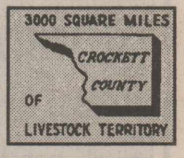


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1994-1995 OZONA LADY LIONS STATE CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM

The 1994-1995 State Champion Ozona Lady Lions are going back to Austin. The 10-year anniversary of their championship season will be commemorated at 2:30 p.m. during halftime of the AA Championship Game March 5 at the Frank Erwin Center. Since all of Ozona followed them there then, all of Ozona is invited back. The members of the team are: Bobbie Bryson; Leigh Chandler; Connie Fielder; Amy Laughlin; Amber McWilliams; Autumn McWilliams; Gloria Pena-Alfaro; Julie Perez; Stormy Sessoms; Shelly Sullivan; Megan Tambunga; Amber Tarr; Tara Wilkins; Head Coach Dickie Faught; Coach Rodney Johnson; Coach

Deborah Ramon. The 94-95 Lady Lions will be honored at a pre-game gathering from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Colorado Room at the Drury Inn. Pictures will be taken, memories will be shared and video highlights will be watched. Everyone will then proceed to the Frank Erwin Center for the formal presentation. The Lady Lions will return to the hotel for a reception after the game from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. The Drury Inn and Suites is located on Interstate-35 and St. John's Street. For more information, call Pam Tarr at 392-5109 or Donna Herring at 392-2031 or 3978.

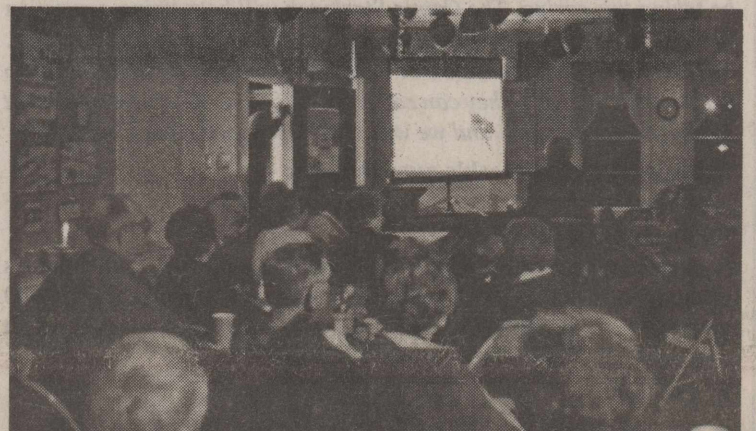
Museum appreciation dinner features images of West Texas World War II bases

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

West Texas's ghost World War II air bases was the subject of guest speaker Bill Yates's program Monday night at the Crockett County Museum's annual Membership Appreciation dinner. Yates, who lives in San Angelo, started the project to see what kind of impact West Texas had during the war. He said that there are not that many bases left standing from that time period.

Some of the towns Yates touched on included Fort Stockton, Pyote, Hondo, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Uvalde, Ballinger, Brady and Coleman. "This really makes you realize what an effort our country went through during those years," he said. The dinner also honored past Museum Director and retiring Chairman of the Crockett County Historical Society Geniece Childress. Claude Hudspeth was appointed as the new chairman.

Other people receiving museum appreciation certificates for work or donations done to the mu-

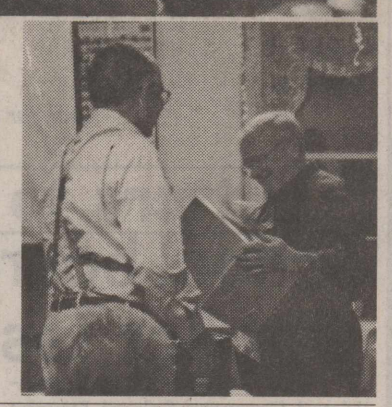


Photos by Melissa Perner

TOP: BILL YATES (center) gets ready to present his program on West Texas World War II bases Monday night at the Crockett County Museum's annual Membership Appreciation dinner.

RIGHT: CLAUDE HUDSPETH (left) presents Yates with a gift from the museum for coming to speak at the dinner. The gift was a Crockett County blanket.

seum during the past year were: Carmen Ramos, Helen Owensby, Nip Vitela, Melissa Perner, Paul C. Perner IV, Joe Hernandez, Benny Logan, Jean Odom, Benny Gail Hunnicutt and Omero Flores.



Out to prove they can play too

Lady Lions softball team to make home debut Tuesday

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Most of the players haven't thrown a ball since Little League. Some of them have never even picked up a bat or even know how to play first base.

Even with the strikes against them, it didn't stop nearly 40 girls from trying out for Ozona High School's first softball team.

Lady Lions softball game

What: Ozona Lady Lions first home softball game

When: Starting at 4 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Softball field off of State Highway 163 north by the OHS baseball field.

As Coach Traci McGinnis hits balls to girls at various positions during practice, she shouts out to "reach back and throw over your head" or "if you don't see the ball, you're not going to get the ball." When one player throws a slow, high arcing ball, McGinnis reminds them "no rainbows." There's also no squealing like a girl when the ball comes whizzing to them, she said. "We will also learn to slide," McGinnis tells her team. "We have to start learning how to field and play. We've got to start thinking." In starting a program from

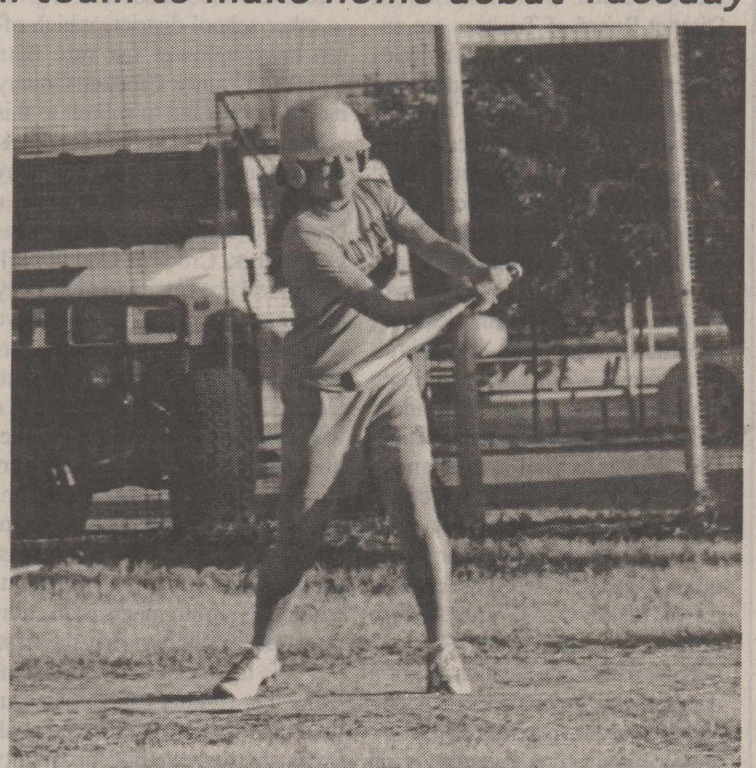


Photo by Joe Hernandez

BLANCA DOMINGUEZ gets a piece of it during practice on Feb. 15. Dominguez and nearly 30 other girls are going out for Ozona High School's first softball team this year.

scratch, players not only have to learn new strategies and techniques but also the basics of playing the game. "It's been a whole lot better than I expected," McGinnis said. "I've started a program before and these girls have more of a clue. There is a foundation. There is something to start with."

McGinnis previously coached at Bangs for six years, where she built the program up to get the team to a playoff game be-

fore moving to Ozona. "In an ideal world, we would have had the off season to start on the basics. Instead, we have to spend time learning the fundamental basics as well as getting ready for games." The team also hasn't set foot on what will become their home playing field, as it is not ready yet for play. School officials said it will be ready by the team's first home game on Tuesday. Please see **SOFTBALL**, page 6

PORTRAIT OF WINNERS

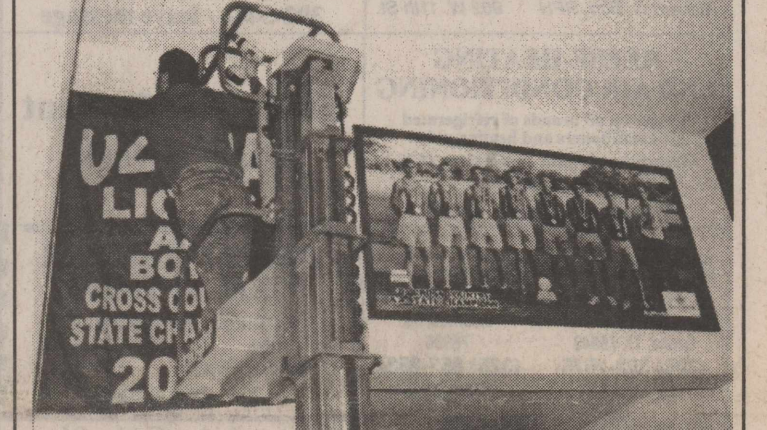


Photo by Joe Hernandez

RAY LARA hangs the banner Thursday signifying the Ozona Lions AA Boys Cross Country State Champions Team of 2004 next to a picture of the team and Coach Lenny Morrow in the Davidson Gymnasium. The photo was donated by Athletic Supply of San Angelo and the banner was purchased by the Ozona Athletic Booster Club.

March 7 is the final day to file for school board race

The final day to file for a place on the ballot for the May 7 school board election is March 7. The two seats up for grabs this year are District 5, currently held by Kenny Wadsworth, and District 2, currently held by George Ybarra. As of press time, no one has filed for either seat.

Early voting will be April 20-May 3. Those interested can file at the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D. For more information, call the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Administration Office at 392-5501 ext. 5700.

Board to consider band chairs, approval of next year's calendar

Agenda also includes discussion of bus purchase and Student Code of Conduct

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees will look at approving the 2005-2006 CCCSD Official District Calendar during their regular monthly meeting Thursday. Also on the agenda is the consideration of the purchase of chairs for the band program, discussion of bus purchase, discussion of zero tolerance-Student Code of Conduct and approval of a letter of engagement for the district's financial audit for the year ending Aug. 31, 2005 with Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Burr, L.L.P.

The board will also meet in executive session to discuss and approve/disapprove of contract extensions for campus principals, district counselor, elementary counselor, athletic director, band director and technology director. The executive session

agenda also includes consideration of employing a full-time principal at Ozona Primary School, discussion and consideration of pay scales for teachers and administrators and the employee per diem and discussion and consideration of the superintendent's contract. Other agenda items include: • Maintenance and transportation report. • Technology report. • Campus principals' and superintendent's reports. The public is allowed to speak during the open forum about agenda and non-agenda items. However, any discussion by school board members on comments about non-agenda items must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting, according to the Texas Open Meetings Act. For information, call the CCCSD Administration Office at 392-5501 ext. 5700.

School board meeting

What: Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Feb. 14	75	36	-0-
Feb. 15	84	37	-0-
Feb. 16	64	46	-0-
Feb. 17	52	45	-0-
Feb. 18	52	45	-0-
Feb. 19	63	46	-0-
Feb. 20	77	57	-0-

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

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 65	Hi 52
Lo 45	Lo 38
Mostly Cloudy	Showers

Friday	Saturday
Hi 51	Hi 54
Lo 35	Lo 39
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Mondays are malicious

I hate Mondays. I know "hate" is a strong word and my mother always taught me that I don't hate anything, but I hate Mondays. This is not something new. I have always loathed the day after Sunday. I am also usually a very positive person, just not on Mondays. I guess because, for most of us, it means we have to leave our wonderful, relaxing weekend behind and go back to work or school. Of course there's another weekend on the horizon, but it seems so far away on Monday. Someone once told me that if we all had Mondays off then we would hate Tuesday. I guess that how those people felt on Tuesday after they had Monday off for Presidents' Day. A lot of people ask me if I hate Monday because it is the deadline day for the paper. No, I have a feeling if the deadline was Friday it wouldn't bother me so much because I could put off some of the work until Monday. At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution that I would no longer say "I hate Mondays." Right after that, on a very stressful Monday, I took out the thesaurus and looked up other words for hate. I then started saying "I dislike Mondays, I detest Mondays, I despise Mondays and I find Mondays to be nauseating, revolting and vile." Take this past Monday. I was taking my normal morning shower and just as I began rinsing off the soap, the electricity went out. There I was in the dark and covered in soap. I rinsed off, put on my make up, got dressed and grabbed my hair stuff to take to the office. Hard to use a blow dryer without electricity. I drove an hour in the fog, and when I got to the office, at 10 minutes til 8 a.m., the phone rang. Just the beginning of another malicious Monday.



NEWS REEL
 FEB. 20, 1975
 Mrs. Jackie (Vonnie) Womack won the logo contest for the Bicentennial symbol for Crockett County. The steering committee expressed delight at the selection of Mrs. Womack's design. She is the great-granddaughter of the first settlers to come to Crockett County, the W.P. Hoover family.

NEWS REEL
 FEB. 21, 1946
 A Willis coupe, belonging to Alvin Harrell, was stolen from in front of the Ozona Theater Tuesday night. The care had been driven to town from the Harrell ranch by an employee ad parked in front of the theater. Officers so far have been unable to trace the missing vehicle.
 Dr. and Mrs. H.B. Tandy and Mills were visitors to San Antonio over the weekend.
 Dr. and Mrs. J. Max Word and children of Lubbock, were in

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:
 J. ending slavery
This week's question:
 A phone company charges \$29.50 per month for the first 1,000 minutes of local calls and \$0.04 a minute for any local calls beyond 1,000 minutes. Last month Carol made 1,215 minutes of local calls. What was her total cost for local calls?
 A. \$29.50
 B. \$48.60
 C. \$38.10
 D. \$78.10
 - Look for the answer in the March 2 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

Letters to the Editor

School board addresses district issues, rumor

Dear Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Faculty and Staff, Ozona Citizens, and News Media:

As a means of dispelling rumors and concerns we feel that an explanation is necessary. We, the members of the elected body of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees are entrusted with several major duties which affect our community and the students of Crockett County. One of those duties is to economically operate the facilities and grounds in which our students learn and play. In our effort to do what is economically advantageous, our main concern is to do what will enhance the teaching and learning aspects of education in general. Sometimes we must investigate new ideas and weigh these ideas before reaching a final conclusion. Our decisions will not be made without seeking all avenues of advantages and repercussions. The number one rumor which needs to be addressed is the consolidation of the Ozona Intermediate School and the Ozona Primary School. This consolidation is not a decision which will be made lightly and without deep consideration. There are no plans for immediate change and there are definitely no plans to dismiss any employees of CCCSD. The Board of Trustees is considering ideas which would be feasible in the areas of cutting operating costs involved in maintaining two of our large school complexes. We would be negligent in our elected duties if we did not consider all options, but please be assured that at this point, it is only an idea. A change of this magnitude would take considerable time to plan and resolve. As you are aware, our Chap-

ter 41 School District of Crockett County is required to send over \$11,000,000.00 (eleven million plus dollars) in your tax dollars during the 2004-2005 school year in order to satisfy the current Texas State School Finance Plan which many of you have heard referred to as "The Robin Hood Plan." This plan takes money from the tax wealthier school districts and gives to other school districts which often have a lower tax rate than Crockett County. Crockett County has no choice but to submit to this school finance plan. The school finance plan can only be changed by the Texas Legislators, but until a change is set into place by Texas Legislators, Crockett County will continue to be forced to give away almost as many tax dollars as we are allowed to keep. After the forfeiture of our tax dollars, Crockett County CCCSD has to figure out a way to operate our school budget on what is left in the coffer. Operating four large, self contained campuses with a declining enrollment in a time of rising costs in utilities, supplies, and additionally mandated federal requirements is an enormous responsibility, to say the least. We understand the apprehensions that rumors can inflict. Our goal is to keep you informed at all times and to serve the community of Ozona with integrity and intelligent decisions. You are always welcome to attend the meeting of the CCCSD Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,
 Tom Anderson, President
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It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

Cowboys & Other Fictional Characters

I'd rather eat at the worst auction market cafe than the best five star restaurant in New York or Chicago. This is not only because of the higher class of people that frequent rural coffee shops but also because I'm an offensively inquisitive person who is insatiably 'curious' about anything that is none of my business. It's been my experience that there is more interesting business that doesn't concern me talked about loudly in auction market restaurants than anywhere else on earth. I believe that to be a writer, or a good husband for that matter, a man must first be a very good listener. I have also found that stealing ideas by eavesdropping on other people's conversations at the coffee shop saves time and is much easier than having to come up with my own ideas. (I don't have to pay anyone royalties either.) Besides, I find that other people's conversations are infinitely more interesting than my own. So last week I was in the coffee shop doing what I do best, bending an ear, when a man and his son sat themselves down within earshot. (If my essays seem more urbanized lately it is because the cafe where I hang out is being more frequently visited by urbanites who are learning to appreciate chicken fried steak, biscuits and gravy and the smell of cows in the air.) The pair had barely been seated when the young lad started firing off questions to his father. I could tell from the nature of the questions that the father had never had the serious talk that every father dreads. No, I'm not referring to the one about birds and bees, but the one regarding the validity of fictional characters such as the Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy, Santa and cowboys. "Why is that man spitting in his cup?" asked the youngster. "Because he's a cowboy," replied the father. "He doesn't look like a cowboy," said the child. "Where's his gun?" At this point poppa seemed too preoccupied with getting his mouth around a big cheeseburger to accurately answer any questions but that didn't stop the kid. "Where do cowboys come from?" he asked, warming to his subject. "The stork, I think," replied the father. "Either that or Texas." "Why do cowboys wear such funny hats and what's that yucky stuff on his boots," asked the kid, as the conversation grew more interesting. "Ask your mother," answered the father who was proving to know as much about cowboys as a hog knows about modern art. "Why does he only have four fingers and why are his legs bent?" "From riding his horse," grumbled dear old dad. "But where's his horse. And where is his wife? Are cowboys married Daddy?" "Yes, they are married but their wives are like Santa's elves. They stay home and do all the work." This last remark caused me to reassess the father's knowledge about cowboys. He obviously knew more than I'd first thought. Friends, you may find this hard to believe but just like that young boy, to this day I can't recall having had a parental discussion about the existence of cowboys, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny or the birds and the bees. Which may explain why I still hang my stocking with care and why my wife and I don't have any children. In my defense, at the age of four I did have suspicions about the tooth fairy but I kept quiet because, quite frankly, I needed the cash flow. Parents I urge you to have these discussions with your kids before you expose them to cowboys or an auction market coffee shop. Explain to them what a cowboy is so that they won't get any ideas about becoming one or, heaven forbid, marrying one. As I got up to leave I noticed the father choked on his burger as his little buckaroo asked him the toughest question yet: "Daddy, what are calf fries?"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 23 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Crockett County Senior Center featuring Area Agency on Aging Benefits Counselor.
- Feb. 24 - OHS Lady Lions Golf Team in Sonora.
- OPS Jump Rope For Heart at the primary school gymnasium.
- Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Feb. 25 - OHS Tennis Teams compete in Ozona Invitational at the tennis courts.
- OHS Lady Lions Softball Team at Crane Tournament in Crane.
- OHS One Act Play Festival at the high school auditorium.
- Feb. 26 - OHS Tennis Teams compete in Ozona Invitational at the tennis courts.
- Varsity Lady Lions softball team at Crane Tournament in Crane.
- OHS Track Teams at Brady Track Meet.
- OHS One Act Play Festival at the high school auditorium.
- Feb. 28 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Games, 1-3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OMS Tennis Team in dual meet with Eldorado at 4 p.m. at the tennis courts.
- March 1 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OHS Lions Baseball Team vs. Rocksprings at 4 p.m. in Rocksprings.
- OHS Lady Lions Softball Team vs. Crane at 4 p.m. at the softball field.
- OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Big Lake.
- OMS Tennis Teams at Tri Meet with Eldorado, Sonora at 4 p.m. at Eldorado.
- March 2 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Texas Tech University education degree programs available in the Hill Country

By **PAM ALSPAUGH**
Associate Director-
Communications
Texas Tech University
at Fredericksburg

The Texas Tech University College of Education offers a variety of graduate degree programs in the Texas Hill Country. The newest program, post baccalaureate secondary teaching certification will be available beginning June 1.

Students can attend classes at any of the recognized higher education teaching sites, TTU at Fredericksburg or TTU at Highland Lakes at Marble Falls or the TTU Center at Junction. Courses are designed for working professionals with evening and weekend classes.

TTU professors rotate among the sites with students in all three locations.

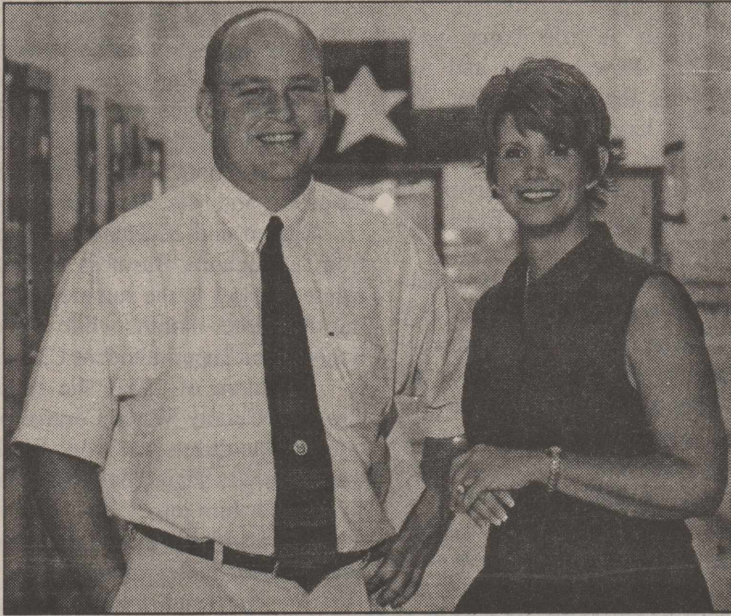
Most education programs are cohort based, meaning a group of students go through the program together.

The post baccalaureate secondary teaching certification program is comprised of 15 credit hours during the summer and fall with student teaching in the spring.

Students should have completed an undergraduate degree and their teaching content area requirements.

Other graduate level degree programs and certifications are available.

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership (M.Ed.) and Principal Certification preparation is a mid-management degree for certified teach-



Submitted photo

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Casey Callahan (left) and Pam Kruse (right) graduated in May, 2004 with master of education in educational leadership degrees with principal certification. Callahan is principal of Mason High School and is enrolled in the superintendent certification program. Kruse is assistant principal of the Mason Elementary and Junior High Schools.

ers. Cohort 4 will begin June 1.

The Superintendent Certification program prepares students to take the state-mandated TExES test.

The Master Reading Teacher Certification preparation and the Master of Education in Language Literacy Education are also available.

The College of Education offers the Master of Education in Special Education and several supplemental certification programs and the Master of Education in Instructional Technology through distance learning.

The Master of Art Education is offered by the School of Art

and available at TTU Center at Junction.

Potential students must apply to TTU as well as to the College of Education for the specific program. The application deadline is April 15 for most of the programs.

Additional information about graduate programs is available at <http://www.educ.ttu.edu/grad>, all types of certification is available at <http://www.educ.ttu.edu/certification>.

For more information, contact the academic advisors, Christian Fletcher at (830) 798-9548 or Cathy Carroll at (830) 990-2717 or check www.ttu.edu/offcampus.

It's twin girls

Mike and Kathleen Edinburg are pleased to announce the birth of their second set of twin daughters, Hailey Faith and Whitney Kate.

They were born on Feb. 7, 2005 at Shannon Women's and Children's Center in San Angelo.

Hailey was born at 6:09 p.m., weighed 5 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long. Whitney was born at 6:10 p.m., weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces and 17 inches long.

Welcoming them home are big sisters Avery and Chloe.

Grandparents are Judith Justiss of San Angelo, Frank and Janey Justiss of Houston and John Mark and Pat Edinburg of Hunt.

Great-grandparents are David Surlis of San Angelo and J.R. and Bobbie Tullos of Laurel, Miss.



Carson-Green to marry in June

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Amanda LaVaun Carson to Jason Michael Green. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Green of Carrollton, Texas.

Amanda is a 2002 graduate of Ozona High School. She is currently a junior theater arts major with an education minor at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Jason is a 2001 graduate of the Colony High School. He attended the University of North Texas in Denton and is employed by Capital One Auto Finance.

A June 18, 2005 wedding is planned at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 23 - Bernalda Villarreal, Mary Jo Unger, Aldo Torres, Tonya Bullard and Mary Capps

Feb. 24 - Jorge Siller and Jacob Moran

Feb. 25 - Tammy Bunger, David Tijerina, Jazveth Gonzales, John D. Ramirez III and C.J. Graves

Feb. 26 - Jose E. Mata and Christian Kaleb Fuentes

Feb. 27 - Paula Ramirez

Feb. 28 - Desiree Marshall, Kayleigh Jay Dominguez, Krislynn Harris, Alfredo Lopez and Brenda Venegas

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San Angelo school board candidate workshop offers information and insight

SAN ANGELO - Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene St., San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee.

Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information.

Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free.

For more information, call Brenda Canul at TASB at (512) 467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6104, or check the TASB Web site at www.tasb.org.

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Ozona Youth Alliance to present Kevin Kirkland today at the Civic Center

The Ozona Youth Alliance will present Kevin Kirkland of Katalyst Ministries at 6:45 p.m. today at the Crockett County Civic Center.

All middle school and high school students are welcomed. Admission is free.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Kirkland is the founder of Katalyst Ministries, which is non for profit incorporation established by God for the purpose of advancing His Kingdom by exalting Jesus Christ above all things. The ministry focuses on students mainly, and is committed to glorifying the Lord and edifying the Church.

Kirkland grew up in Lamesa and now lives in San Angelo with his wife Kimberly

and their two children, Kaiden and Kait. They both attended Angelo State University.

He founded Katalyst Ministries in 2003.

"I believe that today's students need the authenticity and seriousness of God, and I pray that my preaching reflects those things. I must preach the Word of God in realness and without compromise in order to fulfill God's call on my life," Kirkland said on the ministries Web site.

Transportation will be provided. To catch a ride, call Mack Richie at 392-5482 or 392-1335, Lenny Morrow at Ozona High School or Sylvia Lara at Ozona Middle School.

For information about Katalyst Ministries, www.katalystministries.com

Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE
Activity Director

Monday was the day of love here at the facility. Roses, candy and stuffed teddy bears arrived all day long.

Our Valentine Party honored Adelaida Morales as our Valentine Queen and Henry Sellers as our Valentine King. These two residents were selected by our staff members.

Tin hearts filled with candy was given to each resident from Westerman Drug. Thank you Laura and Junior, our residents loved the candy.

Resident Emma Camarillo's family donated supplies for our Valentine's party. Thank you so much.

Baskets & More sent a large vase of roses for residents and staff. Thank you Blanca.

Thanks goes to Carlie's After Hours for the beautiful Valentine Show Case here at the facility.

Thanks goes to Triple C Hardware and Lumber for helping us with garden supplies for our back court yard.

Residents enjoyed Tuesday

afternoon in the court yard planting flower bulbs and just enjoying the nice weather. We have a large supply of onions that was planted last month. Residents are looking forward to enjoying fresh onions from their onion garden.

Residents enjoyed the making of their own deviled eggs this past week. On Thursday, Coke floats were served to our residents. What a treat for you all. Johnnye Johnson, our art lady, has been sick. I hope she will be feeling better soon.

Lynn English came by for a visit on Thursday afternoon. It was good to see her out and about again Lynn, and back to work at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Our faithful volunteers for the past week are JoAnn Williamson, Nell Wester, Otis Nester, Janet Hill McDaniels and Ozona Church of Christ. Thank you all.

Thanks goes to our Hospice of San Angelo nurse Veronica Fierro L.V.N. for helping with bingo this past week.

This past week has been busy and lots of fun for all.

JOY group to present 'Identity Theft' program Feb. 28

The Just Older Youth Ministry Group of the First Baptist Church will present a program on "Identity Theft" at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the parlor of the First Baptist Church.

112th District Attorney Laurie English will be the guest speaker of the program.

English will be giving facts and safety tips, suggestions for recovery should a person should become a victim, sealing our lips, shredding our papers and other target situations.

The informational occasion is open to all the community. An informal supper will take place afterwards, so bring a salad or just come join the session.

¹² For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

¹³ For I do not mean that other should be eased and you burdened. ¹⁴ but by an equality, now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack— that there may be equality.

2 Corinthians 8: 12-14



Submitted Photo
CARE CENTER Valentine King Henry Sellers enjoys the valentine party with daughter Katy and wife Marge.



Submitted Photo
ADELAIDA MORALES was the care center Valentine Queen. She is pictured with activity director Jan St. Clair Tice.

The Ozona Stockman e-mail address is: publisher@ozona.com

Obituaries

Elizabeth Applewhite

After a lengthy battle with Alzheimers, Elizabeth Applewhite went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Feb. 21, 2005. Church service will be at 10:30 a.m. today at the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial to follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 22, 1920 in San Angelo and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Coose of Juno and later Ozona.

Reared and educated in Ozona Public Schools, she graduated from Draughons Business College in San Antonio. She attended classes in the summer and took correspondence courses during the winter months while working as secretary of Ozona Public Schools for Superintendent C.S. Denham.

In March of 1951, she began her 38 1/2 year career at the Crockett County Water Control office. Lib was a woman of many talents. She didn't just work for the water district when she began, the office was shared by Bright Baggett's Insurance Agency and Lib worked for him too.

She also helped with the American Red Cross. Lib was a very active helper in her community.

She met and later married, the love of her life, Charles Applewhite on March 14, 1946, after he came to Ozona as a surveyor with National Geophysical. He later became a partner in Ozona Butane Co. for more than 40 years. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996.

After retirement, they were Helping Hands volunteers and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Lib was known for her love of life, positive attitude and her love of the Lord. She was devout member of the Ozona United Methodist Church. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie, a son, Johnny Childress; a grandson, George Austin Preston; her parents, Modenia and Steve Coose and a sister, Jo Nell Corder.

Lib is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Richard Preston of Eldorado; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Shelley Applewhite of Hamilton and daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kip Nichols of Hamilton. Grandchildren include Trey and Hunter Preston, Clifford and Emily Nichols, Derek Nichols, Randy Moore and Shannon Moore, Amberlie Applewhite, John Clayton and Megan Childress and Courtney Childress. Great-grandchildren include Charles Russell Childress and John Cole Childress.

She is also survived by a beloved sister, Willa V. Baggett of Peach Tree, Ga.; three brothers and sister-in-law, Gene and Alex Applewhite of Hamilton; Billie and wife, Mae Applewhite of Grandbury; several nieces, nephews, cousins and life-long friend Dorothy Friend of Ozona.

A very special thanks goes to the Schleicher County Nursing Home and Hospice of San Angelo for the loving care of our mother. Memorials can be made to these or charities of your choice.

Bonifacio N. Gonzales Jr.

Bonifacio N. Gonzales Jr., 69, of Fort Stockton died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 in Odessa.

Funeral services were Feb. 21 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with burial following at Fort Stockton Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Gonzales was born on March 30, 1935 in Fort Stockton. He married Belia Castro on Sept. 15, 1962 in Ozona. He was an oil pumper and lifelong resident of Fort Stockton.

Mr. Gonzales is survived by his wife, Belia, of Fort Stockton; a son, David Colwell, of Schweinfurt, Germany; a daughter, Deborah Bernard, of Angleton; three brothers, Robert Gonzales and Frank Gonzales, both of Fort Stockton, and Nick Gonzales, of Eagle Pass; two sisters, Emma Gallegos, of Fort Stockton, and Nancy Rodriguez, of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Aileene Avila, of Houston, Thomas T. Garcia, of Clute, David Blaine, of Colwell, Germany and Lisa Colwell, of Germany and two great-grandchildren, Airlin Avila and Ashlin Avila, both of Houston.

Whistles and Bells

Several years ago my wife and children really surprised me at Christmas. They all got together and bought me a small digital camera. My wife taught me how to turn it on and I briefly looked at the book but never took the time to read and study it carefully. Recently I went into a camera shop to get some pictures printed and the clerk asked me if I knew what my camera could do. He demonstrated a few things with the camera so I decided to get out the camera manual and start reading so I would know all about the camera and all the different things it would or could do. It would also mean I could enjoy it a whole lot more.

It can be the same way in our Christian life if we don't read and study the manual, (The Bible, God's Holy Word). Going to Sunday morning worship service, (Deuteronomy 31:12,13, Joshua 8:35), Bible study at Church or in small home groups, or just reading it at home are just a few ways to learn the Bible. My wife likes to go outside in the backyard and read when the weather is pretty but I like to get in a quiet place inside. I use a good study Bible and I pray that God will help me to understand, (Joshua 1:8, 9).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

Benefits Counselor from Area Agency on Aging to visit today

A Benefits Counselor from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will visit Ozona today.

The program will be from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

She will answer questions regarding benefits that may be available to you.

Information regarding Medicare Part D, Medicaid Estate Recovery, assistance with

finding a Prescription Assistance Program, appealing Medicare-denied charges on your hospital/doctor bill or advice needed on legal issues can be discussed.

Bring your Medicare Summary Notice, a list of your medications, or other paperwork for a personal consultation.

For more information, call Nell Wester at 392-5026 or Lynne Alexander in San Angelo at 1-877-944-9666.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

having surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. The dance will be set at a later date.

There will be a Levis and Lace Square Dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

It is hard to believe that I am back at the Senior Center, after being out six weeks because of having a right knee replacement. It is wonderful being back and seeing everyone. I missed all you folks here in Ozona the two weeks I was in Midland. I want to thank Nell for covering for me while I was away. She did an excellent job in my absence.

We are all missing Lefty Walker here at the Senior Center. Lefty, we hope you are getting better and we look forward to you being back. You are our inspiration and we need to see your smiling face.

After being away for some time, Geniece and Pleas Childress are again coming in for lunch. We are all happy to have you back.

Today is our pot luck day. Hope you have made plans to bring a dish and come out to join us. Lynne Alexander will be here from the Area Agency on Aging for a benefit session answering questions on Medicare and Medicaid. She will be here from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The Red Bandana dance that was to be held Friday has been cancelled due to Willena Holden's son, Deene Holden,

On Sunday, I attended a ceremony where my grandson Levi English received his Eagle Scout badge. I was filled with pride and tears as I carefully listened to the speeches given about Levi and his accomplishments.

The music you hear at the Senior Center is coming from the XM radio that County Judge Johnny Jones and his wife, Patti Jones, donated to the Senior Center. It has taken some time to get it installed properly, but now it is "wonderful listening." Thank you again Judge Jones and wife, Patti.

The county has installed another shelf in our mini kitchen for storage. Thank you Richard Storms and Elliott Barrera for building and installing our shelf.

Remember we have games here to play. At 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have our "Walk Two Miles" class. As of late, the exercise ladies have been "Sweating to the Oldies" with Richard Simmons once a week.

Our activities are for those 50 years of age and above (we are flexible). Our building is alcohol and smoke free.

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Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

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.

Ozona United Methodist Church
12 - 11th St.
Rev. John Fluth
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
802 1st St.
Worship: 9 a.m.

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.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem
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Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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Worship: 4:30 p.m.
Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.

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Sat.: 7 p.m.
M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.

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601 Ave. I
Rev. Daniel C. Fleming
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.

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307 Santa Rosa St.
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Sunday School: 3 p.m.
Worship: 5 p.m.
Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

New Beginnings Church
701 9th Street
Pastor Jesse Cardona
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo
Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run
Interim - Ray Valadez
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Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Deer Management Workshop slated March 3 in Sonora

Texas Cooperative Extension offices in three of the state's top deer-hunting counties are pooling their efforts to present a deer management workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. March 3 in the Sutton County Civic Center.

The sponsoring counties are Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett.

The workshop is sponsored in cooperation with the Texas Brigades youth camps; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Wildlife Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Fields Ranch.

"With the successful 2004-05 deer season still fresh on our minds, now is the optimum time to take a look at the coming season," said Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent in Sutton County and the workshop coordinator. "This workshop is all about management. We'll start inside with lectures and demonstrations, then, weather permitting, we'll head to the Johnny Fields Ranch for a tour of the ranch and some hands-on demonstrations, and plant identification exercises. The work-

shop is geared for all levels of deer management expertise."

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, sets the tone for the day with his talk, "Appreciating Deer."

Next, veterinarian Dr. Bill Eikenhorst of Brenham and Dr. Bob Dittmar of Kerrville will perform a deer necropsy and present "Getting to Know Your Deer."

Other morning presentations are:

- * "The Deer Management Triangle" - Nutrition - Kent Mills, Hi-Pro Feeds, Snyder;
- Aging - Rollins and Genetics - Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension wildlife specialist, Uvalde
- * "Show Me the Money! - Economic Impact of Deer Hunting," Dr. Jason Johnson Extension economist, San Angelo.

A Buckskin Brigade youth cadet will be the featured luncheon speaker.

Following lunch, the assembly will depart for the Johnny Fields Ranch and the

remainder of the program.

The afternoon speakers and topics are:

- * "Harvest Strategies and Spike Deer," - Cathey.
- * "Managing Deer Habitat and Plant Identification," Steve Nelle, Natural Resources Conservation Service, San Angelo,
- * "Predators and Deer," - Rollins,
- * "Livestock and Deer," - Dr. Butch Taylor, Sonora Experimental Station superintendent,
- * "Future of Hunting," - Mary Humphries, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Sonora.

Appointment is set for 3:45 p.m.

Individual registration is \$10 and is due by February 25. Registration after February 25 and at the door will be \$15.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

For more information, contact Miles Dabovich at (325) 392-2721.

Local supermarket has new name

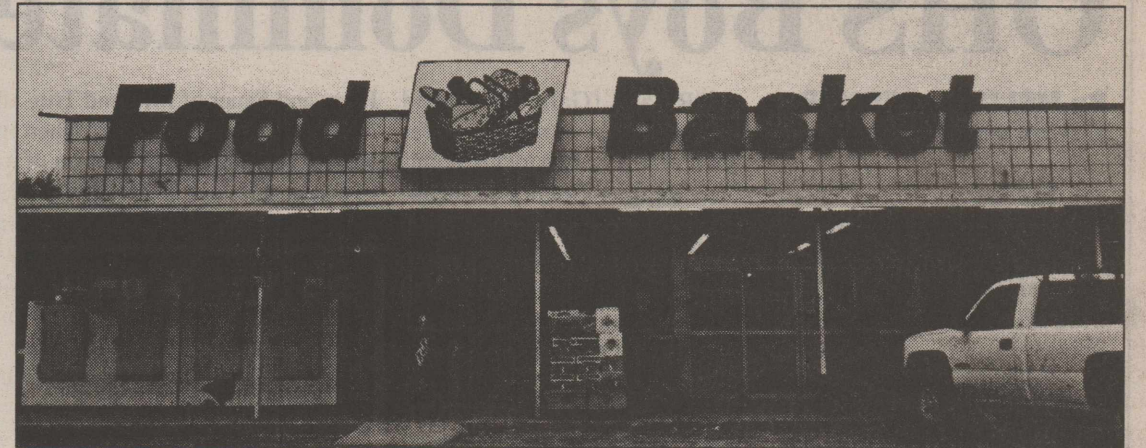


Photo by Melissa Perner

NEW NAME: T&T Village Supermarket is now Food Basket. Food Basket IGA, headquartered in San Angelo, is currently completing a minor remodeling and name change to the Ozona store. The Ozona store is the first of the now eight store chain owned and operated by Ray and Letecia Schalek of San Angelo. The remodel allowed the store to add around 1,000 new items to the assortment, a new interior paint job, the addition of a customer service center for Western Union Money Transfers, money orders, lottery sales, check cashing, photocopies and faxing services. It also allowed the store to add an express checkout lane. "The renaming of the Ozona store to Food Basket will allow the Ozona store to enjoy additional advantages of better pricing and advertised items on group buys of the larger Food Basket group," according to officials at Food Basket IGA.

Levis and Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Feb. 15, we had a lesson at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Club dancers Leroy and Carol Adcock, Otis Nester, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis worked mainstream and plus moves with student Steve Usener.

Our next lesson was Monday at the Senior Center.

Our next dance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center featuring caller Ed Hart from San Angelo.

There will be lots of food and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome. Keep it square and happy dancing!

Helping Hands News

The Helping Hands Board was very pleased with the Valentine Dinner Dance. The attendance was outstanding with most staying for the dance.

People came from San Angelo, Sonora, Barnhart and Big Lake to join a large group from Ozona.

An abundance of canned goods was collected from those attending.

We were sorry Willena didn't get to come play, but our friends H.F. Richie and Richard Warriner from Big Lake came to play with Jamie Knox, Benny Logan, Sandy Stokes and Don Kilgore. Thanks guys for the outstanding music.

Door prizes were given to Raul De La Rosa, Bernice Cota, Bobby Glass, Colene Kilgore, Jeanne Warniner and Anita Alvarez.

Myra and Otis Nester won the dance contest prize, a hugh German Chocolate Cake donated by Bertha Landin.

A big thank you goes to all the people that continue to support Helping Hands, Meals on Wheels, after all these years.

Plans are already in the works for another big night of dancing and other fund-raisers.

Donations are always needed and appreciated. Call 392-5026 or mail to Helping Hands, P.O. Box 944, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Sheriff Fenton visits with state representatives, senators

Crockett County Sheriff Shane Fenton was one of more than 150 sheriffs and other law enforcement officers from around the state to visit the 79th State Legislature on Feb. 17.

The sheriffs traveled from near and far in an effort to express their interest in what legislative actions are taken, show their support of lawmakers and exhibit a strong unity among the sheriffs of Texas.

The legislative committee and the staff of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas coordinated this special event to facilitate the sheriffs' involvement in the legislative process. Resolutions were passed in both the house and senate recognizing the sheriffs and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Fenton, who is an officer in the association, spent the remainder of the day meeting with senators and representatives from our area to discuss pending legislation and provide input on bills that affect the citizens of Crockett County and law enforcement.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

The legislative committee is appointed by the president of the association and is composed of sheriffs from around the state.

For association information, call (512) 445-5888 or visit www.txsheriffs.org.

Bonilla holds meeting with secretary of agriculture

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Shortly after President George W. Bush presented his budget to the Congress, U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, held a one-on-one meeting with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns.

The two met in Chairman Bonilla's Washington, D.C. office and discussed how the budget would affect farmers and ranchers throughout the 23rd district, the state of Texas and the nation.

"This was a productive meeting. I always appreciate having the agriculture secretary visit me on Capitol Hill," Bonilla said. "Secretary Johanns and I share several goals, most importantly how to keep the agriculture industry strong and productive."

At the meeting, Chairman Bonilla and Secretary Johanns discussed the president's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. The two

specifically discussed the Women Infants and Children and Food Stamp programs, which are nutrition assistance programs; the importance of the Farm Service Agency in Bonilla's district; border inspections and the USDA's role in food security.

"I look forward to another successful year overseeing the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. With the Secretary's assistance, our agriculture industry will remain strong. Our food supply will remain safe. And our nation will continue to be prosperous and prepared," Bonilla said.

The two met again later in the week when the Secretary testified before Chairman Bonilla's Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Bonilla openly addressed cuts in the fiscal year 2006 USDA Budget.

Specifically, Bonilla questioned Farm Service Agency

Bonilla announces 'Academy Day' orientation for March 6

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, is proud to announce an "Academy Day" orientation for all high school students interested in educational opportunities available through the U.S. Service Academies.

The seminar will be held from 2-4 p.m. March 6 at the United Services Automobile Association Building Auditorium at 9800 Fredericksburg Road in San Antonio.

"Academy Days provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn about the many options available through our armed services," Bonilla said. "We are always proud of the students we meet and nominate to the military academies through these events."

Students and parents will meet with Bonilla's Academy Liaison who will assist them through the nomination process.

Students and parents need to bring a photo identification card to be admitted to the event.

The service academies that will be represented are the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will also be represented.

Interested students, who are unable to attend the event, may visit Bonilla's Web site at www.house.gov/bonilla or call (210) 697-9055 for more information regarding the nomination process.

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Card of Thanks
For all your expressions of sympathy and kindness, I thank you so very much. I know that my brother, his family and I were in many of your prayers recently and we deeply appreciate your caring and concern for us. To those who traveled to Abilene to be with us, your presence was the encouragement that helped us through those days. We cannot adequately express our gratitude but please know that every act of kindness is greatly appreciated. I do not know how people get through difficult times like this without people like you.
Jan Robertson and the Family of Leon Mayo

Clowning entertainment to talk about life through humor

Reservations are being taken for March 8 Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

"Great Expectations" is the theme for this year's Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet to be filled with entertainment and tons of fun.

Plans are well underway and the Chamber is already taking reservations for the banquet to be held March 8 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Doors open and the festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a welcome reception.

Chamber Ambassadors and members of the National Honor Society will greet guests.

The program will begin with the posting of the colors by Boy Scout Troop #153 who will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation and dinner around 6:30 p.m.

"We have such a great program planned this year that I don't know what part of it you could say will be more enjoyable. The dinner entertainment (singing group "The Plaids") has been described to me as 'awesome', the award receipts are always so deserving and it's great seeing these folks recognized, and I have a feeling following our speaker (Piccolo the Clown), this is one evening that we will all walk away from feeling refreshed," said Shanon Biggerstaff, Chamber Executive Director.

Following dinner, the Chamber will recognize its outgoing and incoming directors, and review the 2004 accomplishments and give guests a look



Kathy Keaton, aka "Piccolo" the Clown.

ahead at the challenges for 2005.

The Chamber will present six awards honoring individuals and organizations that have contributed to the community.

The Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District will also present their Conservation Award.

The evening will end on a very lively note featuring Kathy Keaton, aka "Piccolo" the Clown." Piccolo will share with guests how to deal with the many changes and challenges in life we face as well as our attitudes through Humor and Laughter.

"A spoonful of laughter-just what the doctor ordered" is the message Kathy has shared with many audiences, leaving smiles and a little something extra to think about.

Banquet tickets for individual open seating are \$15 each. Reserved tables of six are \$90.

All reservations must be made by March 4.

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OHS Boys Dominate Forsan Invitational

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona High School boys' tennis team blew away all competition at the Forsan Invitational Tennis Tournament held this past weekend in Forsan.

Roland Galindo captured the singles crown and Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino won the doubles title over teammates Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez.

"This tournament was another huge step along the road to where we want to be going. Our team is playing some great tennis right now and I am looking forward to the next couple of weeks with joy and enthusiasm," said Coach Rick Bachman.

Galindo won his first match 8-0 over Kieplinski of Reagan County, and then he then defeated Gammons of Grape Creek 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Galindo then defeated Leonel Carrillo of Reagan County 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the championship where he beat Gomez of Grape Creek 6-2, 6-3.

"Roland (Galindo) played some of the best tennis I have ever seen him play and he totally dominated Reagan County's Carrillo who was third in our Region last year," Bachman said.

David Ray Casarez also played well in the singles where he won his first match 8-1 over Denson of Grape Creek and then he beat Chambers of Colorado City 8-1 to advance to the quarter-finals where he lost 6-1, 6-3 to Gomez of Grape Creek.

Both boys' doubles teams played extremely well and breezed through the bracket to the championship round.

Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino won their first match 8-0 over Reyna and Epley of Forsan and then they defeated Grape Creek's duo of Jones and Fisher 8-0 in the next round.

Gillit and Espino then squared off against Ybarra and Hernandez of Reagan County in the quarters and were victorious 6-2, 6-0. They then defeated Paradez and Johnson of Forsan in the semi-finals 6-0, 6-1 to advance to the finals where they defeated teammates Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez 6-4, 6-4 in a hard fought battle.

Bird and Talamantez beat Party and Sauer of Midland Trinity 8-2 in their first round. Then they beat Merket and Putnam of Colorado City 6-1, 6-2 to advance to the semis.

They then faced Ash and Gonzales of Reagan County and beat them 6-0, 6-2 to advance to the finals where they lost to Gillit and Espino to finish as runners-up.

"I was simply elated with the level of play of these two doubles teams. They dismantled their opponents throughout the draw until they faced each other. Their match was well played and extremely close with the difference being just one service break in each set," Bachman said.

The girls also played well as Jenna Henderson finished as the tournament runner-up.

She defeated Farquar of Colorado City 8-6 in her first match and then received a default win over Walker of Forsan to advance to the semi-finals. She then had a very hard fought win over Romero of Reagan County 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Henderson then lost a very close match to Quiroz of Colorado City 6-4, 7-5 in the finals to finish as runner-up.

Hilary Huffman won her first round over Rodgers of Midland Greenwood 8-0 and then she dominated Pyburn of Grape Creek 8-0 to advance to the quarter-finals where she fell to Ridgeway of Reagan County 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Jessica Moore also played very well but drew the tournament champion Quiroz of Colorado City in the first round and lost to her 8-5. Moore then captured the consolation championship as she stormed through the bracket without giving up a game. She beat Waterhouse of Wall 8-0; then she defeated Morris of Wall 8-0; and then she beat Holdampf of Forsan to win the consolation.

Patsy Larson and C.J. Graves played well in the girls' doubles as they beat Campbell and Esquivel of Midland Greenwood 8-0 in their first match before falling to Keisling and Dierschke of Wall in a very close match 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Rebecca Enriquez and Cristy Dominguez also participated in the girls' doubles where they lost to Wilhal and Aguilar of Reagan County 8-1 in the first round; and then they were defeated by McWright and May of Grape Creek 8-3.

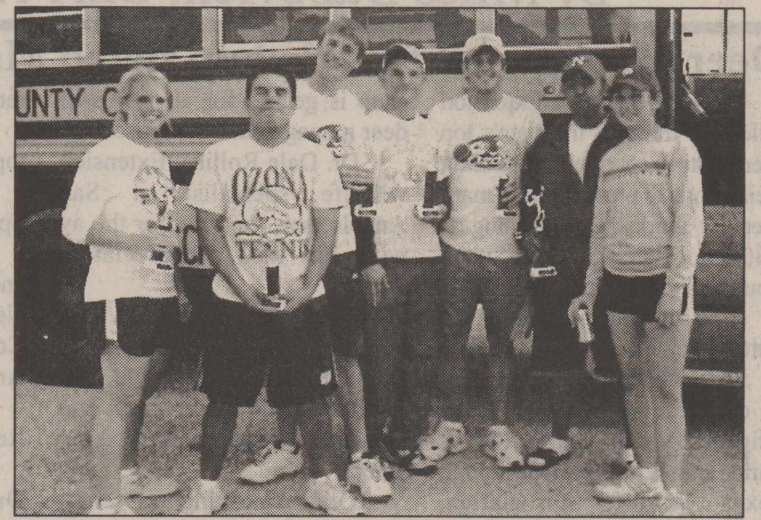


Photo by Jeannine Henderson

THE OHS TENNIS TEAMS represented Ozona well at the Forsan Invitational Tennis Tournament held this past weekend. Placing are: (l. to r.) Jenna Henderson - second in girls' doubles; Ruben Talamantez - second in boys' doubles; Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino - first in boys' doubles; Jared Bird - second in boys' doubles; Roland Galindo - first in boys' singles and Jessica Moore who won the consolation in girls' singles.

Ozona High School is hosting the "Super 8" Tournament Thursday-Saturday at the tennis courts.

The JV will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday and the varsity at 8 a.m. Friday.

"I am really excited for the kids as they will have the opportunity to display their skills to their families and friends. I would like to encourage everyone in Ozona to come out

and watch these kids, as they really are very special tennis players. You don't have to be a big tennis fan to appreciate the long hours and dedication they have put into the game they play so well. I am sincerely honored and grateful that I have the pleasure to be able to work with them on a daily basis," Bachman said.

SOFTBALL: Parents, siblings watching players practice

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"You have your ups and downs," McGinnis said.

For the players, many of them are excited to be playing.

The last time junior Kayla Parks played, she was on a team of all boys in Little League.

"I get to be on a team of all girls," she said. "I wanted to try something new. My mom played softball and she was good."

Freshman Blanca Dominguez said she is enjoying the sport.

"You get to catch the ball, hit

the ball and you have to be on your guard," she said.

Not only are the girls' excited about the new sport, but every practice has a following of parents eager to watch. Along with the parents are also little sisters watching big sisters.

Sixth-grader Kodi Glosson watches her sister, freshman Morgan Glosson.

"We get to show the other girls that we can do it too," said Morgan Glosson. "This is a girls' sport and

I knew I could play it."

"Everybody gets a turn out here," added freshman Vicky Treto.

As their season begins, the players are keeping expectations high but also realistic.

"I expect to go out and by the end of the year to be competitive and that the girls have improved," McGinnis said. "We're already seeing big improvements."

McGinnis said new programs often take three to four years to really become competitive. With this new program starting at the high school, she said that she hopes a summer league program will begin as well.

"The summer league program is the key," she said.

The OHS Softball Team will compete in the Crane Tournament Friday and Saturday in Kermit, and then will take the home field for the first time at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Crane.

Youth Baseball Meeting

on
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Photo by Joe Hernandez

ANNA HERNANDEZ throws the ball at a recent practice of the Ozona Lady Lions softball team. The Ladies first home game will be held on Tuesday, March 1. The JV game begins at 4:00 p.m.

OHS "Super 8" Tennis Tournament

Feb. 24 - 26
OHS Tennis Courts

JV begins @ 8:00 a.m. on Thursday
Varsity begins @ 8:00 a.m. on Friday

Ozona Lions finish basketball season with overtime loss to Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions lost to the Reagan County Owls, 46-56, in overtime on Feb. 15.

"An interesting alignment occurred going into this game. Big Lake and Wall had the same district record. Each had to win to give them the opportunity to become the district champions. Wall was hosting Mason who had to win in order to take the third place position for the playoffs and in doing so would knock Sonora out of contention. As far as Ozona was concerned, we wanted to play well and of course wanted to defeat Big Lake," said Coach Lynn Searcy. "The Owls led by one at the end of the first period, and at half we were tied 20-20. Big Lake led at the end of the third period by one. With a little over a minute remaining in regulation, the Owls lead by two points. We had possession of the ball and our guards went into a stall. Our plan was to score at the end of the period and take them into overtime. Coach Campbell of Big Lake thought we were planning to shoot a three for the win. Nick (Perez), Levi (Vargas) and Justin (Galan) did a great job controlling the ball. At the opportune time, Nick (Perez) drove for the score and fed Matt (McGuire) for the score sending us into over-time. Big Lake did a great job in the overtime for the

win. Congratulations from all of us to Big Lake, the district champions, Wall in second place and Mason in third."

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 10; Justin Galan 7; Nick Perez 2; Levi Vargas 10 and Matt McGuire 17. Three-point goals - Trey Collis 1.

Other individual statistics: Trey Collis 5 rebounds and 2 steals; Galan 3 assists, 4 rebounds and 1 steal; 4 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals; 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Drew Clayton 1 assist and 3 rebounds and McGuire 2 assists, 10 rebounds and 2 steals.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 9 14 11 1 - 46; Reagan County - 12 8 15 10 11 - 56. The Lions are 11-16 overall and 4-10 in district play.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped during this season. First, to the boys that worked so hard this season. These guys worked before school and after school to get better. Our sophomores and juniors matured a lot from last year and did a great job. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the books and clock not only for the high school, but the junior high games as well. Our local officials did a great job in all of our games on the sub-varsity level. We would like to again thank everyone that helped with the Ozona Tournament," Searcy said. "Coach Benny Granger and Benji Unger

did a great job with our younger players in junior high and Coach David Delgado did a great job with our JV Gold team. A special thanks to Coach Lenny Morrow and all his help with the JV and his assistance with the varsity, and of course our appreciation to Coach Jeff Streun and his help coordinating the entire program. This team has a great future. Five of these guys are juniors and three are sophomores. They are dedicated to the game and will certainly do well next season."

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 2-15-05 to 2-21-05

2-15-05
 • Deputy met with complainant and school official at the high school about a male student that was harassing a female student. Deputy issued warning to subject to stay away from female subject.
 • Deputy met with complainant at the 1500 block of Piedra Street about a civil matter.
 • Report of a suspicious vehicle at the rodeo park arena. Deputy located the vehicle and checked it out.
 • Deputy met with complainant at local motel at the 1300 block of Ave A about a matter concerning room maintenance.
2-16-05
 • 911 call about a major motor vehicle accident at mile marker 368 on I-10. Deputy assisted DPS and EMS unit, also fire department and DPS responded.
 • Report of a suspicious subject at local bank at the 500 block of 11th St. Deputy located the subject and

after running wanted checks on subject, everything okay.
 • Report of a suspicious subject in the area of the 200 block of Live Oak and Mesquite streets. Deputies were unable to locate subject or suspicious vehicle in the area.
 • Deputy met with citizen at the 500 block of Avenue H that was requesting assistance with disabled subject.
 • Report of a tractor trailer that was being a traffic hazard at the 1100 block of Avenue E. Deputy spoke with the driver to move the vehicle.
2-17-05
 • Report of suspicious subject at senior building. Deputy advised subject was waiting on some money. Subject was put up for the night.
2-18-05
 • Report of a reckless driver on Bold Ruler. Deputy found vehicle parked at residence.
 • Loose livestock report on State Highway 163. Dispatcher contacted landowner.
 • Report of subjects entering home on Avenue E without permission.

Deputy checked residence and notified subjects it was a civil matter.
 • Deputy met with subject about lost cell phone. Deputy made report.
 • Report of juveniles drinking at town square. Deputy issued citation.
 • Report of stranded motorist needing wrecker service. Dispatch contacted wrecker.
2-19-05
 • Report of vehicle traveling in wrong lane on I-10 headed east. Dispatch contacted DPS and Sutton County.
 • Report of loose livestock on State Highway 137 north. Dispatch contacted landowner.
 • Report of a loud party on Ramos St. Deputy had music turned down.
 • Report of loose livestock on State Highway 137 north. Dispatch made contact with landowner.
 • Report of gas theft from 1000 block Sheffield Road. Deputy canceled when subject returned to pay.
 • Deputy met with subject at Sheriff's Office and made offense report.
 • Deputy met with subject a second time at sheriff's office and made offense report.
2-20-05
 • Report of loud vehicles on Peach St. Deputy met with subjects at residence.
 • Deputy met with subject on 300 Block Ave J about threatening calls.
 • Deputy met with subject about incident on Peach St. night before.
 • Subject reported strong gas odor in residence on Yucca Lane. Dispatch contacted Nat Gas.

2-21-05
 • Report of loose livestock at State Highway 290 and County Road 406. Dispatcher attempted to make contact with landowner, left message.
 • Deputy met with subject at the sheriff's office to provide statement on an incident.
 • Report of a suspicious subject at the intersection of Monterey and Santa Rosa streets. Deputy reported that it was a local subject and everything was okay.
 • 911 call in about a female subject walking west bound at the 372 mile marker on I-10.

ARREST REPORTS

2-15-05
 • Albert Reyes Flores, 26, of Ozona surrendered into custody and was arrested by sheriff's deputy at the sheriff's office to serve six months for violation of probation.
2-16-05
 • Ernestina Maskill Caldera, 48, of Ozona was arrested by DPS Trooper on an out of county warrant from McCulloch County for theft by check. Subject was released after posting bond.
2-20-05
 • Eric Owens, 22, of Mesa, Ariz. was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of carrying an unlawful weapon. Subject was released after DPS dismissed the charge.

OFFENSE REPORTS

2-19-05
 • Sheriff's deputy filed an aggravated assault threat report: Deputy took statement from subject about another subject that had assaulted her with a weapon, investigation continues.
 • Sheriff's deputy filed a burglary of habitation report: Deputy took statement from subject about a person or persons that had broken into a residence. Also deputy gathered evidence and took photographs investigation continues.
 • Sheriff's deputy filed a terrorist threat report on subject that threatened bodily harm to another person. Case remains under investigation, which could be related to aggravated assault and burglary reports.

House speaker supports 'indexed' increase in gas tax



AUSTIN - Until recently, the likelihood that most legislature-watchers would bank on the prospect of an increase in the state gasoline tax ranked

right up there with the possibility of pigs learning to fly.

The gas tax has been 20 cents a gallon since 1991. But on Feb. 15, House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, endorsed a plan that, through what is called "indexing," would raise the gasoline tax without calling it a tax increase.

Since inflation has reduced the value of the 20-cent tax to slightly less than 15 cents, under the plan being discussed the tax would be indexed to grow with inflation. (At 3 percent inflation, that would amount to a penny a year.)

But those pennies add up. A one-cent increase in the tax via indexing would raise some \$100 million annually. Roughly three-fourths of that money would go to the Highway Fund, with the other 25 percent going to education.

No bill has been introduced yet, but with Craddick's support it's considered likely to hit the hopper.

Not today for Tomorrow Fund...
 With per-semester costs up an average 23 percent since the Legislature gave state-operated institutions of higher learning the authority to set their own tuition, the Texas Tomorrow Fund will stay closed to new enrollment for another year, the Comptroller's office announced.

Started on Jan. 1, 1996 by the Legislature, the Texas Tomorrow program enables Texans to guarantee their child's college education by buying a prepaid contract. The fund was closed to new enrollment in 2003, though the state continues to guarantee the

tuition for those children already covered by the plan.

One race down...
 Gov. Rick Perry still faces a contentious Republican primary next year, but he has one tough race behind him.

The 54-year-old ran in a marathon in Austin on Feb. 13, finishing the 26.2-mile race in four hours, six minutes and 54 seconds. Mikhail Khobotov, a Russian, came in first with a time of 2:12:38.

Ride 'em, Dewhurst...
 Many people living outside Texas think all Texans wear cowboy hats and ride horses. Well, in the case of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, they're right, at least when he's not presiding over the Senate.

The lieutenant governor, wearing a black cowboy hat, competed in the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals in Amarillo on Feb. 16.

He came out 23rd in the novice category, but fell to 33rd out of 50 the next day, which eliminated him from further competition in this year's finals.

Tired tires...
 Every year for the last six years, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Department of Transportation have issued a joint report that never gets much attention, but offers some amazing numbers.

Texas faces no shortage of challenges, including what to do with the millions of scrap tires it produces yearly. Each year, Texans discard an estimated 24 million worn out tires, more than one tire per resident.

Used to be, old tires ended up in rat-infested, mosquito-breeding heaps. Scrap tires continue to accumulate, but this year's report says progress is being made in tire recycling by using them for everything from pavement to fuel.

Even so, the report estimates Texas still has 43.4 million old tires lying around.

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#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.25-1.35
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.15-1.25
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.00-1.10
Fat ewes	55-56
Thin ewes	45-55
Bucks	30-50
Baby tooth ewes	no test
Solid mouth ewes	65-85
Ewe & lamb pairs	55-65/hd
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	70-1.00
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	70-85
Stocker Angora muttons	65-75
Angora kids	1.25-1.40
Angora kids-shorn	1.20-1.30
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	65-75
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	65-75
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) muttons	no test
Stocker Spanish nannies	80-1.00
Fat Spanish nannies	70-85
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies	70-85
Fat yearlings	1.15-1.25
Fat Spanish kids	1.32-1.42
Small kids	1.15-1.30
Thin kids	1.20-1.25
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	40-45 hd

Next goat sale - Feb. 28, 2005

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Employment

HELP WANTED: Lilly Construction Inc. now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person-603 Ave. H. tfc12

KEY ENERGY SERVICES is accepting applications for drivers. Call 392-5553. tfc1

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HELP WANTED AT CAVERNS OF SONORA: full-time and part-time (holidays and weekends), responsible students welcome. Apply in person. For information, call 387-3105. tfc44

POLICE OFFICER: The City of San Angelo is accepting applications for the position of Police Recruit. Test date 04/30/05 For Application call 325-657-4331 Equal Opportunity Employer. 8c01

TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED: (Transport/Vacuum/Kill) truck drivers needed. Must have class A CDL with Tank and HAZMAT endorsements. Also must be OK with night and weekend work. Oilfield experience preferred, but not required. Pool Company will provide qualified applicants: Competitive wages, employee training, medical and dental benefits, company 401(k) plan, and paid vacation. Apply at Pool Office located on Hwy. 163 N Ozona, TX. 4c01

NEEDING EXPERIENCED ROUSTABOUT gang pushers, hands and backhoe operators for local area. For further information, contact Greg at (325) 450-1939. 2c04

RANCH MANAGEMENT POSITION WANTED: W.T. Mayfield is seeking ranch management position in Crockett, Sutton, Val Verde or Edwards counties. Call Juno Ranch at (432) 292-4819 or cell (210) 414-5113. 4c04

LOOKING FOR A RESPONSIBLE ADULT to pick up my child from school and baby-sit from 3-5 p.m. Please call Tonya at 392-2504. 1c04

Garage Sales

YARD SALE Saturday, Feb. 26 starting at 9 a.m. Iglesia, Apostolica at the corner of Santa Rosa and Laredo streets. 1p04 All the GOOD garage sales in town are listed above. Cut out this ad and save for your convenience while you shop.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 258, the Crockett County Commissioners' Court intends to adopt an official county road map that includes every road in which the county has claimed public interest.

The purpose of this action is to clarify the public verses private status of the existing rural road network. After adoption, the official county road map will serve as conclusive evidence of the public's right of access over roads shown on the map and of the county's authority to spend public money to maintain the roads included on the map.

The Crockett County Comsioners' Court will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 14, 2005, 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom located in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex at which time a citizen has the right to protest the county's claim of public interest in a road included on the map. A person may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting.

The proposed offically county map will be available for viewing thirty days prior to the public meeting during regular business hours at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex in the office of the Tax Assessor-Collector. 4c03

LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on April 2, 2005. You have until September 29, 2005, to redeem any tickets for these games: #449 12TH ANNIVERSARY MILLION (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 2.78, #476 SAPPHIRE BLUE 7'S (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.73, #493 TRIPLE TRIPLER (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.66, #494 CASH CRAZE (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.69, #498 SPICY 8'S (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.69, #503 MONEY MAKER (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.76, #505 TEXAS RINGER (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.54, #508 JOKER'S WILD (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.86, #510 \$100,000 PAYOUT (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.39. 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. 1c04

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

To Unknown Father, Respondent and to all whom it may concern: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Jose Albert Dominguez and Rosa Siller Dominguez, Petitioners, was filed in the 112th Judicial District Court of Crockett County, Texas, on 9-25-2003 against Aracely Stiller Avila and Unknown Father, Respondents, numbered 03-09-06617-CV and entitled "In the Interest of Jorge David Siller Avila, a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: Jorge David Siller Avila February 24, 1988 Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico. The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court of Ozona, Texas, on February 18, 2005. Debbie Puckett, Clerk of the District Court of Crockett County, Texas. 1c04

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Miscellaneous

\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Shane Fenton. Callers names will remain anonymous. tfc16

Lease Wanted

WANTED: Long-term grass lease in the Big Lake, Barnhart, Merzon and Ozona area. Contact Johnny Ferguson, J&J Cattle Co. 325-885-2017 or 325-450-2087. tfc43

THANK YOU NOTES available at the Ozona Stockman

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DOG GROOMING: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, every week from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Call Carol at 325-392-3415 or 325-226-2226 and leave a message. tfc49

MISSING FROM CROCKETT HEIGHTS... Small long haired dog...color is red/brown (goes by the name "Ami") Was possibly found by someone on the service road (old 290) If you found her, please contact Susan Bilano at: Days 392-3788; Evening 392-3471 Reward Offered. 1p04

LOST TWO DOGS: white lab and red miniature Doberman. Names are "Girl" and "Taco Bell." Offering reward, please return. Call 392-3457 or 392-5214. 2p03

DOGS FOR SALE: 15-month-old male blue tick hound and 15-month-old female boxer. Call 392-3415. 1p04

LOST FROM MY HOME NEAR FIERRO SHELL: 2 small black female dogs with yellow eyes - one has small white patch on the back of her neck and a white stripe on tail. Beloved family pets. Call 392-3332. 1p04

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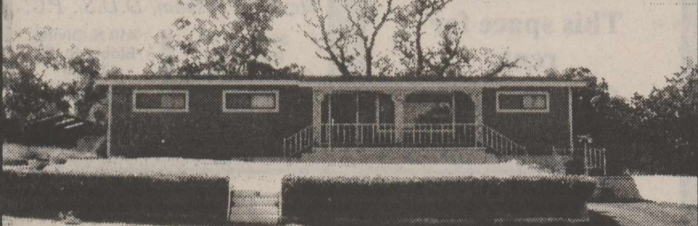
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Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 6125-08-001 for UPGRADE AND ADDING SAFETY END TREATMENT/CULVERTS IN CROCKETT County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$451,461.75.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 15751

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 325-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 2c04

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.

Field Name	Lease Name	RR#	Description
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 24 #1	062349	Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 24 #2	151758	Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 24#B5L 1983 13		Section 24
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 25 #2	157199	Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 25 #5		New Well Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 25 #6		New Well Section 25
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 26 #4		New Well Section 26
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 26 #5		New Well Section 26
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 26 #6		New Well Section 26
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 26 #7		New Well Section 26
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 27 #6	195379	Section 27
Hunt-Baggett (Strawn, North)	Ruby Helbing 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. 4c04

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HOUSE FOR RENT: Nice 4 BR, 2 BA house for rent at 1112 11th St. Call 392-3041 for an appointment. Available 3/1/04.tfc04

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FOR SALE: '95 Ford one-ton pickup, four-door, automatic transmission and air conditioning, \$2,500. Call (325) 650-5086. tfc02

FOR SALE: 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS V6, auto, power windows and locks - 18,911 miles - take over payments. Call Hunter at 650-6458 or after 5 p.m. 392-4201. 4p04

FOR SALE: Bruno Motorized Chair & Lift. SERIOUS INQUIRES ONLY. (325) 392-5120 leave message. 4p02

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FOR SALE: 2002 Olds Alero, leather, premium sound, wheels and tires. Still under warranty. Call 392-3956. 1p04

Land Wanted

LAND WANTED: 350-400 acres south or west of Ozona. CASH deal. Please call, I am very interested. Call 325-392-2382 tfc04

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