, cans into complainants front yard. Deputy was requested to keep close patrol in the area.

1-26-05

- 911 call about a reckless driver in the area of Llano & Man O War streets. Deputies stopped a vehicle that matched the description given and spoke with the driver.
- Deputy responded to an alarm call at local school on Primary St. Deputy reported that all was ok and the building was secure, alarm had been set off by teacher.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to criminal trespass on County Road 106. Deputy reported that both parties had discussed the situation and it would be handled by both parties as a civil matter.
- Report of a stranded motorist at the 380 mile marker on I-10. County constable assisted the motorist.
- Subject called the sheriff's office about a child custody matter.
- 911 medical call at the 333 mile

marker on I-10. Deputy assisted EMS unit.

1-27-05

- 911 call at the 1800 block of Santa Anna St. about a subject that was not breathing. Deputies assisted EMS unit and later filed unattended death report.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 1600 block of Blas St.
- Deputy met with school official at local school about problems with juvenile students. Deputy filed report.
- Report of a reckless driver in a green mustang in the area of the 1200 block of Hickory St. Deputies located the vehicle on Willow Drive and spoke with the juvenile driver.
- Report of a loose horse on State Highway 190 north. Dispatcher made contact with the owner.
- Report of reckless driver in the area of the tennis courts.
- Deputy requested sheriff's office to dispatch a EMS unit to local school gym on Ave G. Dispatcher paged out EMS unit.
- Report of suspicious subjects at the car museum at truck stop east of town.

1-28-05

- Subject making report of someone driving thru gate west of town.
- Subject requesting blue form from DPS due to minor accident at rig site.
- Report of reckless driver on I-10 transferred to DPS.
- DPS trooper requesting assistance on search of female subject who was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- Deputies responded to report of alarm activated at local bank on 1st Street, all was clear.
- Report of minor vehicle accident at civic center transferred to DPS.
- Report of juvenile drivers at local pipe yard at airport area deputy responded and contacted subjects.
- Female subject reporting that son had not arrived home. Deputy responded and made contact with subject.
- Subject requested to talk to deputy

about juveniles cussing at him and being disrespectful.

1-29-05

- Request for deputy to local motel on 11th Street due to subject tearing up property.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at 100 block of Nashua St.
- Deputy provided gas assistance to two subjects traveling east.
- Male and female subject seeking sleeping accommodations. Deputy offered to let them sleep at jail, they refused.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at 100 block of Post Oak Drive.
- Deputy responded to report of fight in progress at 1200 block of Ave F. Made contact with subjects all was okay.
- Deputy responded to 911 medical call at 1700 block Ave E subject choking. All was okay on arrival EMS cancelled.
- Deputy was requested at local convenience store on State Highway 290. Deputy informed subjects it was a civil matter.
- Deputy met complainant about spouse taking all belongings. Deputy made note of incident and informed subjects it was a civil matter.
- Deputy dispatched south on state Highway 163. Attempting to locate vehicle on a welfare concern after report that subjects and vehicle may have been involved in accident.

1-30-05

- Report of suspicious vehicle two miles north on State Highway 137. Deputy located vehicle occupied by tired driver sleeping.
- Deputy responded to report of twp male subjects trying to enter residence at 1900 block of Heracio St.
- Report of vehicle accident at mm 372 I-10 no injuries. Call relayed to DPS.
- Deputy responded to report of family violence at apartments on State Highway 163 south. Found female subject with possible broken nose, one male subject arrested.
- Subject requesting tow truck to I-10 broke down.
- Deputy responded to report of disturbance at local restaurant on Ave. C.
- Deputy provided civil standby while male subject picked up personal property from residence at 400 block Ave. E.

1-31-05

- Deputy dispatched to meet subject about possible stranded motorist who did not know location.
- Deputy checked on subject's welfare at 600 block Ave I all was okay.
- Deputy checked on suspicious vehicle at 500 block of 15th Street advised to move on.
- Report of reckless driver on I-10 east bound deputy was unable to locate.
- Report of reckless driver on I-10 transferred to DPS officer was in the area.
- Deputy met with female subject about lost/stolen purse.
- Suspicious subject behind local funeral home subject brought in to jail as sleeper for the night.
- Deputy provided gas assistance to female motorist traveling west.

HB 3 would bring property tax relief



AUSTIN — An old Austin saw that's held up longer than the Capitol dome is "watch your wallet when the Legislature's in town." This session, another way to do that is to watch House Bill 3.

Filed last Thursday by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the measure is what lawmakers call a "shell bill" in that it eventually will contain more than it does now. As it stands, House Bill 3 lowers school property taxes to \$1 per \$100 valuation.

If that cut holds, it will mean Texas homeowners will get to write smaller property tax checks. Since there's no such thing as free money, the state will have to make up for the loss of revenue in other ways.

Toward that end, Keffer's bill raises the cigarette tax by \$1 a pack (or, in the exact language of the bill, by increasing the tax on 1,000 cigarettes from \$20.50 to \$70.50) and allows lottery tickets to be sold at the gas pump. That, presumably, is to stimulate impulse buying of the tickets, which will help the revenue picture.

What the bill does not yet contain is any language creating a uniform business tax, which some lawmakers believe is the way the state should raise much of the money needed to finance public schools.

Born to be wild

Downtown Austin's noise level rose higher than normal last Monday as 6,000 leather-clad bikers on their 600-pound road hogs descended on the Capitol, loudly urging lawmakers to change the state's motor-

Smart kids' dream bill

Bright Texas school kids surely would like to see House Bill 524 become law. Filed by Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, the bill would let students doing well in a particular class be able to skip that class on the last day it is held each week. If approved by lawmakers, the law would cover first to 12th grades.

Obviously, a particularly good student could end up with a four-day school week. But passage of the bill is not considered likely.

Well, well, well

The oldest recorded water well in Texas was dug by hand in 1820 in what is now Starr County. Information on that well and some 130,000 others is contained in a database maintained by the Texas Water Development Board.

The number of wells listed by the agency sounds like a lot of wells, but it's really just a drop in the bucket - more than a million water wells have been drilled in Texas just since 1965. Even so, the database offers some useful information including depth, water levels and water quality.

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		Endavor Energy Res	10590	Dudley 26- #2 H	Big Dog Drilling 7	T.O.O.H. 10062'		
		New Devon Energy/Oke	9280	Ruby Helbing -25- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead		
		Encore Operating LP	9100	H & H Drilling Co. #2039	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Recomplete		
		New Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey -A- #903	Nabors Drilling (O) 319	Drig Ahead		
		Approach Operating	9000	Mayfield -41- #17	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	8600	University 30-25 #1	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned		
		New J. Cleo Thompson/Dal	9000	Mayfield -41- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead		
		New Approach Operating	9000	Mayfield -41- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead		
		Momentum Energy	7900	Harris Ranch -4th- #1	Patterson Uti/Tmbr 617	Drig Ahead 7342'		
		New Anadarko E & P	7500	Couch #11	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead		
		Eg Resources/Mid	5900	Shannon Hospital -4- #3	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead		
		New First Natural Res	5500	Baggeri -8- #124c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Assigned		
		Mission River System	2200	Meadows Ranch #1	Hinz Drilling 1	Assigned		
		*Sutton County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	9350	Duke Wilson -173- #10	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	8850	Mayfield -41- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	8850	Mayfield -41- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	8800	Hicks -22- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	8600	Mayfield -40- #13	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	8400	Shurley Rr -5- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	8250	Shurley Rr -5- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead		
		New Kes Resources/Tulsa	7000	Genial #3811	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	6800	Canyon Ranch -114- #10s	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Morris -44- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Shurley #126	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Shurley #123	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Assigned		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Shurley #120	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned		
		Dominion OK TX E&P	6600	Shurley #119	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead		
		*Terrell County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		Newfield	15000	Poulier #3802	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead		
		ConocoPhillips/Odes	12600	University -4- #7	Patterson U/Ly 481	Drig Ahead 12273'		
		New Wyo Exploration	12000	Uncle Cecil #3	Lariat Drilling 7	Assigned		
		Pxp/Houston	11000	Mitchell -8- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead		
		*Edwards County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		Newfield	14000	Whitehead #7401	Patterson Drilling/A 471	Drig Ahead		
		*Val Verde County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		New Chesapeake/Oke	6500	Mills Trust -126- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead		
		New Pure Resources/Mid	4500	Dameron Res -139- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead		
		*Schleicher County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		Dominion OK TX E&P	7900	University -5416- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead		
		New Dominion OK TX E&P	7500	University -5717- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 165	Assigned		
		New Discovery Operating	7250	Lin -8- #2	Heart Land Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 148'		
		Discovery Operating	7000	Bearce #3	Heart Land Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 3170'		
		New Telesis Operating	5450	O'harrow -55- #1	Sand Dollar Drilling 1	Drig Ahead		
		New Byrd Operating Co	4500	Captain Bowling Center #1	Heart Land Drilling 3	Drig Ahead		
		*Reagan County		OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
		Pioneer Natural/Irv	9500	Aldwell -K- #208	Mattlock Drilling 1	Drig Ahead 8920'		
		New Mariner Energy	8400	Sau Mariner -15- #2b	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 4590'		
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For more information on specifications, contact Eddie Moore, Road Superintendent, at the County Road Department, (325) 392-3020. Rock is to be priced at bidders location and Crockett County will do the hauling to job sites. Bid must state location of pit where rock will be hauled from and mileage to Ozona from said site. A map must be included in bid. Bidder must give time that rock will be available for Crockett County to haul to Ozona. Rock must be ready for first job on 30 days after receiving the bid@ 300 cubic yards a day to be hauled by County trucks. Rock can be bid by ton and stating the conversion rate to Cubic Yards. Bidder is to load all trucks on first come first serve basis.

Crockett County reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are received on the opening date an also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid. Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept to lowest bid or to waive any minor technicalities in determining what best suits our needs. John Stokes, Crockett County Auditor 2c01

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You have the right to reclaim the motor vehicle not later the 20th day after the date of this notice. You are responsible for payment of any and all towing, preservation, and storage resulting from placing this motor vehicle in custody.

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These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on March 2, 2005. You have until August 29, 2005, to redeem any tickets for these games: #446 WEEKLY GRAND (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.56. #453 TRIPLER BINGO (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.05. #454 \$35,000 CROSSWORD (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.12. #474 VEGAS NIGHTS (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.29. #477 LIFE IN THE CASH LANE (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.07. #490 WILD 8'S (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.77. In addition, #499 SET FOR LIFE (\$10) with overall odds of 1 in 3.49 will close March 14, 2005. Players have until September 10, 2005, to redeem any tickets for the SET FOR LIFE game. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37-LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play Responsibly. Remember, it's just a game. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education by contributing to the Foundation School Fund. 1c01

NOTICE FOR SURFACE COMMINGLING

DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO., L.P. seeks to surface commingle production from the Leases listed below. These leases are located on Sections 24, 25, 26 and 27, Block QR, J.H. Gibson Survey in Crockett County, Texas, southwest of Ozona. These properties produce from the Strawn zone. Production will be attributable to each lease by annual well tests and positive displacement metering. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Teresa Forgue at (405) 552-4597.

Field Name	Lease Name	RRC No.	Description
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 24 #1	062349	Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 24 #2	151758	Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 24 #B5L	1983 13	Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 25 #2	157199	Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 25 #5		New Well Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 25 #6		New Well Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 26 #4		New Well Section 26
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Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 26 #7		New Well Section 26
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 27 #6	195379	Section 27
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Couch 27 #8		New Well Section 27

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Statewide Rules 26 and 27 (3)(b) of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. **PURSUANT TO THE TERMS** of Rules 26 and 27, this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received within 21 days of notice being mailed by the applicant to all working and royalty interest owners, or if the publication is required, within 21 days of the date of last publication. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Teresa Forgue, Sr. Regulatory Specialist at (405) 552-4597, Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., 20 N. Broadway, Suite 1500, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. If you have any questions regarding the protest procedures please contact the Railroad Commission of Texas at (512) 463-7299 or in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of publication to the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil & Gas Division, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967. 4c51

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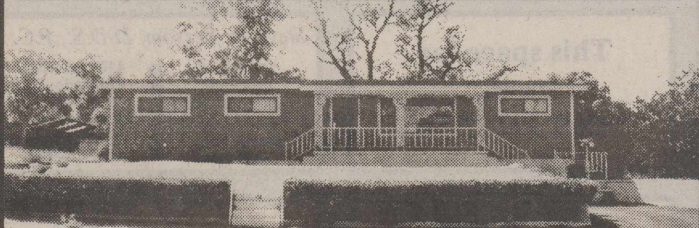
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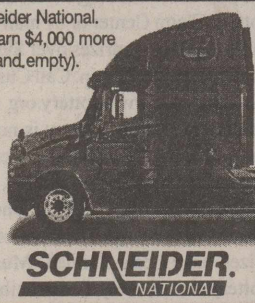
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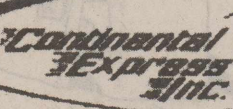
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