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| Date     | Hi | Lo | Rain |
|----------|----|----|------|
| April 04 | 88 | 61 | -0-  |
| April 05 | 75 | 52 | -0-  |
| April 06 | 73 | 45 | -0-  |
| April 07 | 79 | 34 | -0-  |
| April 08 | 88 | 55 | -0-  |
| April 09 | 81 | 64 | -0-  |
| April 10 | 75 | 54 | -0-  |

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

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### EXTENDED FORECAST

| Wednesday | Thursday |
|-----------|----------|
| Hi 83     | Hi 78    |
| Lo 51     | Lo 53    |
| Sunny     | Sunny    |

| Friday | Saturday |
|--------|----------|
| Hi 75  | Hi 71    |
| Lo 54  | Lo 54    |

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## Early morning fire results in death of two children

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

A tragic fire resulted in the deaths of two children and the destruction of two houses Monday morning in the south part of Ozona.

Felipe Jesus Ramirez Villarreal, known as Phillip, 10 and his sister, Belia Gracila Villarreal Cardenas, 6, were pronounced dead at the scene around 2:15 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne.

**Belia Cardenas and Felipe Villarreal tragically lost their lives in a house fire. An account has been set up in their names to help with funeral costs and other expenses incurred by the fire.**

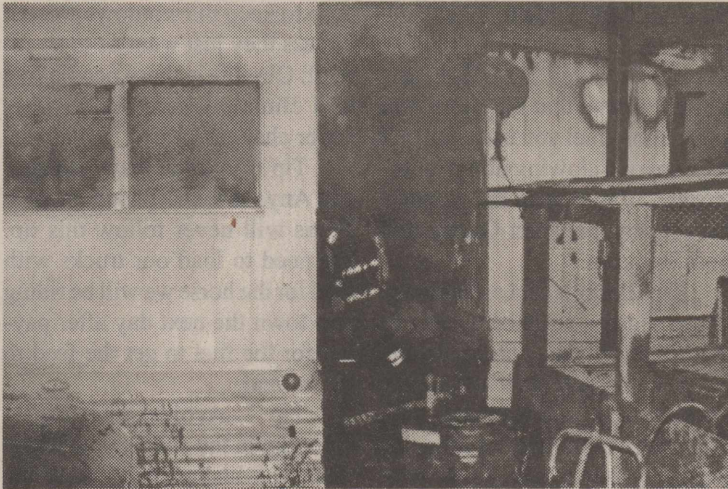
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Around 12:22 a.m., the Crockett County Sheriff's Department received a phone call reporting a possible disturbance at 1801 Willow St., according to Fire Marshal Steve Kenley.

A few minutes later, a 9-1-1 call was made from a neighbor's house where the caller reported a woman screaming and lots of smoke, Kenley said.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department arrived on scene around 12:30 a.m., Kenley said.

The fire started in the back part of the trailer house where the two children were asleep and then spread to another house right be-



Submitted photo and photo by Joe Hernandez  
**TOP: OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER GIL KOMECHAK** fights the fire between the two mobilehomes Monday on Willow Street. **BELOW:** The remains of the mobile home after the firefighters cleared the scene.

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side it, Kenley said. The biggest part of the fire was quickly knocked down.

Several rescue attempts, by a neighbor, sheriff's deputies and fire fighters were made to try

and save the two children, Kenley said.

The mother, Sylvia Villarreal Cardenas was transported by Crockett County EMS and then by  
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## FOUR-TIME GOLD MEDALISTS

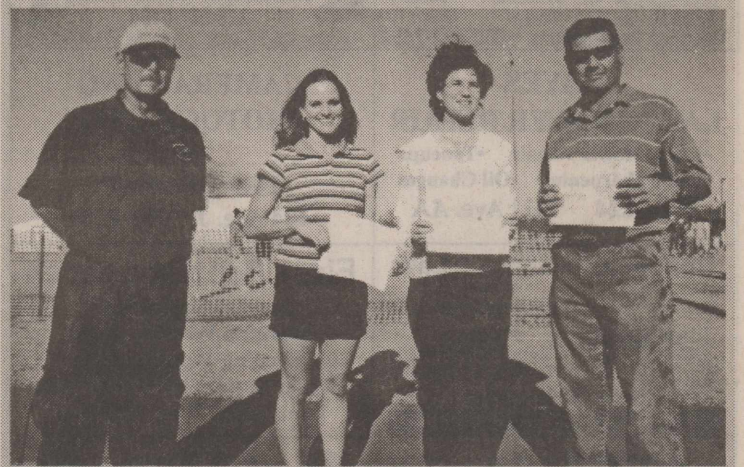


Photo by Melissa Perner

**THREE FORMER OZONA ATHLETES** were honored at the April 8 Ozona Relays for winning four gold medals each in a single district meet. The honorees, here with Ozona High School Track Coach Tom Duncan (left) are: (left to right) Tamel Tumlinson, who now lives in Austin, from the 1990 meet; Lorie Karnes King, of Dallas and daughter of the late Phillip Karnes who won at the 1962 meet and Freddy Garza, of Ozona, who won at the 1980 meet.

## HIP TO BE SQUARE



Photos by Melissa Perner

**TOP: LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS** (left to right) Jim Couch, Tina Jarvis, Dale Bebee and Renee Padier twirl and circle during the club's 19th annual Anniversary Dance on April 9 at the Crockett County Civic Center. The two-day event had more than 100 dancers from all over the state attend, including several state and area square dance officers.

**LEFT: STASSI FULLER** (left) shares a laugh with her grandmother Carol Adcock as they take a turn on the dance floor during the Levis and Lace Anniversary Dance on April 9 at the Civic Center. Fuller performed the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies of the dance.

### Dancers from across the state swing and twirl at two-day event

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

squares dancing on the floor of the Civic Center.

Dancing for Daris and Norman Horn is often a daily event.

The couple travels three to four times week attending square dances across the state as part of the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers.

This past weekend, the Horns, who are first vice presidents in the federation, landed in Ozona for the 19th annual Levis and Lace Anniversary Dance.

Other federation officers attending with the Horns, who are originally from Huntsville, included President Ed Ewbank of Midland; Second Vice Presidents Wayne and Linda Spiller of Victoria; Treasurers Cal and Joyce Waterbury of Copperas Cove; Historians Jerry and Juanita Michales of Odessa; Photographer South Tim and Helen Sadler of Hallettsville and Social Secretary Ann Doty of Trophy Club.

The TSFSRD is separated into 16 districts across the state and each of the officers try to represent various parts of the state, said Daris Horn.

"We try to get across to as many dances in the state," she said. Along with the state officers, the Concho Squares from San Angelo brought their new officers as well which are Tom Harrison, first vice president; Debbie Parker, second vice president and Ernie and Sally Wolfe, secretary.

The two-day dance event featured six groups from across Texas. At times, there were 10

The Saturday afternoon workshop had six squares to learned the plus steps.

Callers Bill Pritchard of Eagle Pass and Roy Lombard of Del Rio led dancers around the floor.

Opening ceremonies for Saturday night's dance included the posting of the colors by the American Legion and the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by Stassi Fuller.

The group was welcomed to Ozona by Crockett County Museum Director and Citizen of the Year Patsy White.

Members from the Levis and Lace club of Ozona attending were: Otis and Myra Nester, JoAnn Babbitt, Leroy and Carol Adeock, Tina Jarvis, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Mildred Couch, Jim Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Dale and Sandy Bebee and Rita Rios.

The group would like to thank The Ozona Stockman staff of Melissa and Paul Perner, Susan Calloway and Joe Hernandez, KHOS, Circle Bar Cable, KMID TV, Devi's River News, all the members of the Levis and Lace Square Dance club for working so hard getting ready for this festival, David Turicchi for baking the peach and apricot cobbler and helping to sell tickets for the Honey Pot, Buster Miller, one of the biggest supporters, for coming to watch and the TSFSRD for attending and holding their state meeting during the event.

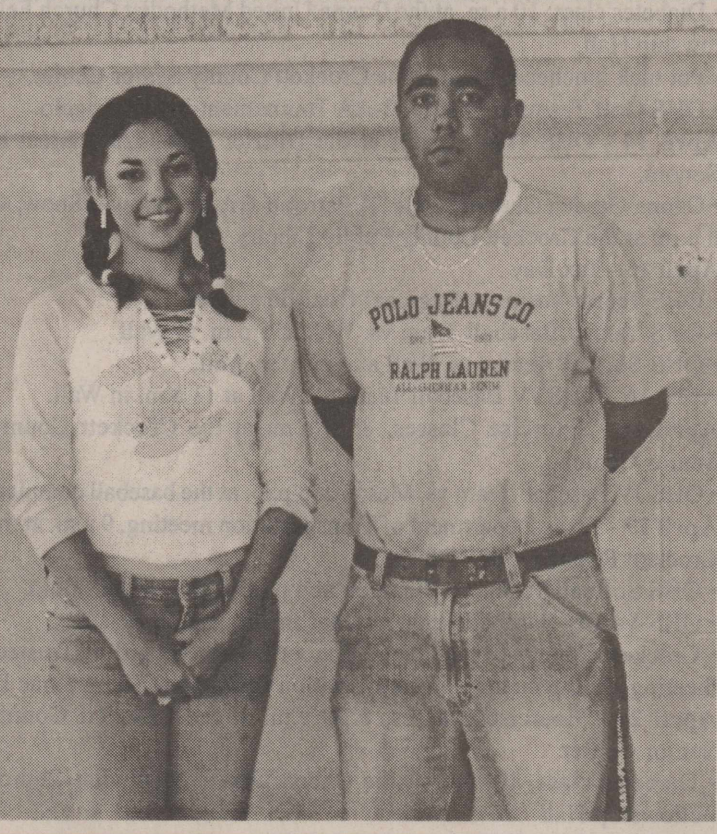
## REGIONAL QUALIFIERS



Photos by Joe Hernandez

**TOP: UIL ACADEMIC REGIONAL QUALIFIERS** back row (left to right) Amber Batura, Derek Fierro, Jenna Henderson and Jared Bird. Second row (left to right) Park Preddy, Hilary Huffman, Britney Ramos, Eric Fierro, Paarth Raj and Puja Bhakta. Not pictured are Stephen Lara and Victoria Miller. For academic meet results, see page 9.

**LEFT: VARSITY TENNIS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS** (left to right) Jessica Moore and Roland Galindo. Moore won the District 2-AA girls' singles division and Galindo finished as runner-up in the boys' singles at district. The two will play in the regional tournament this weekend in Abilene. For tennis results, see page 6.





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## What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

### Time to bring back the horse and buggy

As gasoline prices continued to climb this past week, I decided to look up some helpful tips to see how to try and save a couple of bucks at the fuel pumps.

Some of the tips, however, were not conducive to West Texas living.

**Tip 1: Avoid High Speeds** - while it is true that the faster you go the more fuel you use, I haven't seen anyone slowing down on Interstate-10 to take in the wonderful scenery between Ozona and Fort Stockton.

**Tip 2: Do Not Accelerate or Brake Hard** - another useful tip that states if you anticipate the traffic and apply slow and steady acceleration and braking, then your fuel economy should increase by 20 percent. These people have obviously never driven in San Angelo where the person pulls out in front of you causing you to brake hard and then makes you so mad you just want to accelerate out of there.

**Tip 3: Keep Tires Properly Inflated** - this tip states tire pressure should be kept at the level recommended for your vehicle. Just one tire under inflated can increase fuel consumption by one percent, the tip said. Naturally, these people live in cities and towns where roads are completely smooth, there are no potholes and they have never driven on the dirt road to my house at the ranch.

**Tip 4: Use A/C Sparingly** - this one I thought was completely nuts. Yes, I understand you want to drive and save gas but when the mercury in Ozona reaches above 95 degrees, I will find

the money for the air conditioner.

**Tip 5: Keep windows closed** - okay, now these people are really crazy. We are not suppose to use the air conditioner when it hits 102 this summer, but we're also suppose to keep the windows closed. I guess they just want us to sweat it off. Obviously these people live in a climate where the weather never changes.

**Tip 6: Avoid Heavy Loads** - Ah! Anyone with a pickup in West Texas will never follow this tip. We need to load our trucks with feed for the horse we will be riding into town the next day after paying for the fuel to get the feed to the animal.

**Tip 7: Avoid Long Idles** - Once again the people who wrote this never had to sit at those long red lights in San Angelo and then accelerate through them because they don't stay green for long.

**Tip 8: Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle** - on this one they suggest choosing a small vehicle with a manual transmission. No problem, I believe most of us have one of these around our house. It has two wheels, a chain, a seat and sometimes a little bell. The United States has been called the most overweight country, maybe this is a good time to dust off our old bicycles and shed a few pounds.

Of course, for those of us who live a little to far for bicycling, we are going to have to bring back the horse and buggy.

It's fuel efficient, has a great transmission and runs at a steady speed.

Just don't get in a hurry to go anywhere.

## 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: D. To help keep the concentrations of dissolved substances inside and outside the cells equal.

**This week's question:**  
There are 4 children in the Carter family. Roger is 1 1/4 times as tall as Charlie. John is 3 inches taller than Roger. Grace is 58 inches tall, and she is 2 inches taller than Charlie. How tall is John in feet and inches?

- A. 5 ft. 3 in.
- B. 5 ft. 10 in.
- C. 6 ft. 1/2 in.
- D. 6 ft. 1 in.

- Look for the answer in the April 20 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 13 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Diabetes class, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OHS Golf Teams at District 2-AA Tournament in San Angelo.
- April 14 - OHS Track Teams at the District 2-AA Track Meet in Sonora.
- Ozona Garden Club presents "A Patriotic Tribute" Flower Show, 4-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.
- April 15 - Tax Day
- OHS Tennis Teams at Regional Qualifiers meet.
- OHS Varsity Baseball Team vs. Wall at 5 p.m. in Wall.
- OHS Softball Teams vs. Wall at 4 p.m. in Wall.
- April 16 - OHS JV Baseball Team vs. Wall at 11 a.m. in Wall.
- April 18 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- OHS JV Baseball Team vs. Mason at 5 p.m. at the baseball complex.
- April 19 - Texas Department of Transportation meeting, 9 a.m. at the Crockett Room at 509 11th St.
- OHS Softball Teams vs. Junction at 4 p.m. at the softball field.
- OHS Varsity Baseball Team vs. Mason at 5 p.m. at Mason.
- Crockett County Consolidated School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.
- April 20 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Diabetes class, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Early voting begins for school board race.



NEWS REEL  
APRIL 10, 1975

First place in district went to Ozona for the One Act Play of "The Crosspatch." Bill Bissett was named Best Actor and Virginia Henderson and Suzanne Williams were named to the All Star Cast.

The Ozona Lions took the championship in the Ozona Re-lays by one point over the second place Alpine Bucks, avenging last year's loss to the Bucks. The Lions had 143 points and Alpine had 142. Miss Sylvia Flores was selected track queen and Clifford Crawford was chosen as girls' track team bean.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Post this week are Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bryan of Houston. Mrs. Bryan is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Post.

NEWS REEL  
APRIL 4, 1946

A record 249 votes were cast in the school board election. Charles E. Davidson Jr. and Charlie Coates, incumbent members, were re-elected and Bill Bissett and Ashby McMullan were added to the board's membership, filling vacancies left by two retiring members.

Hudson (Bud) Mayes, Crockett County rancher and long time resident, this week became a candidate for the office of sheriff, tax-assessor collector in Crockett County.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schulz are here from Chicago for a visit with Mrs. Schulz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Baker.

## It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

### Dead Air

My friend Mark is a leading TV video technician in Hollywood who comes to the ranch occasionally to blow off a little steam and shoot at targets with his black powder muzzle loader.

Every time I visit with him he's curious as to what is happening in my world. During our last visit at his house Mark again asked what was new and I told him how weekly cattle auctions were now being web-cast on the Internet.

He immediately wanted to check it out so we went into his "media room" and we were soon watching an Internet cattle auction on his giant sized TV screen.

Or maybe I should rephrase that. The actual sale hadn't started yet so what we were watching was an empty sale ring full of sawdust with two ring men, half asleep, hanging on to a gate waiting for the sale to start.

"Who are those guys?" asked Mark.

"Those are the stars of the show," I explained. "Because there is only one fixed camera all you see are the ring men and the animals in the ring."

"Compelling," said Mark, staring at the sawdust. "And I love the costumes."

"What costumes?" I asked. "The ring men's mashed hats, droopy drawers, rumpled denim and rubber overshoes. It reeks of realism. Although I would like to see them look at the camera more. I think for auction sales to have more production value the ring men should be replaced with stunt doubles. And I don't see any women. To keep woman libbers off your back and introduce some romance into the show you'd better get a couple female models swinging those gates."

"I doubt if the National Organization for Women are going to picket the sale barn in Bassett, Neb., to get jobs dodging wild cows and flying fecal matter," I said.

"Oops, that's problem right there," said Mark. "Did you see the ring man pop that cow with his plastic paddle? Hollywood is a big PETA town and that would never get that past the FCC. And where are the commercials? We've been watching for 15 min-

utes and I haven't seen a single one? That's dead air right there," said Mark, proving that he might have a career as a cowboy poet should he lose his Hollywood gig.

"No commercials are a problem?" I asked.

"No. It's an opportunity," explained Mark. "That gate the ring man is swinging should have an ad on it. The cows coming in the ring should have subliminal messages on their hides. To become commercially viable these auction shows are going to have to think more like the Home Shopping Network. Each lot should be sponsored by a different advertiser."

"You really think you could charge for that?"

"Have you watched CBS, NBC or ABC lately and seen the junk they're peddling?" asked Mark.

"Do you really think livestock sales have potential as television programming?" I asked.

"Yes I do. What I've seen here beats 95 percent of what you see on TV these days," said Mark. "CBS had better watch out or it might become the Cow Broadcasting System. ABC will stand for Always Broadcasting Cows. These auction shows would be cheap to produce, there are no re-runs or arrogant actors and it's the ultimate in reality TV. I can almost smell the pungent aroma and feel the sawdust in my toes. It could be made even more dramatic by adding shots of the auctioneer and buyers."

## Letters to the Editor

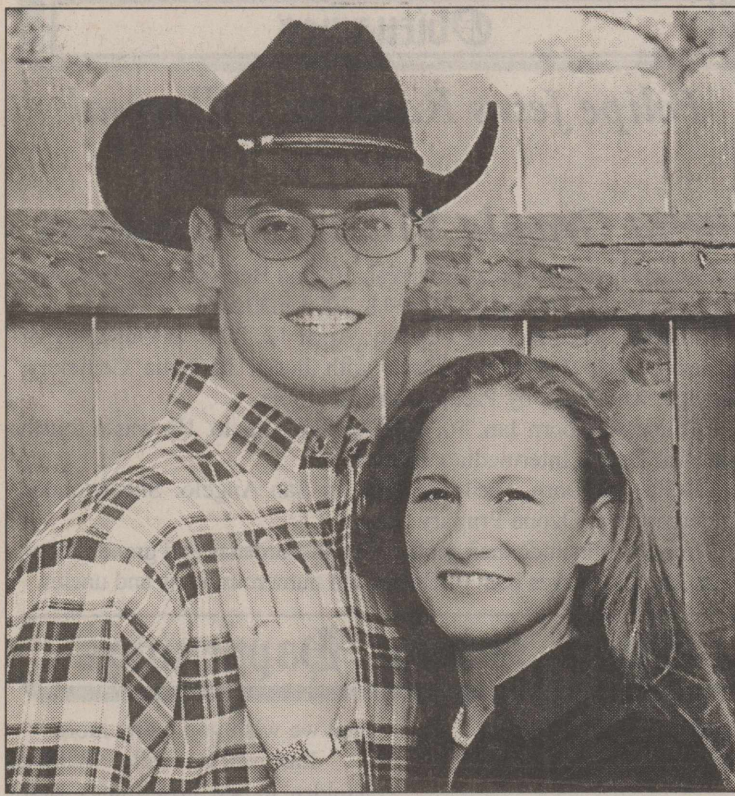
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**Sheppard-Williams to wed**

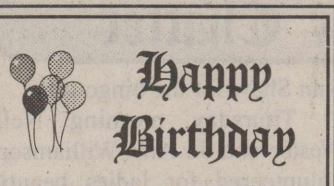
Stacy Sheppard and Tom Ben Williams will exchange vows on July 2, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Buna with Brother Bill Fuller officiating.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Ms. Sara Sheppard and Mr. Randy Sheppard of Buna. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Sheppard of Buna, the late Mrs. Betty Sheppard of Buna, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elvin Lane of Kirbyville.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Buna High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station with a BBA in Marketing. While in college, Stacy was an active member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Wrangler country and western dance team.

Parents of the groom are Larry and Elaine Williams of Ozona. Grandparents are Troy and Estelle Williams of Ozona and the late Gordon Ray and Margarette Graves of Littlefield.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Reagan County High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station with a BS in Agribusiness. While in college, Tom Ben participated in the Corps of Cadets, Parsons Mounted Cavalry and the Aggie Wranglers. He is currently interning under Speaker Tom Craddick of the Texas House of Representatives.



- April 12 - Blanca Castro
  - April 13 - Cecilia Longoria, John Tom Tijerina, Lupe Galvan, Ann Stapper and Melissa Miller
  - April 14 - Fred Deaton, Randy Crawford, Mariano Urbina and Alfonso Ramirez III
  - April 15 - Rosalind Williams, Vance Worthington, Belia Cardenas, Jim White, Paige Tambunga and Jimmy Longoria
  - April 16 - Raul De La Rosa, Ray Garcia, Emmanuel Venegas, Misty Bishop, Libby Martinez, Murphey Black and Zak Shaw
  - April 17 - Henry Cruz, Oscar Valadez, Jackie Moran, Michael A. Jenkins and Richard Gonzales Jr.
  - April 18 - Chris Beckham
  - April 19 - Mysti Michelle Mata, Nat Hernandez Jr., Sarah Vargas and Michell Gonzales
- To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

**Sutton named to President's List**

Staci Deeann Sutton was named to the President's List for the 2004 fall semester at the University of North Texas.

Sutton received a 4.0 grade point average with a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester.

Sutton is the daughter of Roy Glenn and Patricia Sutton of Ozona.

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If approved, WTU Retail Energy will have one fuel factor rate, rather than four seasonal rates for its Price-to-Beat rates.

"Providing our customers with a single fuel factor rate will help level out the seasonal adjustments customers face four times a year, which will provide less fluctuation to their bills throughout the year," said Phil Tonge, president of the WTU Retail Energy. "If this request is approved by the PUCT, customers will receive the benefit of lower rates during the high-usage summer months."

The existing seasonal fuel factors were initially established when WTU Retail Energy was under the ownership of AEP, and the Price-to-Beat rate became effective with the onset of deregulation. A fuel factor is a mechanism established by the PUCT intended for all affiliated retail electricity providers to adjust their Price-to-Beat rates to reflect current market prices of electricity.

This Price-to-Beat rate is set by the PUCT and charged on each customer's bill based on kilowatt-hour usage.



Photo by Melissa Perner

OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRE-K AND PPCD students visited Baskets & More on April 7. The students received balloons and the teachers received flowers for their classrooms.

**West Texas Rehab's annual Spring Chicken Affair Sunday**

The 23rd annual Spring Chicken Affair will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday behind San Angelo National Bank on Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo.

The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Annually attracting 4,000 participants, the Spring Chicken Affair is sponsored by San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B and the San Angelo Restaurant Association who provides expertise and personnel to prepare and serve the Sunday-after-church chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets are \$7 per person and are available at the Rehab Center, San Angelo National Bank, H-E-B and at the event.

Nite Shift, an eclectic group of musicians from Kerrville, will provide musical entertainment during the event.

Take-out service is available and volunteers from Home Motors Wrecker Service will deliver plates of food to home-bound individuals within the San Angelo city limits.

"In 22 years, the Spring Chicken Affair has raised more than \$468,000 for the Rehab Center, thanks to the generous support of sponsors, vendors and the thousands who attend each year," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "All of us at Rehab are deeply grateful to everyone responsible and we invite the Center's friends from nearby communities to come join the fun and help us hit the \$500,000 mark."

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**Katalyst Ministries to perform April 27 at the Civic Center**

Katalyst Ministries featuring Kevin Kirkland will be in Ozona at 6:45 p.m. April 27 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

All middle school and high school students are invited to attend.

The event is sponsored by the Ozona Youth Alliance.

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Transportation is provided. For a ride, call Mack Richie at 392-5482 or 392-1335 or Lenny Morrow at the high school or Sylvia Lara at the middle school.

**Crockett County Museum Memorials**

**In Memory of:**  
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Peggy Phillips, Taylor Deaton and Willie V. Baggett  
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**Shrimp Fest tickets on sale for May 14 event**

Tickets are on sale for the Shrimp Fest to be held from 4-8 p.m. May 14 at the town square.

Tickets are \$10 per plate and can be found at The Ozona Stockman, Westerman Drug, Small Fashions, Hitchin Post, Baskets & More, Petals & Pearls, Crockett Automotive, Lilly Construction, Triple C Hardware and Lumber, Ozona National Bank, Ozona Wool and Mohair, Wool Growers, Ozona Country Club, Duke Energy, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Crockett National Bank and from any Crockett County Museum Board Member.

Tickets can also be purchased at the event.

All proceeds benefit the museum.

Menu includes boiled shrimp, sausage, cole slaw, beans, tea and water.

Live music will also be on hand.

For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

**Youth alliance meeting April 25**

The Ozona Youth Alliance will meet at 6 p.m. April 25 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

All those concerned with the youth of our community is invited to attend.

For more information, call Lenny Morrow at 392-8314.

**Care Center Chatter**

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**  
Activity Director

On Monday afternoon, E.A. Wadsworth R.N. had her reading class for our residents, along with great hot rolls from Penn Baggett. Thank you two.

Tuesday afternoon, residents enjoyed Coke floats while attending Baptist Bible study.

Wednesday was a full day of music. Otis Nester started the afternoon with his music and that evening residents enjoyed music and singing by a large group of entertainers. They were Murphey Black, Allie Black, Chad Poindexter, Janet Pullen, Penny Stewart, Elizabeth and Randy Upham, Tammy and David McWilliams and Vicki Stokes. Thank you all.

Thanks to our lovely lady

Ann Shaw for the bingo gifts. Thursday morning Nell Wester and Jo Ann Williamson volunteered for ladies beauty shop. Thank you two.

Thursday afternoon the Catholic Church had their singing and services. Thank you all.

Veronica Fierro of Hospice of San Angelo helped with bingo by bringing snacks for our residents. Thank you Veronica.

On April 20, our residents will have an appreciation party for our volunteers at 3 p.m. The residents' birthday will be at 3:30 p.m. April 21. Come join the fun with our residents and staff.

Each and every Sunday morning the Church of Christ provides Sunday services for our residents.

Don't forget June 10, 2005!

**Obituaries**

**Felipe Jesus Ramirez Villarreal & Belia Gracila Villarreal Cardenas**

Felipe Jesus Ramirez Villarreal, 10, and Belia Gracila Villarreal Cardenas, 6, died Monday, April 11, 2005 in Ozona.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Felipe was born Jan. 10, 1995 in San Angelo. He was a fourth grader at Ozona Intermediate School.

Belia was born April 15, 1999 in San Angelo. She attended kindergarten at Ozona Primary School.

Survivors include their mother Sylvia Cardenas and grandmother, Belia Ramirez Reyes both of Ozona and numerous aunts and uncles.

**Ozona Senior Happenings**

By **LYNN ENGLISH**  
Senior Center Director

and we wish you many more.

Last week I called Willena Holden to see how things were with her and her son Deene. She said that Deene was looking better but the doctors had not called back concerning what treatment they wanted for him. We are thinking of both Willena and Deene and keeping them in our prayers.

Pleas and Geniece Childress are still being missed. They are still in San Angelo and we are anxious for word of them.

The Concho Valley Community Action was here on Tuesday. This organization helps those who qualify with their utilities.

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club had their 19th annual Anniversary Dance at the Civic Center this past weekend. It has been reported that it was the biggest and best dance ever. Our hats go off to all those folks for all their hard work.

Our noon pot luck is today. Stan Burselson will bring us a musical program. Stan is so talented and if you do not come you will miss out on some good entertainment. Try to come out and join the rest of us for food, friendship and music.

On Monday afternoons the Bridge Club ladies play here. This is a nice group of ladies I look forward to them being here.

Remember we have games to play. Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have our "Walk Two Miles" at 8:30 a.m. As of late, the exercise ladies are "Sweating to the Oldies."

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

Another week of spring has passed by. Last week was in a word, a wonderful week. All of the decorations are up celebrating spring. You should drop by and see our lighted rose tree and have a cup of coffee.

The puzzle that we were working on last week was completed thus we begin a new one this week. Betty or Bob Hartley usually chooses the next puzzle since they do most of the work on puzzles.

In my article last week when thanking everyone for their help with our Spring Fest, I did not mention Otis Nester who played the accordion for our cake walk. Sorry Otis that I overlooked you. The senior center appreciated you playing the music more than words can express. We thank you so very much.

Also concerning our Spring Fest, I failed to mention that KLST-TV came to Ozona to film our activities on April 2, and we were on television that night. Believe it or not there were some people still up at that hour in Ozona who saw that broadcast. I also had calls from San Angelo that they had seen me on television.

We are missing Jonnye Johnson here at the senior center. She nearly fell and as a result of catching herself she broke three toes and has felt really bad all last week. We wish Jonnye a fast recovery.

Bernice Cota had a birthday last week and she is not telling what age she is. Happy birthday Bernice



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**(57) You drew near on the day I called to you: You said, Fear not. [James 4:8]**  
**(58) O Lord, You have pleaded the causes of my soul [You have managed my affairs and You have protected my person and my rights]: You have rescued and redeemed my life!**  
**Lamentations 3: 57, 58**

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Last week I had the privilege of going on a mission trip with a group of teenagers (15-18 yr olds) from another state. Most of them came from homes or families that don't go to Church. I found out most of them had been Christians one year or less. Many said they were fed up with their life and wanted something better, (John 10:10). They started going to a local Church that had a good youth program and there they came to know about Christ and how He loved them. During the week we went into neighborhoods passing out New Testaments, Bibles, (Matthew 28:19,20) and little pamphlets telling how God loved them and Christ died for them.

It also explained how they must realize they are separated from God because of sin. It also said they must ask God to forgive them and they needed to ask Christ to be their Personal Lord and Savior. It was the first time they had ever gone out sharing and they were afraid, (Matthew 10:32). I told them that was natural and God would help them get over it, (Acts 1:8). We had many wonderful experiences and most of them helped lead someone to Christ. Many of them shared that they still have things in their lives that need working on but they want their lives to count for something.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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**Card of Thanks**

We would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to everyone, on behalf of our father, Eddie Vitela, for your phone calls, visits, help, prayers, and support during his illness. This has meant and still does mean so much to all of us. He is recovering quickly from his quadruple by-pass, but still has a long road ahead. May God bless all of you and keep you safe. Once again, "Thank You," from the bottom of his heart and ours.  
Eddie Vitela & Family

**Prayer to St Jude.**

St. JUDE, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of; pray for me, who am so miserable; pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with the Elect throughout Eternity. — Amen.

St. Jude, Apostle, martyr and relative of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary and of Joseph, intercede for us.  
Marta DeLaGarza

**Card of Thanks**

I would like to thank everyone who with cards, calls, visits and especially prayers were with me and my family during this trial in my life. I am at the present time in remission and will live one day at a time.

I thank all the churches and prayer groups who kept me in their prayers. A special thanks to the County road Department and Care Center employees, the Cursillistas, Knights of Columbus, OLPH parish, Harvey and Leticia Sanchez, Alex and Ginny Borrego, Mike and Tommie Sanchez for coordinating the benefit softball tournament, to Sylvia D. Longoria and Veva Vargas for the bake sale, Ruben and Maria for the Sonora benefit, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Vargas, Mrs. Irene Gomez and all my friends and wonderful family for you support, prayers and monetary donations.

I especially thank my wonderful husband Richard, my super mom Lina, my sons Chris and Jon, along with Stephanie, Kialynn and Erika, my grandma Elena, my brothers, sisters, and my in-laws for being with me through this all.

May God bless each and everyone and "Thank You" to this good community of Ozona for your support and love. I will be forever grateful.  
Fannie Sanchez



## Commissioners approve predator control proposal

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners Court approved a predator control and wildlife management proposal Monday at their monthly meeting.

According to the proposal, 507 bobcats have been harvested as of March 31. This includes 218 from contract trappers, 199 from bounty and 90 from wildlife services personnel.

Other predators harvested have been 23 coyotes, 63 red fox, 97 feral hogs, 306 gray fox, 841 raccoons and 921 skunks.

The cost for all of this so far has been \$33,197 in salaries and \$6,923 in bounty for a total of \$62,279.

Crockett County Extension Agent Miles Dabovich said for the remainder of 2005, costs will be \$40,000 for two trap-

pers, \$5,200 to pay the bounties turned in prior to the March cutoff and \$10,800 for the hiring of a wildlife service trapper for a total of \$61,000.

This would make the budget \$101,120 for the year, which puts the program \$1,280 under budget.

The only budget discrepancy is that \$2,200 needed for additional bounty, Dabovich said.

In their motion, the commissioners approved to pay all the bounties that have been turned in as of the March cutoff date.

"We're not asking for any extra money, but if we pay these we will not have enough money to pay any bounties in the fall," Dabovich said.

Commissioner Pleas Childress said that consideration should be made to look at raising the money in the bounty program next year to make it stronger.

Dabovich said that by having a wildlife service trapper, the county would continue to have access to a helicopter, mountain lion hunter and troubleshooters, which is especially important with coyotes being a problem in the northern part of the county and feral hogs in the southern part.

Commissioner Randy Branch said that the county will look at next year's budget and put in a line-item to increase the bounty budget.

Other items approved:  
\* The 2004-2005 online data processing contract with Pritchard and Abbott.

\* Participation agreement for the Texas Association Unemployment Compensation Group Account Fund.

\* Revision of personnel policy regarding pre-employment drug testing and work steps program.

\* Request for the extension office to hire temporary office help.

## Alley Oop shares his Dinosaur with trail members

By **SHANNON BIGGERSTAFF**  
Chamber Executive Director

May 8, 1965 was a big day in Iraan when the first annual Alley Oop Day was staged with the dedication of the Alley Oop Fantasy Land Park. More than 3,000 West Texans were on hand for the celebration. V.T. Hamlin, nationally known cartoonist and creator of Alley Oop was a special guest of the Iraan Chamber of Commerce and helped dedicate the park. Hamlin had been inspired to draw his famous caveman after visiting Iraan to cover the Yates oilfield discovery for a Fort Worth newspaper. Hamlin always said that Iraan was the birthplace of Alley Oop.

Dinny the Dinosaur, Alley Oop's main means of transportation, was officially dedicated the same day. Dinny, all 80,000 pounds, stands 15.5 feet tall and is 65 feet long. He stands on a concrete base 20 feet by 60 feet over the roadbed of an early stagecoach line. Many area residents donated their time and talents to bring Dinny to life. Over the past forty years Dinny has become one of Iraan's most visited sites, and a favorite place for visitors to take photographs.

Despite 35 mph wind gusts, committee members working to activate the Texas Pecos Trail, gathered around Dinny the Dinosaur to join in the 40th Anniversary celebration.

Committee members met in Iraan, Tuesday, April 5th, to continue their efforts to complete the 2005 Texas Heritage Trails Program Application. Individuals representing Val Verde, Terrell, Sutton, Midland, Crane, Ector, Kinney, Pecos, and Upton counties were present. Shanon Biggerstaff of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Patsy



Submitted photo  
**MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS PECOS TRAIL ACTIVATION TEAM** pose in front of Dinny the Dinosaur at Alley Oop park in Iraan.

White and Camille Dammon of the museum represented Crockett County.

"Each time we have a meeting to work on the application, we try to meet in a different county. It strengthens our knowledge of what each community has to offer the traveling public, and we become salesmen for one another," Biggerstaff said. "You can imagine that within the twenty-two counties that encompass the Texas Pecos Trail, there are a great number of attractions, historical sites, culture and much more. This is the point we plan to make in our application, and the grant monies we receive will give us the opportunity to market to the traveling public that they could spend a week or more just vacationing in our region of Texas."

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation. If selected, the region is awarded \$50,000 for a three to five year minimum. The local match for

the region is \$10,000 per year. Awarded funding pays the salary of a Regional Coordinator who coordinates board activities, acts as an advocate for the region and promotes the region as a tourism destination. These funds along with financial commitments from each county also pay for operational expenses for the coordinator.

The Regional Coordinator of the newly designated region has the advantage of working with the staff of a state agency, the Texas Historical Commission, who will guide the coordinator in developing brochures, marketing plans, and assist the region in partnering with other state agencies.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region covers the following twenty two counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

The Review Committee for the Texas Pecos Trail will meet one last time the last week in April before submitting the application to the Texas Historical Commission May 6.

## Pre-K, kindergarten pre-registration April 18

Pre-registration for the 2005-2006 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Monday, April 18, 2005 at the primary school library.

Pre-Kindergarten students can register from 9 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten students from 1-4 p.m.

To be eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, a student must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, eligible to participate in the National Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program, or is homeless. The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2005.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card in order to register the child.

If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Pre-Kindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration. Parents enrolling their child for Pre-Kindergarten must bring a copy of their recent check stub. Income will be verified prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten students must be five on or before Sept. 1, 2005. Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record, and social security card to registration. A copy of these documents will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: hepatitis A immunization, 4 year-old booster immunization, and if your child has not had the Chicken Pox the Varicella immunization is required.

Lunes, 18 de abril 2005, se pre-matriculara para pre-kinder y kinder en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria. Estudiantes de pre-kinder podran matricular desde las 9 a.m hasta las 12 p.m. y las 1:00 hasta las 4:00 para estudiantes de kinder. Para ser elegible asistir a pre-kinder, se requiere que al estudiante le falte el idioma ingles, ser elegi-

ble a participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o comidas a precio reducidos o ser sin hogar. El nino tiene que tener 4 anos antes del primero de septiembre 2005. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus ninos, el comprobante de vacunas y el numero de seguro social. Si, su nino habla espanol, se le tomara una prueba para ver si su nino califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer su nino con Ud. a pre-matricular. Tambien necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheque.

Estudiantes de kinder tendran tener 5 anos en o antes del primero de septiembre 2005. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus ninos, el comprobante de vacunas y numero de seguro social.

Desde del primero de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los ninos nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar escuela: hepatitis A, la vacuna de 4 anos, y si su nino no ha tenido Varicela, la vacuna de varicela es requerido.

## Hilderbran to award scholarships

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to students in the Hill Country and District 53 graduating from an accredited high school in May 2005.

The scholarship may be used at any university, college or technical school, and will be awarded based upon academic standing and an essay. Applications must be returned to the student's counselor no later than April 25.

The representative will present the scholarships to winners at their respective awards banquets, if time permits.

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# Moore, Galindo advance to Regional Meet in Tennis

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

Jessica Moore and Roland Galindo both qualified to play in the Region I Tennis Tournament to be held later this month in Abilene.

Jessica won the District 2-AA girls' singles division outright, and Roland finished as the runner-up in boys' singles this past week in San Angelo.

Overall, both the OHS Lions and Lady Lions finished second in the team standings behind perennial powerhouse Mason, said Coach Rick Bachman.

Jenna Henderson finished third in singles, and the boys' dou-

bles teams of Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez and Jared Espino and Jeff Gillit finished third and fourth respectively.

Moore defeated Alex Kenney of Sonora 6-1, 6-1 in her first round; then beat Shelby Sides of Wall 6-2, 6-2 in her quarterfinal match; then beat Nicole Estes of Mason 6-3, 6-0 in her semifinal match and then beat Chandra Wanoreck of Eldorado 6-3, 6-1 to capture the district championship.

"Jessica has just been dominating her opponents all year and proved why she was the number one seed in this huge tournament. She really stepped it up in the semis and finals and destroyed all hopes her opponents had of win-

ning," Bachman said.

Henderson beat Jessica Leonard of Grape Creek 6-1, 6-1 in her first round; then beat Bailey Blair of Mason in her quarterfinal match; and then lost 6-4, 6-3 to Wanoreck of Eldorado in the semis. Henderson then defeated Estes of Mason 6-2, 6-4 to capture third place and district alternate in singles.

"Jenna has also played extremely well all season but came up just a little short in her bid to play in the Regional Tournament. Wanoreck is a past state qualifier and Jenna played a great match against her," Bachman said.

Galindo defeated Kasey Gammons of Grape Creek 6-1, 6-3 in his first round; then beat Jake Maenius of Mason in the quarters 6-4, 6-1 and then beat Logan Neal of Wall 6-0, 6-2 in the semis before losing to 2004 state qualifier Brent Abilez of Junction 6-3, 6-2 in the finals. Galindo then had to turn right around and defeat Swade Draper of Sonora 6-0, 6-1 in a playback to retain his second place finish and position in the Regional Tournament.

"Roland played some of the

best tennis he has played all year against Neal in the semis and Draper in the playback. He took control of both of those matches from the very beginning and never gave either opponent any opportunities," Bachman said.

Joseph Tambunga lost a tough first round match to Abilez of Junction 6-0, 6-3; and then he lost in the consolation bracket to Michael Ballew of Eldorado 6-3.

In the boys' doubles bracket, Gillit and Espino defeated Bolf and Briggs of Grape Creek 6-1, 6-1 in their first round; then beat Cathey and Edmiston of Eldorado 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 in the quarters before losing to Lehberg and Vargas of Mason 6-4, 6-2 in the semi-finals.

Bird and Talamantez beat Barthelemy and Munn of Sonora 6-3, 6-2; then beat Campbell and Campbell of Reagan County 6-4, 6-2 before losing to Baxter and McLeod of Mason 6-2, 6-3 in the semis. Bird and Talamantez then beat teammates Gillit and Espino 6-0, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1 for third place and then they lost in a playback to Lehberg and Vargas of Mason 6-4, 6-1 which dispelled their

hopes of advancing.

"I was very pleased with the effort our doubles teams displayed in this tournament as we competed very well against Mason, but were just unable to beat either of their extremely good doubles teams," Bachman said.

In girls' doubles action, the team of Hilary Huffman and C.J. Graves lost their first round match 6-1, 6-3 to Brown and Reynolds of Eldorado and Kristin Bunger and Patsy Larson lost their first round match to the defending state champs Drennan and Smith of Mason 6-0, 6-1. Huffman and Graves then beat Foster and Waites of Junction 6-1 in the consolation bracket before losing a close match to Galbreath and Waterhouse of Wall 6-4. Bunger and Larson beat Arrieta and Diaz of Sonora 6-2 in their consolation match before losing to Dickens and Morris of Wall 6-3.

Mixed doubles was introduced in this year's district tournament and OHS was well represented by two teams. Amber Batura and Doug Duncan lost a very close first round match to Wagoner and Wagoner of Sonora

7-6 (7-2), 1-6, 6-2. They then beat Barrera and Perez of Reagan County 6-4 and teammates Ashley Anderson and David Casarez 6-3 to capture the consolation bracket. Anderson and Casarez also lost a very tough first round match to Strauss and Hernandez of Reagan County 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 before defeating Avalos and Douthit of Junction 6-1 and then losing to Batura and Duncan.

"I really have very mixed emotions about this year's district tournament as I am elated for Jessica and Roland, while on the other hand I am saddened by the loss of so many seniors that have been the backbone of this great tennis team for several years," Bachman said. "I will really miss them every day and wish only the best this world has to offer for each and every one of them. I tried to express my gratitude and sincere love for them on the bus Tuesday night with the Old English expression 'wes hael,' which literally translates into 'be whole.' My desire for them is to find the people in their lives that make them complete, which is exactly what they have done for me."

## Deihl wins eighth grade boys' district tennis crown

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Middle School Tennis Team competed at the District 2-AA meet on April 2.

Results as follows:  
Eighth Grade Boys Singles - 1. Devon Deihl and 3. Ben Flores  
"B" Division - 1. Freddy Veloz and 2. Ethan English  
Eight Grade Girls Singles - Consolation Kara Bird  
Seventh Grade Boys Singles - 2. Jordan Martinez  
"B" Division - 2. Jay Villareal

Seventh Grade Girls Singles - 3. Brandi Glosson and Consolation Alex Macias  
"B" Division - 2. Diana Rodriguez  
Eighth Grade Boys Doubles - 4. Daniel Gonzales/Steven Silva  
"B" Division - 3. Nathan Knox/Jordan Dehoyos  
Seventh Grade Boys Doubles - 4. Austin Whitten/Dylan Castillo  
"B" Division - 1. Kyle Sewell/Josh Ramos; 2. Taylor Newton/Corey Kelly and 3. Nick Leonard/Lane White

## Seventh grade Lady Lions compete at district meet

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh grade Lady Lions competed at the District 2-AA track meet on April 7 in Grape Creek.

Results are as follows:  
800-meter run - 2. Vanessa Rodriguez, 2 minutes, 46.45 seconds  
100-meter hurdles - 4. Brandi Glosson, 19.62  
800-meter relay - 5. Lauren Najar, Alex Macias, Shelby Ortiz, Jayci Miller, 2:07.67

300-meter hurdles - 6. Glosson, 61.30  
200-meter dash - 5. Miller, 31.10  
1,600-meter run - 2. Rodriguez, 6:23.00  
1,600-meter relay - 4. Glosson, Miller, Rodriguez, Macias, 4:56.89  
400-meter relay - 5. Najar, Macias, Kelsey Childress, Shelbie Ortiz, 59.48  
Others participating were Adrianna Tijerina, Jolissa Payne, Julie Gutierrez and Brandyn Tebbets.

## Eighth grade Lady Lions compete at district meet

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth grade Lady Lions competed in the District 2-AA track meet on April 7 in Grape Creek.

Results are as follows:  
100-meter hurdles - 2. Melissa Miller, 17.87 seconds.

300-meter hurdles - 5. Miller, 58.83.  
Other participating were Kara Bird, Sarah Lott, Barbara Caperton, Crystal Gonzales, Jackie Pollard, Cristina Rodriguez, Linda Talamantez, Samantha Torres and manager Amber Lewis.

## OHS baseball team struggles against Sonora, Grape Creek

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions baseball team faced two tough district challenges last week.

In the April 5 game against Sonora, Ozona lost 3-16. Losing pitcher - Jordan Long (4-2).

Top Hitters - Nick Perez 1 for 2, 1 double and 1 run scored; Drew Clayton 1 for 2, 1 double, 1 RBI and 1 run scored; Jack Rodriguez 1 for 2, 1 RBI and 1 run scored and Erick Martinez 1 for 2

and 1 RBI.  
In the April 8 game against Grape Creek, Ozona lost 0-13. Ozona - 0 runs 1 hit and 2 errors; Grape Creek - 13 runs on 8 hits and 0 errors  
Losing pitcher - Caleb Mitchel  
Top hitters - Long 1 for 2  
Ozona is 7-8 overall and 3-5 in district.

The Lions will take on Wall at 5 p.m. Friday in Wall and then face Mason at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Mason.

# JV Lions capture district tennis title

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The OHS JV boys' tennis team captured the District 2-AA championship last week in San Angelo.

Led by district champions Justin Maldonado, Rocky Munoz and Paarth Raj, the boys destroyed all opponents in route to the title, said Coach Rick Bachman.

Raj received a first round bye and then beat Garcia of Grape Creek 6-0, 6-1 in the second round. He then beat Redish of Eldorado 8-4 in the quarterfinals; Gonzalez of Reagan County 8-2 in the semifinals and then he beat teammate Levi Vargas in a very close contest 9-8 (7-5) to secure the championship.

Vargas won his first round match by default over Luna of Wall; beat Strauss of Reagan County 8-1 in the second round; Subia of Reagan County 8-3 in the quarterfinals and then he beat teammate Matthew Bullard 9-8 (7-4) to reach the finals where he lost to Raj and finished in second place.

Bullard won his first round match 8-1 over Buist of Mason. Then he beat Livingstone of Wall 9-7 in the second round; Sessom of Grape Creek 8-0 in the quarters and then he lost to Vargas 9-8 (7-4) in the semis. Bullard then defeated Gonzalez of Reagan County 8-2 to finish the tournament in third place.

Eric Fierro won his first round match 8-5 over Hernandez of Reagan County before losing a very close second round match to Keilpinski of Reagan County 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

In boys' doubles action, the team of Maldonado and Munoz defeated Joiner and Redish of Eldorado by default; then beat Barrera and Jimenez of Reagan County 8-1 in the quarters; Samaniego and Dominguez of Sonora 8-2 in the semis and then beat Gonzales and Reyes of Reagan County 8-5 to win the district championship.

Colby Mayfield and Rylee Ramos beat Fleming and Schmidt of Mason 8-1 in their first round before losing a very close match to Gonzales and Reyes of Reagan County 9-8 (8-6).

In the girls' singles bracket, Julia Henderson defeated Michalewicz of Reagan County in the first round by default. Then she beat Rodriguez of Eldorado 8-2 in the second round; she beat Slocum of Mason 8-6 in the quarters and then she lost to Lange of Mason 8-2 in the semis. Henderson then went on to defeat Collins of Reagan County 8-4 to finish the tournament in third place.

Kyann Kothman defeated Lopez of Reagan County in her first match 8-6 before losing to Wilde of Wall 8-5 in the second round.

Paloma Taylor lost her first round match to Graves of Reagan County 8-3 and then lost her consolation match by default to Pridemore of Eldorado.

In the girls' doubles, Isabel Aguilar and Gloria Onate won their first round match 8-5 over Martinez and Rivero of Reagan County and then lost 8-5 to Coats and Waldrop of Wall in the second round.

Puja Bhakta and Park Predy won their first round match by default over DeLuna and Vasquez of Reagan County and then they lost their second round match 8-5 to Wooten and Whitaker of Mason.

Cristy Dominguez and Rebecca Enriquez lost their first round match to Blair and Robertson of Eldorado 8-1; then defeated Contreras and Hernandez of Reagan County 6-3; then beat teammates Bettie Stice and Morgan Capps 6-2; then beat Martinez and Rivero of Reagan County 6-3 and then they lost in the consolation finals 6-1 to Chambers and Evans of Reagan County.

Stice and Capps lost their first round match 8-1 to Jansa and Mead of Wall; then they beat Gomez and Martin of Sonora 7-6 before losing 6-2 to Cristy and Rebecca.

Lori Lozano and Chelsea Tobar lost their first round match 8-1 to Keisling and Dierschke of Wall; and then they lost 6-3 to

Chambers and Evans of Reagan County in the consolation bracket.

Leandra Benson and Heather Price lost their first round match to Blankenship and DeLaCruz of Reagan County 8-3 and then lost their consolation match 7-5 to Hall and Liebschwager of Grape Creek.

"I was really pleased with the performance of the entire JV team as they all competed very well against some talented opponents. This experience should benefit each and every one of them as they prepare themselves to assume the void left by the graduating varsity players," Bachman said. "I am excited about their prospects and look forward to leading this group next year, as we again will face some of the best tennis players in the state in our district. I am certain that many of them will step up and take on this tremendous challenge with courage, composure, confidence and conviction."

## Eighth grade Lions capture district track championship

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth grade Lions won the District 2-AA Track Meet on April 7 in Grape Creek.

The team, which won four of the five meets they entered this spring, outscored Wall 133 to 124 points to capture the championship, said Coach Lenzy Morrow.

The team scored points in every field event and all but two running events to put its mark on a great team achievement, Morrow said.

"We had one of our top runners at home with the flu and it took a great team effort and a lot of great individual performances to overcome a lot of tough competition to win the District Championship. These kids love to compete and its fun to watch them perform at their highest level at just the right time. They deserve to be recognized for a great season," Morrow said.

Results as follows:  
2,400-meter run - 1. Ethan English  
1,600-meter run - 1. English  
200-meter dash - 1. Felix Venegas  
High jump - 2. Venegas  
Long jump - 3. Venegas  
100-meter dash - 1. Mathew Garza  
Triple jump - 1. Garza  
110-meter hurdles - 1. Mathew Komchak and 5. Jessie Ramos  
300-meter hurdles - 2. Komchak and 6. Ramos  
Pole vault - 2. Daniel Gonzales  
Shot put - 3. Stephen Silva  
Discus - 4. Silva  
400-meter relay - 2. Ben Flores, Venegas, Silva and Garza  
800-meter relay - 1. Gonzales, Venegas, Silva and Garza  
1,600-meter relay - 1. Komchak, Wilson White, Chris Lara and English



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ETHAN ENGLISH is beaming after winning the 2,400 and 1,600 meter runs in the eighth grade district track meet.

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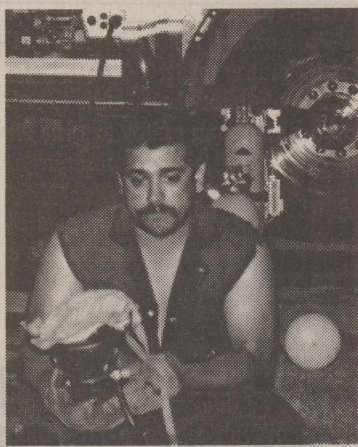
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AirMed to Shannon Medical Center where she was treated and released Monday.

The children's bodies were released to Preddy Funeral Home for transport to San Antonio where a medical examiner will complete an autopsy, according to a release from the sheriff's department.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Kenley said there was no



**A TIRED AND MOURNFUL** Roland DeHoyos sits after battling the fire that killed two small children on Willow Street. Electricity in the trailer house where the children were asleep, but that he was told candles were often used.

# Emergency farm loan applications being accepted through November

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain that occurred Sept. 1, 2004 through Nov. 30, 2004 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in San Angelo.

Sutton, Crockett, Menard, Schleicher and Val Verde counties in Texas recently named as eligible for loans to cover part of the actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain.

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

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," said Paul S. Cline, acting farm loan manager at FSA in San Angelo.

"Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss."

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 4, but farmers should apply as soon as possible, Cline said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in San Angelo is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 653-1246.

# OVERHEAD SPRAY



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

DAVID MARTINEZ, with the help of Dominic Perez sprays a cactus out near Todd Field during a grass fire on April 5. The small fire was started by possibly sparking power lines due to high winds. Todd Field is located off of State Highway 137 toward Big Lake.

# Local group promotes April as Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and the 2005 theme is "Children First-Safe and Secure."

The Department of Family Protective Services promotes this theme and the Crockett County Child Welfare board works with them to help create a network of community resources which support and nurture families here in need.

This year's campaign theme calls for us all to be aware of the needs, concerns, activities and safety of our children. Our actions should put their safety and security first so that they can use their energies in becoming healthy, creative individuals.

"The U.S. spends \$258 million each day as a direct (costs associated with the immediate needs of abused and neglected children) and indirect (costs associated with long term/secondary effects of abuse and neglect) result of the abuse and neglect of our nation's children. The annual costs are equivalent of \$1,461.60 per U.S. family," according to the 2005 Texas Child Abuse Prevention Kit.

The above statistics say a lot to the accountant in us, but how can you put a price on the well being of a child, most of whom are dependent on the "adults" of the world for direction, example and resources necessary to simply exist and develop?

Be there for your children, this month and every month, in putting their safety and security first.

These folks are on the Crockett County Child Welfare Board: Fannie Sanchez, Napoleon Vitela, Karen Huffman, Stephen Zuberbueler, Sylvia Lara, Felice Gutierrez and Art Roane.

# Special Olympics Texas athletes gear up for spring games Saturday

MIDLAND- Athletes from throughout the area will compete in various track and field events at the Special Olympics Texas- Permian Basin/Big Bend Area Spring Games.

The Games, scheduled for Saturday and will take place at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m., featuring the Parade of Athletes and the Special Olympics Athlete Oath.

Law enforcement officials from around the surrounding areas will deliver the Flame of Hope, to officially kickoff the 2005 Spring Games.

Competition is scheduled to get underway immediately following Opening Ceremonies.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. There are still volunteer opportunities to fill at the Spring Games.

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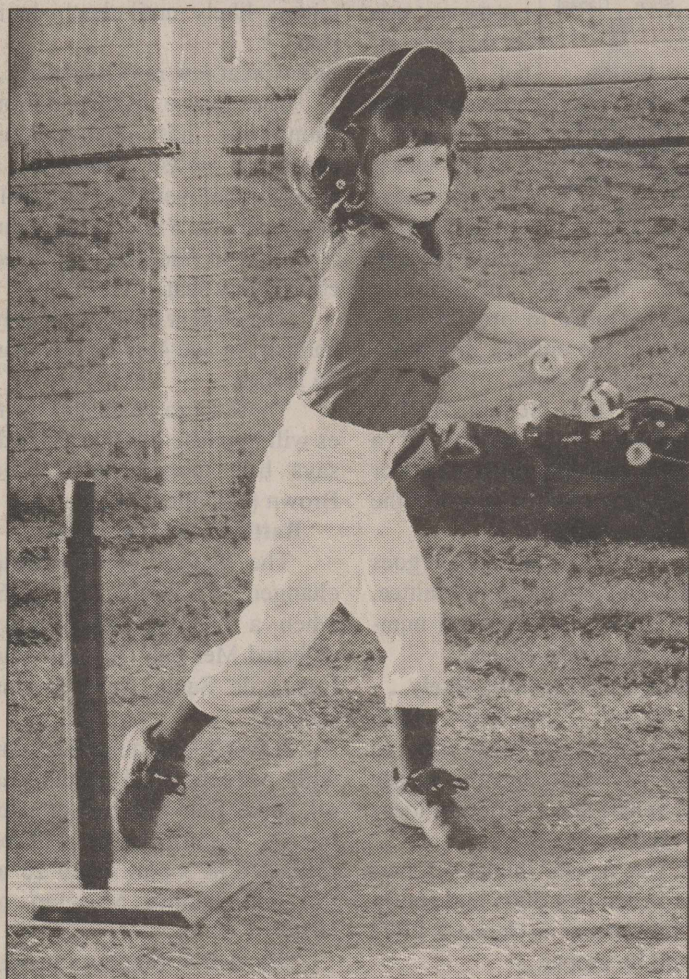
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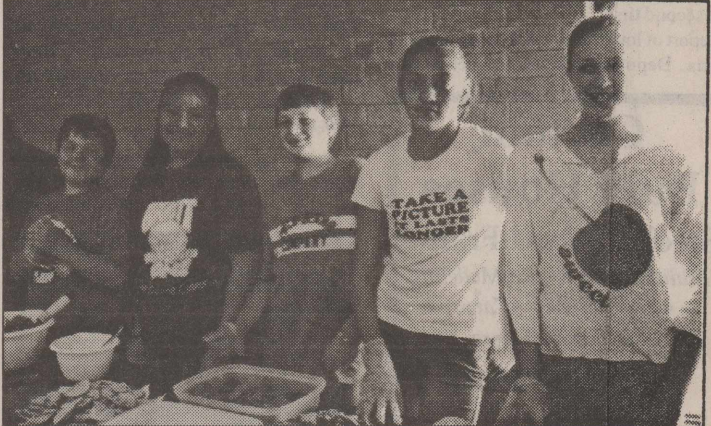
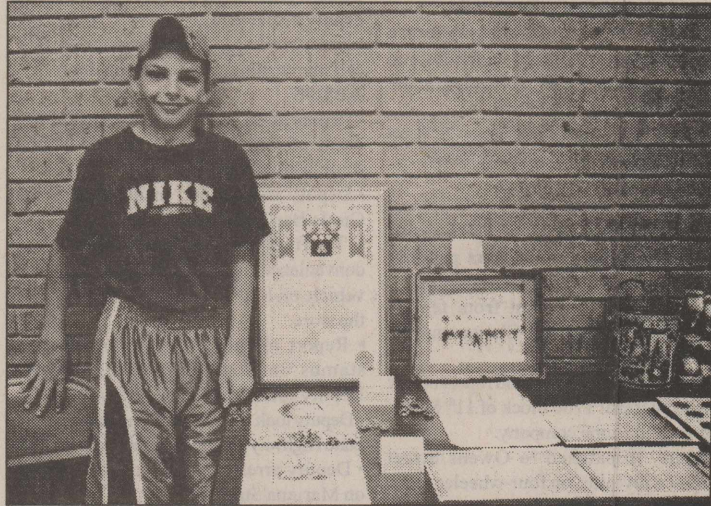


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# SEVENTH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT



Photos by Melisa Perner

SEVENTH-GRADERS celebrated Family Night on April 4 at the Crockett County Civic Center. Students displaying their family history (left row from top to bottom) are: Jayci Miller, Taylor Newton and Lauren Najar. Right row (top to bottom) is Kayla Fuller and Austin Whitten. Bottomright picture: Students serve up their favorite family dishes.

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## Twelve qualify for regional academic meet

The Ozona High School Academic Team recently competed at the District 2-AA University Interscholastic Meet at Wall. Ozona had 12 students advance to the regional competition to be held later this month in Abilene.

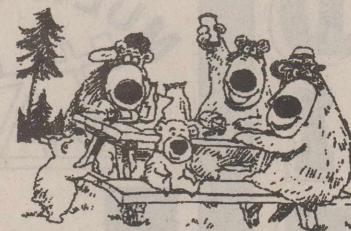
Results are:  
 Calculator Applications - 1. Jared Bird; 2. Stephen Lara and 3. Jenna Henderson; Team - 1. Bird, Lara, Henderson and Puja Bhakta.  
 Science - 6. Levi English  
 Social Studies - 6. Amber Britney Ramos and 6. Henderson  
 Computer Science - 2. Bird; 4. Victoria Miller and 6. Paarth Raj; Team - 2. Bird, Miller, Raj and Batura  
 Spelling and Vocabulary - 4. Henderson; Team - 2. Henderson, Eric Fierro, Derek Fierro and Park Preddy.  
 Poetry Interpretation - 2. Hilary Huffman and 6. Jasmine Tambunga  
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 Mathematics - 2. Bird and 4. Raj; Team - 1. Bid, Raj, D. Fierro and Henderson  
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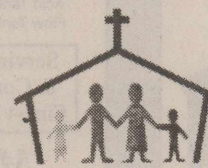
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WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 4-05-05 to 04-11-05

NOTICE: DUE TO CONSTANT SPEEDING, NARROWNESS AND NUMEROUS UNSAFE CURVES THE SPEED LIMITS ON SANTA ROSA ST. AND SANTA ANNA ST. HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM 30 MPH TO 15 MPH. SIGNS ARE POSTED

4-05-05
Report of three horses out on road on east I-10. Owner notified and livestock back behind fence.
Report of disturbance at 15th and Martinez streets. Deputy responded one subject brought in as sleeper.
Deputy responded to report of problem with juvenile not wanting to attend school. All okay after talk with deputy.
Report of theft of air conditioning unit in unknown location or other details.
Report of juveniles on Owens Street on a go-cart and four-wheeler. Juveniles and mother contacted and advised that the vehicles were not street legal.
Report of low hanging cable line on 5th Street and Avenue O. Notified cable company.
4-06-05
Deputy dispatched to argument at local motel at 800 block 11th Street all was OK.
Deputy assisted with subject possibly having heart attack at local truck stop.
Deputy took statement from female subject about harassment. Charges may be forth coming.
Deputy responded to second report of low hanging wires at 1100 block of 11th Street. Reported to phone company.
Deputy dispatched to Owens Street reference juveniles on four-wheeler and a go-cart. Parents contacted and warned for the second time.
Report of loud music 2000 block of Santa Anna. Deputy contacted subject turned

noise down.
4-07-05
Subject flagged deputy down about medical problem. Deputy assisted EMS.
Deputy met with TxDOT personnel about criminal mischief at construction site on State Highway 290 west.
Deputy responded to report of party with possible juveniles drinking at residence on Avenue J.
Deputy assisted EMS on medical call on Angus Drive.
Report of suspicious vehicle at local restaurant at 1200 block of Avenue E. Deputy checked it out.
Deputy met complainant via phone about rude state employee.
Report of minor accident at Avenue J. Contacted DPS deputy assisted.
Report of suspicious subject at area of Avenue A and I-10. Deputy dispatched.
Local motel on Avenue A reporting vehicle running into building. DPS and deputy dispatched.
Deputies dispatched in response to 911 call about subject knocking on doors.
4-08-05
Deputy assist on 911 medical call to 1700 block of Walnut Street - female having trouble breathing.
Deputy assist on 911 medical call at the Circle Bar Truck Stop.
Theft of gas reported from local convenience store. Deputy located suspect vehicle on I-10 and escorted them back to the store.
Report of subject trying to sell food stamps on State Highway 163 north. Deputy spoke with subjects involved.
Deputy took theft report from a business on State Highway 163 north, offense report filed.
Deputy arrested an intoxicated subject on Mariana Street.
Report of a reckless driver on Country Club Lane. Deputy arrested subject for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of dangerous drugs and failure to register as a sex offender.
4-09-05
Report of pit bulls loose in the area of I-10 Street. Deputy advised they were tied up.
Deputy assisted EMS with subject with

head injury on local ranch.
Deputy took theft report from local citizen on 1200 block of Avenue A.
4-10-05
Deputy met with complainant at the sheriff's office about a civil matter. Deputy spoke with both parties.
Deputy met with complainant at the 1700 block of Del Rio Street about a juvenile subject that was harassing female subject. Deputy filed report.
Deputy met with complainant at the sheriff's office about female subject harassing her. Deputy filed report.
Deputy met with complainant at local football field about a burglary of a building. Deputy filed report.
Deputy assisted on medical alert at the Crockett Apartments.
Deputy spoke with subject involved in a disturbance on Primary Street.
Report of a possible drunk driver in the area of 1500 block of Piedra St. Dispatcher notified DPS office and deputy was notified.
Deputy checked on Drug Task officer on I-10 about officer safety. Deputy reported that all was okay.
4-11-05
Deputies responded to a structure fire at the 1800 block of Willow St. and assisted fire department and EMS units.
Deputy and constable responded to an alarm call at a business at the 1100 block of Avenue E. Officers reported that everything was okay.
Deputy met with complainant at the sheriff's office about subject requesting civil standby at a residence.
Deputy met with complainant at the 1500 block of Marianna St. about a female subject that was causing problems. Deputy spoke with both parties.
Report of a suspicious subject at local business at the 300 block of Avenue E. After deputies located the subject it was determined that subject was just waiting on vehicle being repaired.
Deputy met with complainant at local apartments south on State Highway 163 about a tenant that had damaged a window screen. Deputy advised that tenant was going to pay for the damage.
Deputy met with two complainants at the sheriff's office about damage caused to a vehicle. Deputy filed report.
Report of a possible family disturbance at the 1300 block of 13th St. Deputy spoke with both parties and escorted on male subject to another residence.

custody on court order awaiting transfer to another facility to complete sentence.
Lisa Lyann Valdez, 19, of Ozona in custody on formal sentence on charge of forgery awaiting transfer to another facility to complete sentence.
Alicia Constance Larkin, 35, of Los Angeles taken into custody on Castro County warrant on charge of theft by check. Subject paid amount due and was released.
4-07-05
Valentino Castillo, 21, of Ozona arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Subject was released after posting bonds.
Sandra Santiago Reyes, 33, of Ozona arrested by deputy on outstanding traffic warrants, and one charge of theft by check. Subject was released after posting bond.
4-08-05
Rose Marie Ramirez, 31, of San Angelo was arrested for public intoxication. Subject was released on six months probated sentence.
Salvador Ramos, 25, of Ozona was arrested for violation of probation. Subject remains in jail.
4-09-05
Angel Ramon Arenivas Jr., 18, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a dangerous drug and failure to register as a sex offender. Subject remains in jail.

OFFENSE REPORTS
4-08-05
Sheriff's deputy filed a theft more than \$20 and less than \$500 report - Deputy took statement from subject that stated that a theft of company property occurred and investigation continues.
4-10-05
Sheriff's deputy filed a burglary of a building report - Deputy located several juveniles that were possible suspects involved in a break in at concession stand at local football field. After further investigation juveniles subjects admitted to the break in. After juvenile subjects were processed by juvenile probation officer, they were released to their parents.
4-11-05
Sheriff's deputy filed a criminal mischief report of more than \$20 and less than \$200.
Deputy took statements from complainants about a known subject that had caused damage to a vehicle, investigation continues.

ARREST REPORTS
4-06-05
Ida Galindo Villarreal, 38, of Ozona in

House approved \$137.5 billion state budget



HIGHLIGHTS By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - It's just the next step in the process, but it sounds impressive: The House approved a \$137.5 billion two-year budget April 7 that would provide more money for public schools, more to protect children and the elderly, and more for social services.
But the Senate earlier passed its own version of a budget, and the upper chamber is not expected to approve the House version.
That means the budget goes to a joint conference committee. And that's where the real numbers will start to emerge.
State raises looking likely...
Texas' 142,000 state employees are probably going to get a pay raise, but the House and Senate have different ideas on what's fair.
The Senate thinks 4.5 percent in January 2006 and another 4.5 percent in January 2007 would be proper.
The House version is 3 percent, one time.
"I do, Governor..."
A state representative has a bill in the hopper that would make it legal for members of the Legislature and other state officials to hear couples say "I do" to the "love, honor and obey" question.
House Bill 1228, filed by Rep. Dianne Delisi (R-Temple), would add representatives, senators and current and former statewide elected officials to the list of people allowed by state law to conduct a marriage ceremony.
Lawmakers, the governor and other statewide officeholders would not be allowed to charge a fee, and they could only marry a man and a woman.

The bill languishes in committee, likely until death do it part.
Safety seat law may get boost...
The House Transportation Committee has unanimously approved House Bill 183, a measure that would require children up to age 8 and shorter than 57 inches to ride in an approved child safety seat.
The current law covers only children to age 4 or shorter than 36 inches.
Those extra years and inches will translate into lives saved, says bill sponsor Rep. Fred Brown (R-College Station).
Battle reenactment set...
The history of the world changed on April 21, 1836, when a rag tag Texas army defeated Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna at San Jacinto.
It won't look quite the same with petrochemical plants and oil tankers in the background, but the historic battle will be reenacted at 3 p.m. April 23 at the San Jacinto Museum of History.
For a free brochure on the Texas fight for independence, visit the Texas Historical Commission Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.
Tired of mowing?
If you have other things you'd rather do than mow your back yard, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has an idea - convert your yard, or at least a part of it, into a wildscape.
You'll have to put down and maintain native plants, build feeders and ponds, install bird-baths and provide shelter for wildlife.
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Junction Stockyards Market Report Sheep and Goats APRIL 11, 2005 Junction Stockyards sold 2,091 head of sheep and goats. All classes of livestock were steady
#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs. 1.35-1.42
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs. 1.25-1.35
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs. 1.20-1.25
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs. 1.10-1.15
Fat ewes 55-65
Thin ewes 45-55
Bucks 40-65
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 65-75
Stocker Angora muttons 60-75
Angora kids 1.30-1.40
Angora kids-shorn 1.25-1.35
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin) 45-55
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies 50-60
Stocker Spanish nannies 80-1.00
Fat Spanish nannies 55-65
Fat Spanish muttons 90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies 70-85
Fat yearlings 1.15-1.25
Fat Spanish kids 1.40-1.55
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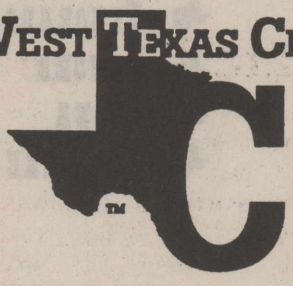
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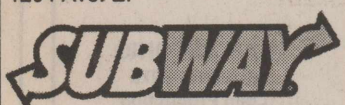
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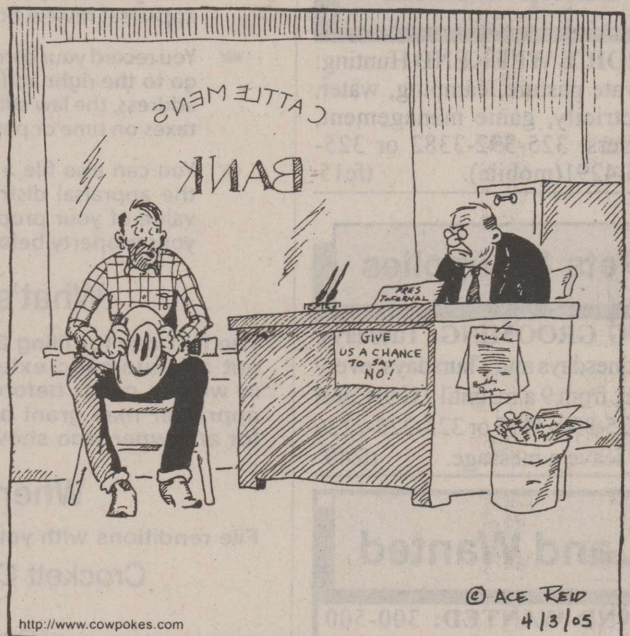
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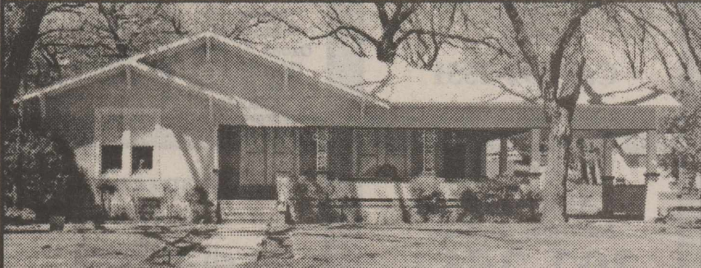
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#### NEW LISTINGS

**200 Acres** - Water well w/ solar powered pump. Large metal building. Gated entrance. - **\$150,000.**

**105 Algerita** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath - Central Heat & Air - **\$88,500.**

**603 Ave. I** - 2 bedroom, 1 bath - **\$48,500.**

**107 Ridge Crest** - 4 b **SOLD** bath - Central Heat & Air

**606 Ave. H** - 3 bedroom **SOLD** central H&A - **\$49,900.**

**1106 Ave. C** - 3 bedroom, **SOLD** story, Central H/A - **\$95,000.**

**104 Algerita** - 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, Central H/A - **\$69,500.**

**208 Acre UNDER CONTRACT** - **\$100,000.**

**1502 Piedra** - 4 Bed., 1 bath, I-10 Frontage - **Price Reduced \$27,500.**

**105 Post Oak** - 4 Bed **SOLD** bath. Quiet Neighborhood.

**3,426 +/- Acres** - 35 miles west of Ozona. Deer, Turkey, Quail. **Price Reduced - \$325/acre**

**Historic "King Springs Ranch"** - Terrell Co. - 14,720 acres. **\$135/acre.** Whitetail deer, mule deer, turkey, dove and javelina. An abundance of Indian mounds. Owned by same family for over 60 years. Over 4,000 acres of state classified minerals to be conveyed.

**300 Acre Tract** - Manufactured home, water well & electricity. Lots of Live Oak trees. **\$225,000!**

**1103 Avenue C** - 5 bedrooms, 2 baths. Hardwood floors. Central H&A. Recognized by "National Register of Historic Places". **Price Reduced. Call for Appointment - \$159,500**

#### NEW LISTINGS NEEDED

Wendland and Associates, Brokers

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**The Ozona Stockman Deadline is MONDAY AT NOON**

### Public Notices

#### NOTICE OF ESTRAY ANIMAL

As required by the Texas Agricultural Code, Sec. 142, the following notice of an estray animal is hereby provided: Name and Address of person reporting the estray: Greg Hopper - Ozona, Texas; the location where the estray was found: Taylor Box Road - 14 miles south of Interstate-10; the location of the estray until disposition: Bill Black Livestock - Sheffield Road - Ozona, Texas; Description of the animal: a tan and white cow with a small calf. The cow has two brands. Brand #1 is a "Rocker L." Brand #2 is a circle with two small "Tails." Date of notice publication: April 6, 2005. This notice shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation (Ozona Stockman) twice in a 15 day period and posted in the county court annex as provided by the Texas Agriculture Code, Section 142.009 (d). The owner of the above described estray shall notify the Sheriff within 18 days of the final publication of this notice or the estray shall be disposed of as required by the Texas Agriculture Code, Section 142.013. Shane Fenton, Sheriff, Crockett County. 2c10

### WE HAVE THANK YOU NOTES

Come by The Ozona Stockman at 1000 Avenue E

### Honeybee Removal

**HONEYBEE REMOVAL:** Free estimates. Call John Williams at 325-226-4202 in Ozona. 4p09

### For Sale

**PREDDY'S TIRE SERVICE**  
Used truck tires  
392-2016 tfc34

**HUNTING TRUCK:** 91 GMC, 4WD, Ext Cab w/2 seat High Rack, front/rear bumpers, camo paint, runs GREAT, too much to list, must see. \$5500.00 or OBO, 817-473-2294 - Randy tfc01

### Hunting Leases Camp Cooks

**CHOICE WEEKEND Hunting:** private pasture, camping, water, electricity, game management, feeders. 325-392-3382 or 325-226-4291(mobile). tfc15

### Pets & Supplies

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

### Land Wanted

**LAND WANTED:** 300-500 acres south or west of Ozona. CASH deal. Please call, I am very interested. Call 325-392-2382 tfc04

### 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

### Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

#### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

#### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

#### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2005 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

#### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:  
Crockett County Tax Collector  
908 Ave. D  
Ozona, TX 76943

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn  
Property Tax Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, TX 78711-3528  
or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:

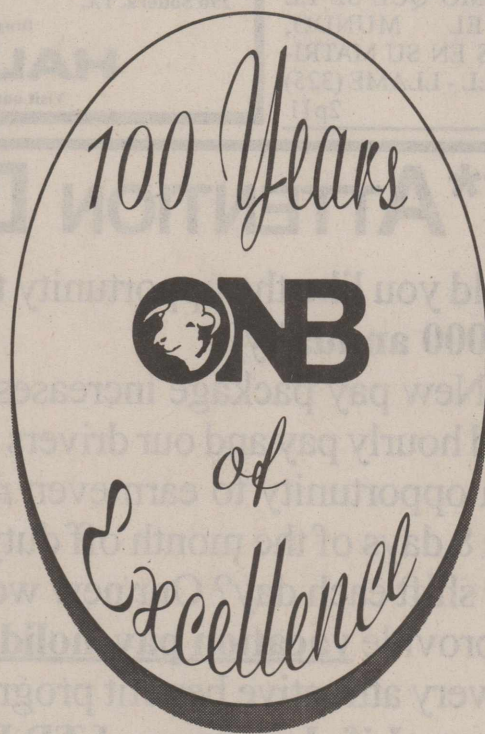
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