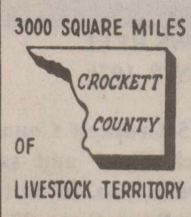


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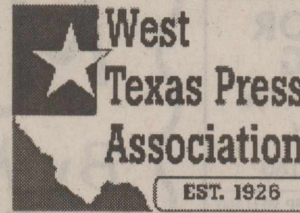
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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday	
High 70	Low 40
Sunny	
Thursday	
High 65	Low 38
Mostly Sunny	
Friday	
High 54	Low 32
Sunny	
Saturday	
High 67	Low 37
Sunny	
Sunday	
High 73	Low 41
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

School board officially hires superintendent

Gott scheduled to start Feb. 1

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees officially hired Abe Gott as the new superintendent during a called meeting on Jan. 5.

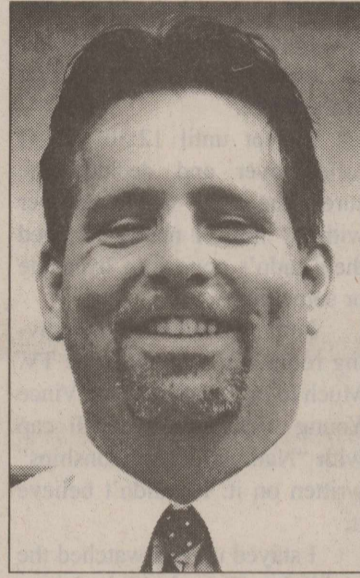
Gott will begin work in Ozona starting Feb. 1.

"I am excited and looking forward to being here," Gott said.

Gott, 42, comes to Ozona from Cherokee Independent School District where he has been superintendent there since 2004.

Cherokee ISD covers 242 square miles in the southern part of San Saba County. It has an enrollment of around 140 students.

His previous experience includes principal of Hanna Springs Intermediate School and assistant principal of Kline Whitis Elementary School from 1998-2004 at Lampasas ISD; principal of Hunt Elementary



ABE GOTT

School and assistant principal from 1994-1998 at Cuero ISD and teacher from 1990-1998 at Crowley ISD, Alief ISD and Lampasas ISD.

Gott received his master of education in administration from Tarleton State University and his bachelor of arts from Baylor

University.

Gott and his wife Lara have three children.

Gott was chosen after nearly four months of searching and interviews by the district.

Also discussed during the meeting was the possibility that the district might have to buy a new voting machine in order to come into compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The act states that new machines must be implemented this year.

Business Manager Cynthia Hokit said that the machine would cost the district \$5,600 and that it needs to be ordered soon if they expect it to be in by the May elections.

Board President Dr. Marcus Sims asked Hokit to discuss the possibility of leasing one of the machines from the county.

The board will discuss more on the voting machine at their Jan. 18 regular monthly meeting. That meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be at the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

Becoming an Eagle Scout



Travis Zuberbueller receives high honor during ceremony

Travis Zuberbueller became the newest Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop 153 during a ceremony on Jan. 7 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Proud parents Stephen and Freida presented their son to the committee of Eagles.

Scoutmaster and assistants are Melvin, Linda and Glenn Conner, Stephen Zuberbueller and Ben English.

Travis started his scouting trail in 1997 when he was in first grade as a tiger cub. He progressed up the trail to bobcat, wolf, bear and webeles scout. He also earned his two religious knot awards Light of Christ, and Par Vu Li Dei. He had also earned top awards both locally and council wide for selling popcorn.

Travis finished his Cub Scout days by earning the Arrow of Light, the highest Cub Scout award, on Aug. 20, 2001. He then crossed over to Boy Scouts on Aug. 28, 2001.



TOP: TRAVIS ZUBERBUELER (far right) takes the Eagle Promise with fellow Eagle Scouts at his ceremony on Jan. 7. **ABOVE** (left to right) Travis presents his mother, Freida, and his father, Stephen, with their family pins during the ceremony.

the time he reached Eagle he had also earned 60 merit badges, his religious knot awards Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII, Order of the Arrow, ordeal and brotherhood and Scout of the Year 2003.

He wrote and submitted a new merit badge for Paleontology to National Scouts in Dallas and he raised money for the Troop trailer. Travis also earned his 50 miler badge the summer of 2005 while attending Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico.

The ceremony began with Boy Scout Troop 153 advancing the colors.

lit by Latham Ducote and Jeremy Cochran. Melvin Conner, master of ceremonies, then welcomed the guest to the ceremony and opened the program. Taylor Newton gave the invocation. Then Michael Mitchell, the Greenbelt District Executive, recited the trail to Eagle as Linda Conner lit candles. Chris Johnson, the Permian Basin District Executive, recognized the candidate.

Presentation of the Eagle medal, badge, and neckerchief were next. Melvin placed the medal, Stephen placed the badge and Linda placed the neckerchief.

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Annual Crockett County stock show this weekend

Fifty-six exhibitors will participate in the 58th annual Stock Show which gets underway this week at the Fair Park Convention Center.

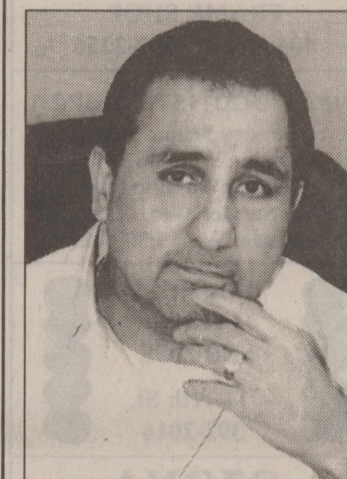
4-H members will be participating for prizes with rabbit, swine, goat and lamb projects. They start this Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. with the Junior Rabbit Show and the weigh in of all other animals.

On Friday the Swine Show will begin at 1:30 p.m. immediately followed by the Goat Show and the Lamb Show.

On Saturday, the barbecue lunch will be served at noon and will be followed by the awards presentation and the Premium Auction.

The 2006 Exhibitors include: Lakin Aaron, Kyann Kothman, Jennifer Allen, Tamra Karels, Wade Allen, Corey Kelley, Corey Allum, Ross Kelley, Alexandra Bean,
 Please see **SHOW**, page 5

Tobar files for commissioner



Citizens of Crockett County Precinct 4, you have the opportunity to elect a new county commissioner.

I was born and raised in Ozona and along with my wife, Lisa, have raised our children, Vanessa who is married to Hilario Guadarrama, Alex, T.J., Kenny and Alredo Jr. all in Ozona. I have owned a small business in Ozona for over a decade and had many experiences which have provided me with a well rounded perspective for many issues. I feel that with my long history in Ozona, I am in touch with the citizens of our town.

I feel that we have a fast

rising and changing community and it is time for fresh innovative ideas to keep up with the growth and needs. I want to be a part of that experience and be a leader for our community's future. I have a desire to unite our county government in order to better serve the citizens of Precinct 4.

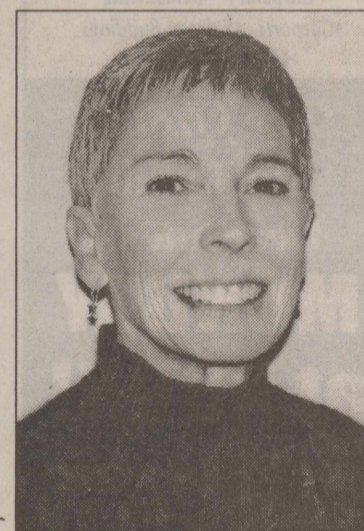
One of the most important concerns I have is that we focus on our LOCAL issues and deal with the concerns of our LOCAL citizens. I want to be your voice and represent ALL citizens equally and fairly. I want our community to grow in a safe and organized manner which will strengthen it.

I invite the citizens of our community to e-mail me at atobar04@aol.com or to contact me telephonically at 392-2876 to voice your concerns. I look forward to meeting with as many people as I can and to listen to any comments and/or concerns.

Sincerely,
 Alfredo M. Tobar

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Brown files for clerk position



I would like to announce my candidacy for Crockett County/District Clerk. In 1960 my family moved to Ozona where I graduated high school in 1969.

After attending Lubbock Christian College, I worked three years for the Terrell Coun-

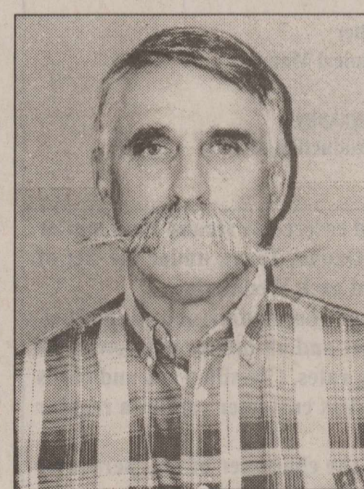
ty Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector in Sanderson. My husband, Joe, our daughter, Jodye, and I moved to our family ranch in Val Verde County where I worked for the Comstock Independent School District Superintendent for 10 years.

Since my return to Crockett County in 1996, I have been secretary to the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Sergeant. Hard work and an eagerness to learn have given me success in my past endeavors.

Your vote for me, Debra L. Brown, for County/District Clerk would be greatly appreciated. The people of Crockett County can count on me to do this job to the best of my ability with integrity and honesty.

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Williams files for county judge position



Larry R. Williams announces his intention to seek election as Crockett County Judge. Mr. Williams stated, "I want to serve the residents of Crockett County and continue with the strong county government retiring Judge Johnny Jones has established."

Larry Williams has served Crockett County. He has served as a delegate to the democratic state convention. Williams has held many offices in the District 4-H Adult Leaders Association and received recognition for ser-

vice as a 4-H leader and coach of judging teams. He has worked with the youth of our county.

Mr. Williams has been a board member of the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District for 14 years. He served as vice chairman, chairman, and delegate to state and national conventions. He has served on the Committee of 100 who are advisors to the state chairman. Mr. Williams has been a strong active member of this organization's political action committee. Mr. Williams has learned the role of committee leader while serving as secretary, vice chairman, and chairman of the Area Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Williams is currently serving as secretary/treasurer of the Concho Valley Resource, Conservation and Development Organization. He is secretary of the Emerald Underground Water District he helped to establish by serving on its steering committee. In this capacity, Williams has learned to listen to the people of Crockett
 Please see **WILLIAMS**, page 3

Continuation of burn ban approved

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners Court approved to continue the county-wide burn ban during Monday's regular meeting.

Fire Chief Bob Falkner said that Ozona Volunteer Fire Department has made 14 runs already in 2006 with the majority
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

UT wins national championship and all is right with the world

I don't know how everybody else's first week of 2006 went, but in my family life couldn't be better.

In case anyone missed it, the University of Texas Longhorns defeated the University of Southern California Trojans, 41-38, for the National Championship.

The tension that had been mounting to the this game is now over and now, according to all those so-called "smart" sports-casters, Texas and their powerhouse quarterback Vince Young can do no wrong.

This is a nice change to the month-long USC hoopla I kept hearing. Since this game-to-end-all-games in college football was decided at the first December, everyone in the media basically handed that trophy to USC.

What all those skeptics didn't realize is that they were adding fuel to the fire for Texas.

As you can tell, I'm a Texas fan. I have been my entire life. Growing up in my house, you worshiped the 'Horns on Saturdays and the Dallas Cowboys on Sundays (let's not mention how Dallas did this year, that's another column altogether).

My family bleeds burnt orange. I have visited the campus in Austin so many times, I've lost track. I did plan on going there to study but as they say "life happens."

Of course, everyone who asked me what I was doing on Jan. 4 when the game was on were shocked when I told them I wasn't watching. Oh, I pecked a little bit but I was too nervous.

I was nervous at this time last year when I watched the 'Horns defeat Michigan by a field goal in the Rose Bowl and I was nervous when they defeated Ohio State earlier in the season. This time, however, my nerves had gone into overtime.

I spent Wednesday afternoon, in between work, studying articles online as to why Texas should win, what they were up against and going over the odds.

On my way home, I analyzed the game in my head. I kept thinking, "Texas should

Community Calendar

- Jan. 11** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Senior Center.
- Jan. 12** - The 58th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show at the convention center. Rabbit show starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13** - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Mason, starting at 5 p.m. at Mason.
- The 58th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show at the convention center. Swine show starts at 1:30 p.m. followed by the goat and lamb shows.
- Jan. 14** - The 58th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show at the convention center. Buyer's barbecue lunch at noon followed by awards and premium sale.
- Jan. 16** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade and JV Gold Lady Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade and JV Gold Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.
- Jan. 17** - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Reagan County, starting at 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
- Jan. 18** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.



NEWS REEL
 JAN. 8, 1976

The 1975 Crockett County 4-H Livestock Show and sale will be Saturday, Jan. 10, at the County Show Barn. Some 33 4-H members will be exhibiting about 130 head of livestock consisting of lambs and steers

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Worthington and children, Fleet Roy and Tess Lynn, of Fort Stockton were holiday guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coates

Raul De La Rosa Jr., visited with friends in East Dubuque, Ill. and Dubuque, Iowa during Christmas.

NEWS REEL
 JAN. 9, 1947

Bruce Harp, Crockett County's newly elected sheriff, was sworn in the morning of Jan. 1

Charlie Davidson was elected chairman of an adult advisory committee to work with boys of the Crockett County 4-H Clubs; other members of the committee are Charlie Coates, Mrs. Frank Jones, Phillip Lee Childress and Lindsey Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrell left this week for Brownsville where they will spend several weeks.



History Lessons

He was just another old man who had managed to live too long, spending what he knew where his last days in a hospital.

She was a teenage volunteer, a Candy Striper I believe they called them, who wanted to become a nurse one day.

"My dear at my age every-thing hurts. And if it doesn't hurt it's just because it doesn't hurt any more. That scar on my arm? I got that when I was five years old and pulled a bucket of scalding water with lye in it off the woodstove. We didn't have hot water heaters or washing machines back then, you know?"

"That must have been a real pain," said the young girl as she gently scrubbed his arms and hands. "And what's this? You don't have a nail on this finger here?"

"No, that's cause we didn't have refrigerators when I was a kid. Our ice box was just that, a box filled with ice that we'd fetch from the ice house in town. I was loading blocks of ice into the wagon when two chunks collided with my finger in between. I was lucky to only lose a nail. Looking back now, I was lucky to have survived my childhood."

"You had to haul ice in a station wagon?" the young lady exclaimed in disbelief.

"No, no, chuckled the old man. We didn't get a car until 1929 when we sold most of everything we owned and bought a Model A to make our trip out to California. That's where this scar here came from," said the old man pointing to a raised patch of skin on his hand that was now covered with liver spots. "My family drouthed out in the Dust Bowl, lost the farm and was headed west when that old Ford broke down around Needles. I guess it was just too much for that old car with two mattresses, four kids and a chicken coop on board. I burned my hand tinkering on that old car's hot engine. But it wasn't nearly as hot as my father was when he discovered that the crook who sold him our

car had packed the rod bearings with bacon rinds! I swear my dad let out a string of cuss words that would have made a muleskinner blush. That's also when I got that nasty cut there on the bottom of my foot. I remember it was terrible hot that day and, being summer, none of us kids were wearing shoes. We only got shoes in the winter time. Anyway, after I burned my hand on the engine I ran to an irrigation ditch to soak it in water. That's when I cut my foot on a piece of a broken pop bottle in the ditch. Got infected pretty bad but we didn't have any money for a Doctor. The pain in my foot sure made my first job out west a lot harder. We picked up rocks six days a week, ten hours a day for \$21. That's how I got the poison sumac scars on my legs."

"You got paid \$21 A DAY for all that work!" exclaimed the girl.

"No, no, my dear. It was \$21 a week! And we were darn sure glad to get it too."

The young caretaker looked at the patient with a newfound sense of wonder. "What happened here?" the caregiver asked as she ran her fingers over a six inch blemish on the man's forehead, partially covered by fading puffs of white, wispy hair.

"Oh, that? Surprised you noticed it amidst all the wrinkles. Took some shrapnel in the head fightin' the Germans. Every time I rub that scar I think of all the boys who didn't get to come home," he said as a salty tear or two coalesced with the cleansing bath waters.

This old soldier didn't need that wartime tattoo on his arm, medals on his chest or metal in his head to prove his manhood to his new friend. While she had given him a sponge bath he had given her a history lesson. (Perhaps I failed to mention that this was, after all, a teaching hospital.)

Though she bore no visible scars, the old man had left his own indelible mark on the young nurse... and on the world he departed. Maybe he hadn't been all that pretty to look at but, oh, what a body of work he left behind!

Letters to the Editor

Former resident turning 90 on Jan. 26

Dear Editor,
 Her mailing address is: Mrs. Ted M. Lewis, c/o Independence Hill, 20450 Huebner Road, Apt 11131, San Antonio, Texas 78258.
 Thanks,
 David and Mary Lewis
 Dallas, Texas

New swimming pool location not safe

Dear Editor,
 I would like to comment on the placement of the proposed new swimming pool. I have no problem with the funds or funding of the swimming pool. The placement of the new swimming pool seems to present a two fold problem.
 First, very young children go to the swimming pool unaccompanied. The swimming pool being so close and clearly visible from the Interstate will make our most vulnerable citizens potential prey to every pedophile and sex offender traveling on I-10.
 A pedophile or sex offender needs three things to acquire a victim, availability, vulnerability and opportunity. Seems to me the resent proposed placement of the swimming pool provides all

three.
 The second concern is regardless of which way you live from the pool. Nine tenth of the children will have to cross a major through fare. The pool will be right at the end of an exit ramp off of I-10. Have you ever watched the traffic coming down that ramp?
 Could we please have some community input on this?

Will the county be accountable for placing what should be a secure site for children's entertainment in such a vulnerable spot?
 Shouldn't the only criteria here be the safety of our children?

Betty Jo Bullard
 Ozona, Texas

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Happy Birthday

- Jan. 12 - Mario F. Mendoza, Kevin Webb, Maria Antonia Quiroz and Alan Bloebaum
- Jan. 13 - Mark Valadez
- Jan. 14 - Laurie English, Carmen Sutton, Sharon Williams, Raymond Adcock and Martha Rocha
- Jan. 15 - Justin Ray Yeager, Diana Rodriguez and Jessica Knaack
- Jan. 16 - Jane Chandler and Vivian Medina
- Jan. 17 - Michelle Camarillo, Leticia F. Payne, Amenda Poindexter, Irma Fernandez and Isabel Aguilar
- Jan. 18 - Devin Adcock, Chuck Morris and Lane White
- Jan. 19 - Jason Hignight and Allie Black

Nutrition/ Food Pantry class Jan. 20

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

TRAVIS: Community helped in completing service project

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Travis gave his parents small replicas of the Eagle badge. Travis gave out four mentoring pins, to Melvin and Linda Conner and Michael Mitchell and Dennis Luellen.

Ross Cochran gave the voice of the Eagle while Wilson White lit candles. The Challenge was given by Jared Ducote and the Eagle Charge was given by Michael Mitchell. The Eagle scouts that were present recited the Eagle Promise. Inspirational Message was given by Ben English. Travis then gave a speech thanking everyone who had helped him achieve his goal of Eagle and then he gave small gifts of appreciation to several individuals.

An Eagle Scout must exhibit the qualities and attributes of both the Scout Law and Oath in his daily life. Travis accomplishments far exceed the requirements for Eagle. Travis has earned half of all the merit badges. Eagle merit badges earned are family life, citizenship in the world, citizenship in the nation, swimming, first aide, citizenship in the community, personal fitness, personal

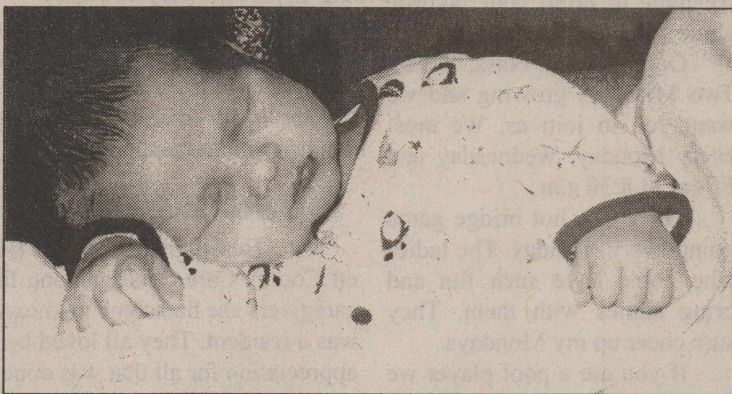
Rehab 2006 online auction is open for bids

The West Texas Rehab 2006 telethon auction Web site is up and open for bids on more than 400 retail items and dozens of handmade quilts and afghans.

Interested bidders may log on at www.westtexasrehab.org.

A boat, a Jeep, four-wheelers and a quad cab pickup truck are some of the large items on the site. There is also baseball, golf and auto racing passes, as well as Elvis collectibles, Red Raider autographed balls, quilts, artwork, diamonds, furniture, hunts and weekend getaways. Auction bidding will continue online until midnight Jan. 21. That's also the deadline for telephone bidding, which is possible from 6 p.m. to midnight on Jan. 21 by dialing toll free 1-866-219-7013. Items will also be featured on that date in a pull-out section of the San Angelo Standard-Times and Abilene Reporter-News.

The telethon, featuring The Bellamy Brothers, will air on KLST-TV on Jan. 21. The phone bank for Ozona residents will be set up at the new Visitor Center. Residents can call 392-3737 to make donations on Jan. 21.



It's a boy

Corbin Wade Crenwelge was born at 9:01 a.m. Dec. 1, 2005 in San Angelo.

He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud parents are Cole and Pam Crenwelge.

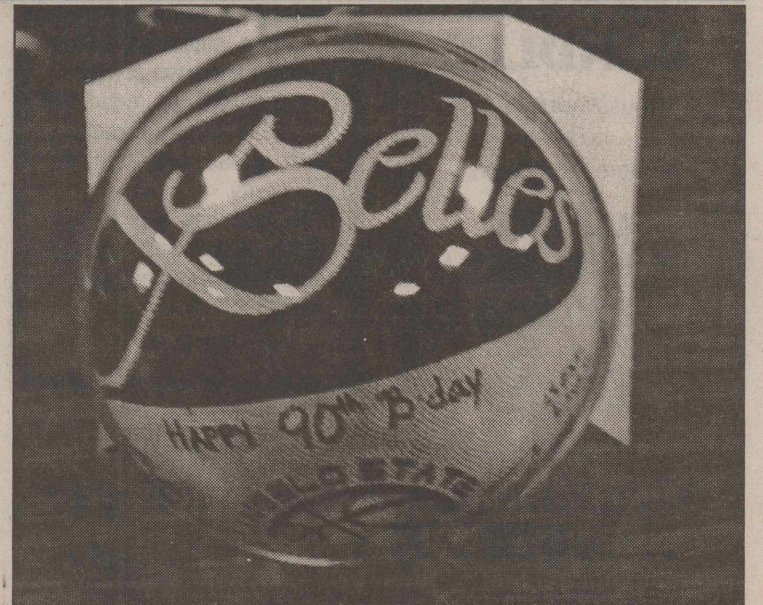
Proud grandparents are Archie and Genie Crenwelge of Sonora, Shari Smith of Jacksonville, Fla. and Troy Martin of Okeechobee, Fla.

Proud great-grandparents are Roman and Pearl Mosel of Fredericksburg.



Photos by Melissa Perner

TOP: EUGENE "JAKE" MILLER (left) poses for a picture with long time friend Oscar Kost during Miller's 90th birthday celebration on Jan. 7 at the Crockett Room. Miller was joined by numerous family and friends for his birthday. Miller said he is aiming to reach 100 years old now. **RIGHT:** The Angelo State University Rambelles basketball team sent Miller an autographed basketball wishing him a "Happy 90th B-day" and thanking him for his many years of support.



DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

The Salvation Army would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to the community of Ozona for the overwhelming support given to the Toys for Tots campaign this year.

Thirty-three applications were taken this year that helped 95 children and raised \$1,395 in cash.

We want to give special thanks to Frank Tambunga and the Ozona Veterans for collecting toys and money; to The Ozona Stockman and Circle Bar Cable TV, the Ozona Fire Department and Santa for delivering the toys and the Ozona High School students for the canned foods. Thanks also go to Bobby Ogle, Food Basket, Maness Exxon, Duckwall's, Dollar General, Ozona Chatterbox, Shot's #2 & #4, Duke Energy and T & C Village Market.

We also want to recognize our Salvation Army committee members. They are: Beth Gravell, secretary; Donna Bell, head of fund-raising, Helen Wall and Louanna Haire. Thanks to our present wrappers LaDonna and Robin Slayter; Rita Harris; Cindy, Gil, Russel and Matthew Komechak; Fred, Nicky and Lauren Najar; Richard Gomez and Stormy Bell.

Each and everyone that contributed in any way were so awesome and we are so proud of Ozona.

WILLIAMS: Candidate spent seven years as a bail bondsman

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County as they voice their opinions.

Larry Williams is a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Presently, he serves as quarter master for the Robert Worth Post 3216.

Mr. Williams is currently involved in the ranching business north of Ozona and has retired from the bail bond business. Williams has lived his entire life in Crockett County leaving only to attend college, serve in the army, and work for the U.S.D.A. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two married sons, John and Patty Williams of San Antonio and Tom Ben and Stacy Williams of Austin. Larry's wife, Elaine, is a school teacher in Big Lake, Texas.

Mr. Williams is familiar with the court system and the responsibilities of a county judge having been involved in civil and criminal law for the past seven years as a bail bondsman.

Williams said, "As a candidate for Crockett County Judge I would appreciate your consideration and your vote. I will try to serve all of the citizens in a fair and considerate matter."

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Red Hat Society News

The Scarlet Bonnets will be meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 12 at El Chato's.

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If you need more information, please contact Diane Glegghorn 392-9105 or Julia Holmes 392-3896. Thank you.

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Chamber seeks nominations

In preparation for the annual awards banquet, the Ozona Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for individuals or organizations you feel have contributed to the community or are deserving of recognition. Awards will be presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet normally held in February or March.

Nominations can be sent to: the chamber office at P.O. Box 1135.

Awards are: **Citizen of the Year, Unsung Hero, Legacy of Spirit and Organization of the Year.**

Nominations may be submitted to the Chamber office, but must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 20. The Chamber asks that nominations also include a name of a family member or friend that the Chamber may contact. Following the deadline, the Chamber will review the history of past recipients that will be compared to submitted nominations.

For more information, call 392-3737.

(4-7) Jesus spoke of different souls the seed was sowed.
(8) Seeds fell on good soil - some a hundred items as much as was sown - sixty and some thirty.
(9) He who has ears to hear. Let him be listening, (consider, perceive and comprehend by hearing).

Matthew 13: (4-7) 8, 9

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Care Center Chatter

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

This past week we were getting settled and getting the feel of the New Year. Is it just me or did 2005 hurry by just real fast?

At our New Year's party Helen Wall won the set of dishes which were given as a door prize. Also, Lucy Hinde won the gift certificate from Triple C. We welcomed in the New Year by eating black eyed peas and corn bread.

Our condolences go out to Eileen Childress and her family because of their loss of their husband and father John Childress. Ozona and Crockett County will miss John.

Crockett County Senior Center will be having their first pot luck of New Year at noon today. Please cook up a dish and come join our group.

Pat Nicks and sister Charlotte were by the Senior Center last Tuesday and donated paper plates, cups, plastic forks and Valentine decorations. Thank you Pat and remember we all love you.

Crockett County Senior Center Board met on Jan. 3 at the Senior Center. The board planned the senior activities for January and February. Watch this column for more information concerning our activities.

Monday I called in to see how Merle and Mary Welty were getting along this week. Merle was playing his guitar and Mary reported that Merle was feeling better than he has in three and one half weeks. The laughter is always on at the Welty house.

If anyone needs transporta-

tion for the Senior Center, call Lynn at 392-9094.

I would like to remind everyone that we have here at the Crockett County Senior Center the defensive driving tapes and also the CD's to rent out. You can check them out here and save a trip into San Angelo. You are allowed to keep the CD's or video for 71 hours.

We also have here at the Senior Center a book, magazine and recipe exchange. Drop by and leave your favorite recipe and maybe we have one here that you may want to try.

There are several things going on here at the Crockett County Senior Center. We have a number of games or you are welcome to bring your favorite game with you.

Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles" is growing and we want you to join us. We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

There is a hot bridge game going every Monday. The ladies who come have such fun and bring smiles with them. They sure cheer up my Mondays.

If you are a pool player we have a good pool table in the back room and we have recently purchased new cue sticks. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon.

We have worked through all the puzzles that we had so if you have any puzzles that you don't know what to do with we could sure use them.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age. (We are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Card of Thanks

Dear Steve and Mason Wilkins; John Austin Stokes and Mario Barrera:
In the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 5, one of our worst nightmares occurred. A fire started at our home while we slept. If all of you would not have been awake and aware of what was happening, our life, as we know it, could have been shattered or even lost.

Your bravery and help saved our home and our life. For this, we will forever be grateful. With words, we will never be able to thank you enough for everything all of you did. We appreciate each of you from the bottom of our heart.

We would also like to thank the Ozona Fire Department's volunteers, the Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies, and all other neighbors who responded to help during our time of need. May God bless all of you and your families.

Sincerely,
The Mari Longoria Family

"What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"
Mark 6:2

My Belt

The old one had long since worn out but a good friend said he could make me a new one. I picked it up just before Christmas and boy was it pretty! It was even better than I had imagined. When I went to pay for it He said, "Merry Christmas, it's a gift to you." I was so proud of the belt that I wore it to town. In town someone saw my new belt and made fun of it. I felt so bad because I was so proud of my new gift. That incident made me realize something about Christianity. People who do not know Christ Jesus as their personal Lord and savior may not realize how important or how much we love Him. They may make fun of Christians and mock them.

They may even make fun about or use Jesus' name in bad ways. I love my new belt and very much appreciate the one who made it for me. I also enjoy my salvation, (forgiveness of my sins) and my new relationship (II Corinthians 5:17) to God, which Christ Jesus gave me when He died on the cross. I am not ashamed to wear my new belt just as I will hold my head high (Romans 1:16) even if they mock my Jesus and remove His name from our land (Luke 9:26; Galatians 6:7).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

Obituaries

Joe Fierro Sanchez

Joe Fierro Sanchez, 62, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2006 in Fort Worth.

Funeral service was Monday, Jan. 9, 2006 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanchez was born Dec. 25, 1943 in Ozona.

Survivors include his mother, Lucia Sanchez of Ozona; two sisters, Rosario Sanchez of Ozona and Nelly Gibson of Fort Worth; three brothers, Raymond Sanchez of Ozona, Carlos Sanchez of Arlington and Richard Sanchez of Fort Worth and numerous nieces nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal parents Nolberta Sanchez and Jose M. Sanchez.

Mollie P. Fay

Mollie P. Fay, 89, died Jan. 1, 2006 at Amistad Nursing Home in Uvalde. She was born Dec. 23, 1916 in Brackettville.

Services were held Jan. 4 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Hillcrest Cemetery in Uvalde. Arrangements were by Rusing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary.

Preceding her in death was her four sisters, Maria Delgado, Mariana Duenez, Guadalupe Gauna and Maria Moreno and one brother, Pascual Delgado.

She is survived by one sister, Luisa Gonzalez, of Uvalde and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bessie Elendar Burns Booth

Bessie Elendar Burns Booth died Jan. 2, 2006 at the Crockett County Care Center among family and many friends and loving caregivers she had come to know during the two and a half years she was a resident. They all loved her smile, her sense of humor and her appreciation for all that was done for her.

Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 6, 2006 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Booth was born Oct. 30, 1915 in Broome. She was the second eldest daughter of George and Myrtle Singleton Burns. She had two half brothers, Robin and Waymon Burns, two brothers, Lewis Lee and George Roma Burns, and three sisters, Lillie, Henrietta and Gertrude. They all preceded her in death as she is the last of her siblings. Her husband, Vernon Booth, preceded her in death in March 2003.

She is survived by her two daughters, Martha and her husband, Charles Beasley, and Wanda Peden. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Deborah, Rodney, Bruce, Byron and Christine. She has 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Mother lived a long and eventful life. She made history being the first woman welder in California during World War II. She helped build the Liberty Ship, one of Calship's "200 for Victory." She had also worked as a nurse, a waitress and most important a very wonderful Mother. She loved red roses and said she would enjoy her flowers before she died and her room was adorned with the red roses she dearly loved each week.

The family is very grateful for all the tender loving care that was given Mother during this time. Heaven is getting a very special angel now. We will miss you, have a safe journey. Vaya con Dios.



Submitted Photo
JOE MORAN AND LEROY ADCOCK (r.) celebrate birthdays at the Levis and Lace dance last weekend.

Levis & Lace News

By **TINA JARVIS**
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Jan. 3, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Renee Padier, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, Tina Jarvis and our student danced at the Care Center. Afterwards, we went to the Senior Center for a lesson. We had a short meeting about our coming festival and about our workshop on Saturday.

Saturday night, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Tina and Joe Moran, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch and Tina Jarvis and our student practiced plus moves and then we danced to caller

Tom Harrison from Abilene and me. Tom's wife Debbie helped to fill out the second square. Mildred Couch, David Turicchi and Peggy Wellman were our guests tonight.

Leroy Adcock's birthday was celebrated tonight, his birthday is on the 23rd and Joe Moran's birthday was also celebrated tonight.

Saturday, we will go to Abilene and dance at the Wagon Wheel Square Dance clubs dance.

On Friday at 7 p.m., we will dance at the Care Center and afterwards we will go to the Senior Center for a lesson.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Crockett County 4-H starts off 2006 season with a bang

With the beginning of a new year starts the 2006 Stock Show season.

Fifteen members started the season this past week at the Sandhills stock show in Odessa.

Allie Claire Black, daughter of Will M. And Vickie Black, received a beautiful leather bag for Reserve Champion Lamb of the show. Allie's finewool weighed in at 110 lbs and won 1st place in Class 4 before it was Reserve Champion behind the fifth class lamb.

Allie also showed the Class 2 winner and the third and 11th place in Class 5.

Out of the 10 lambs in the Championship drive, six of them were from Crockett County.

Kelbie Renfro, daughter of Billy Dell and Bobbie Renfro, was the Junior Showman-

ship Buckle winner, and had two lambs in the championship drive.

She had the first place 3rd class and the second place heavy weight.

Lane Hale also had a good day by having two lambs in the championship drive, they were second in Class 2 and 4.

Clint Hale qualified his fourth place Class 2 lamb for the Premium Sale and also placed 10th in Class 1.

Kyann Kothman placed eighth in Class 3 and Wes McGuire placed 12th in Class 1.

Goat Exhibitors include: Kara Bird, Lucinda Birkenfeld, Allie Black, Murphey Black, Kraig Chandler, Lane Hale. Curator Jones, Jadyne Poindexter, Lexi Poindexter and Emalee Hamilton.

Placing goats were: Murphey Black fourth place Class 4; Lane Hale 10th place Class 4; Allie Black 13th place Class 3; Lucinda Birkenfeld 15th place Class 3, 20th place Class 5 and 16th place Class 6; Emalee Hamilton 17th place Class 3 and Kara Bird 19th place Class 4.

Accompanying the group: Miles Dabovich, Ryan Bean, Will M. and Vickie Black, Ed and Laurie Hale, Les and Katrina Hale, David McGuire, Rick and Lucy Bird, Cindy Duseck, Pat and Debbie Hamilton, Matt Mecke, Chad and Tonya Poindexter, Brock Jones, David and Tammy McWilliams and Tia Chandler.

This was great start for us, I hope we continue as the season goes on.

SHOW: All are invite to this year's event

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Cuatro Jones, Adrienne Bendele, Matthew Komechak, Lucinda Birkenfeld, Russel Komechak, Allie Black, Jodie Marshall, Murphey Black, Matt McGuire, Kara Bird, Wes McGuire, Jennifer Castberry, Shona Moore, Erik Carrizales, Jayci Miller, Kraig Chandler, Victoria Miller, Kelsey Childress, Abby Newton, Latham Ducote, Taylor

Newton, Derek DeWolfe, Jadyne Poindexter, Mathew DeWolfe, Lexi Poindexter, Trey Fierro, Johnna Pullig, Colyn Glaspie, Justin Pullig, Logan Glaspie, Kelbie Renfro, Kodi Glosson, Stormi Rinehart, Morgan Glosson, Allison Skehan, Brandi Glosson, Colton Stalcup, Chelsea Gonzales, Frankie Skinner, Kasey Gray, Dean Wadsworth,

Clint Hale, Lane White, Lane Hale, Wilson White, Kramer Hall and Emalee Hamilton.

On behalf of the Crockett County Junior Livestock Show we would like to express our appreciation to all of the supporters and donors and would like to invite everybody to come to the stock show and sale.

COURT: Visitor Center to open to the public Monday

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being grass fires and mutual aid to other counties.

The latest fire occurred Sunday night in the north part of the county. Falkner said the fire was in real heavy brush and that if the wind had been blowing the situation could have been worse.

"It's extremely dry and it's just going to get worse," Falkner said. "I think the burn ban needs to stay in affect. I don't know when we can say when we're going to get out from under it."

Falkner also said that a new water truck costing around \$35,000 should arrive within 10 days. The truck will be reconditioned with a 4,000 gallon tank and a 900 gallon per minute pump.

During the chamber of commerce report, Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director, said the center will be open to the public on Monday. The

Grand Opening is planned for Feb. 22.

The commissioners also approved the contract between the county and the chamber for the new center stating the county owns the facility but the chamber operates the facility.

Scott Hay, with Hibbs and Todd Inc. engineering firm, presented the plans for the new swimming pool project. The pool will be a "mini water park" with a beach entry and the deepest depth reaching 5 feet, said.

The pool will also contain an area for lap swimming and places for children of all age groups to play. There will also be a zero-depth splash pad with various water features. Water features include a turtle and a whale for children to play with, an umbrella, five dumping water buckets and a rain curtain. There will also be a pirate ship

with a water slide for small children and then a large water slide in the bigger part of the pool, said.

The fence will be an eight-foot wrought iron fence around the area and a bathroom with restrooms and showers. The project is estimated to cost \$842,000, which includes some work being done by the county. The commissioners also approved advertisement for bids for the pool project. The project is estimated to be completed by May.

Other agenda items approved:

- Appointment of election judges.
- Posting of public meetings and tax rate information on the county web site.
- Shio Tambunga and Katie Sellers to the Library Board.
- Juvenile detention space.

2006 already a bad year for wildfires

Texas Forest Service urges Texans to use caution

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS - State Forester and Director of the Texas Forest Service, Jim Hull, says this winter's fire season is the worst he's seen in nearly ten years since he became state forester in 1996.

He is urging Texans to remain on their guard against any actions that could result in additional wildfires in the state.

In the first five days of 2006, 191,806 acres have burned in Texas, which are more acres than all of 2005.

While local fire departments are the first responders to wildfires in Texas, if the size of a fire or conditions - such as the

recent drought and high winds and low relative humidity - exceeds local control, additional Texas Forest Service crews and equipment are called upon to help.

"Current fire threat conditions are so extreme that almost any wildfire has the potential to exceed local control at this point," said Hull.

Today, 156 Texas Forest Service personnel are assigned to the fires, with another 279 out-of-state firefighters from 34 states working under the direction of the agency.

Supplementing the personnel are 19 helicopters, four

tankers, 14 air tactical aircraft, 82 dozers and 28 fire engines. In addition to those working directly on the fires, personnel and equipment are pre-positioned in areas that the state's fire behavior analysts have predicted to be in an extreme fire danger situation.

"We are here to protect Texans and their property," said Hull. "And we need all Texans' help in guarding our state against the devastation of these fires."

For more information, visit the Texas Wildfire Information page on the Texas Forest Service Web site.

Fire information summary from the North Texas Incident Management

The Texas Forest Service responded to 17 new fires burning 925 acres during a 24 hour period ending January 7 at 1830. Twenty-nine homes were threatened, 3 homes were lost and 26 homes saved. In Hood County, a welder was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment.

Strategically pre-positioning wildfire suppression resources based on the weather forecast proved most successful. Response time was timely and effective.

Fire conditions continue to remain extreme with Red Flag warnings posted over most of the state. Humidities will continue to be low ranging from 5-15%. Winds 15-25 miles per hour will begin to decrease today over West Texas with gusts up to 30 miles per hour. Fire spread may be 100-300 feet per minute.

Total acres burned to date since Jan. 1 in West Texas are 205,059 acres. Fire suppression costs are \$5,272,719 dating to Nov. 28, 2006.

There are four incident management teams in West Texas: The Texas Lone Star Team is in unified command with the Southern Area Interagency Incident Command Blue Team at Granbury. The Southern Area Interagency Incident Command Red Team is assigned to Abilene to assist local fire departments. The State of Florida Gold Team is staged in Granbury for initial attack to assist local firefighters.

There are three Type II crews, 42 engines, 42 dozers, 18 helicopters, 6 air tankers and 7 air attack planes assigned to the incidents. There are 667 personnel assigned to the fires.

Around 247 homes have been lost and 554 structures saved since Dec. 26, 2005. These figures are subject to change as additional information is received.

Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia are assisting Texas. Those states include: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Min-

nesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

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To our many family and friends who have helped us during this difficult time (those known and unknown). We want to express our heartfelt thanks for what you have done for us following Weldon's stroke. Your kind comments, visits, calls, cards and assistance on the home front has been overwhelming. Most of all we want to thank you for your prayers. It is our belief that Weldon continues to improve due to the power of prayer. Once again we are reminded of what it means to be a part of the Lord's family.

Thank you again,
The Weldon Nicks Family

Card of Thanks

First of all, I would like to thank God for blessing me with all the wonderful people in my life and for giving me the opportunity to celebrate my sixteenth birthday the way I did. I can't imagine having a better celebration. To my wonderful parents for always being the best parents a girl could ask for. Thank you so much for everything. To my sister Marsha, who was involved in every aspect possible, thank you so much. To my brother Gus, his wife Sylvia, and his daughter Meaghan, your ideas and help were amazing! Thank you to all of my ties and ties that helped. To my uncle Bear and Charlie Lopez, thank you for all the cooking you did. To Viola Perez, J.B. and Alicia Borrego, Mike and Elma Maskill, Tina Caldera, and Mom Maggie, this party wouldn't have been possible without you, thanks for all your help and hard work. To all of my cousins that helped: Wawis and Linda Borrego, Lab and Amy Rodriguez, Jo Ann Payne, Joyce and Alex, Mikki, Melony, and Marty Moran Jr., Sandra B, Ruben Borrego, and Eddie Maskill, "Thanks guys!" To Blas and Amy, you guys are wonderful for all you did. To Charlie, Carmen, and Ashlee Ramos, thank you for all your help with everything. To Dee Dee Montanez, Mars and Mitch Vargas, Elliot and Esme Barrera, and all the kiddos for helping in the kitchen. Thank you to my DJ, Ernest Estrada, for bringing my band, U.N.O., and keeping it secret. To David Borrego, Norma Perez, Steven Perez, and Luyita Fierro, thanks for helping with the clean up. A Special thank you to my boys, Jayton and Kobe Rodriguez and Alex Borrego III for delivering invitations! To everyone that attended, y'all made my party what it was. Thank you to everyone for all my gifts, each and every one of them is awesome. I am so fortunate to have a huge surrounding of friends and family that I'm sure I've forgotten a few. You know I love you all just the same. Thanks again to everyone and God bless!

I love you all,
Marianne Maskill

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• Crockett County Water Control And Improvement District #1	2004-2005	Director

• As an Eagle Scout, Fred presently serves the local Boy Scouts as an Eagle Scout Advancement Review Committee Member

As a businessperson, Fred owned and operated family businesses for 29 years; Ozona Butane, Deaton Mechanical, and the family ranch. Fred served as a director for the Texas L.P. Gas Association. He has been employed by Duke Energy and is currently employed by Harrison Interest, Ltd..

Fred Deaton sincerely appreciates the privilege of serving the people of Crockett County in the past, and he asks for your consideration and support in the March 2006 Democratic Primary.

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Lions roar past Sonora Broncos, come up short to Wall Hawks

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

The Ozona Lions defeated the Sonora Broncos, 52-43 in a District 2-AA match on Jan. 3.

Scoring for the Lions was: Matt McGuire 14; Justin Galan 12; Nick Perez 12; Levi Vargas 9; Tate Collis 3 and Jimmy Tebbetts 2. Also playing was: Caleb Mitchel, Robert DeHoyos, Josh

Santos and Drew Clayton. Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 16 8 17 - 52; Sonora - 5 5 15 18 - 43.

The Lions came up short against Wall on Jan. 6, losing 38-47.

Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 18; McGuire 9; Mitchel 3; Galan 4; Collis 2 and Clayton 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 6 12 9 - 38; Wall - 11 15

13 8 - 47.

The Lions are now 9-9. They will take on Reagan County at 8 p.m. Friday in Big Lake and then Junction at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Junction.

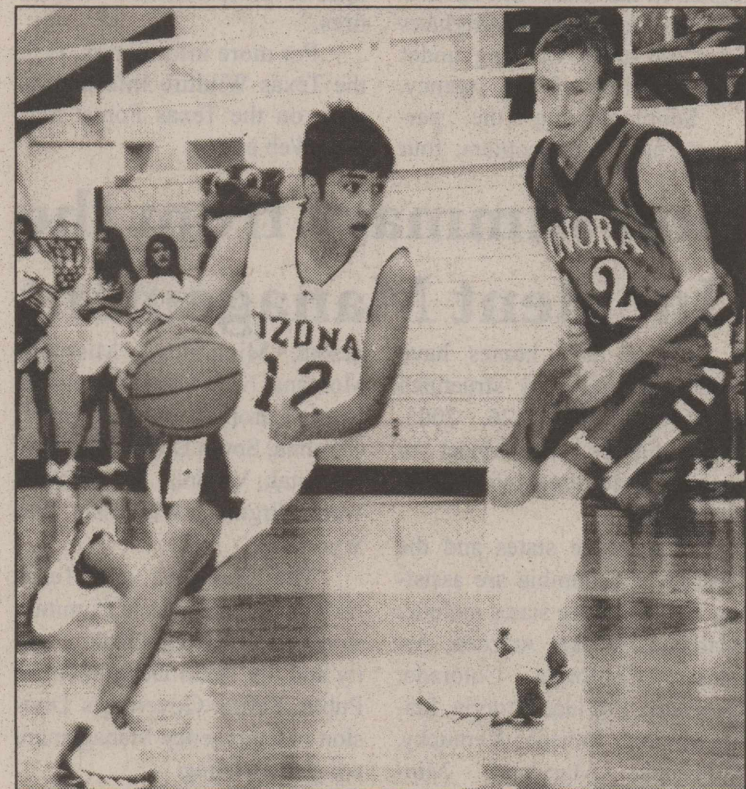


Photo by Joe Hernandez

JUSTIN GALAN drives the ball down the court in the varsity Lions 52-43 victory against Sonora on Jan. 3.

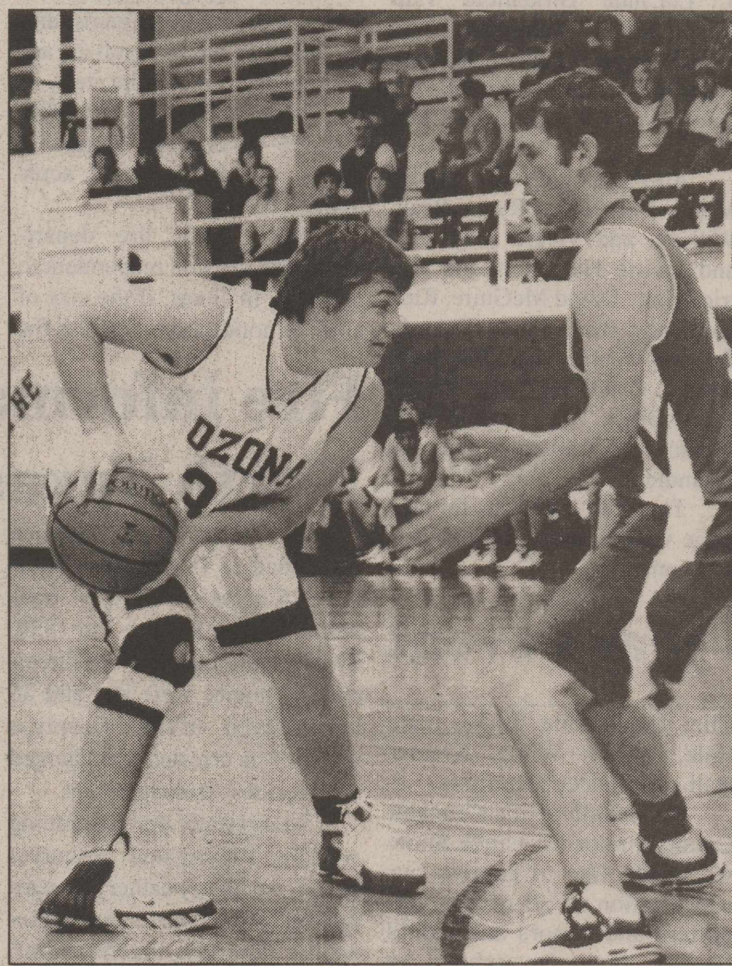


Photo by Joe Hernandez

DREW CLAYTON keeps the ball away from a Wall Hawk as he looks for an open varsity Lion teammate.

Eighth grade Ladies win tourney

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions won the Reagan County Tournament this past weekend.

The Lady Lions beat Reagan County 29-24. High point

scorer for that game Jayci Miller with 15.

In their second game, the Lady Lions beat Iraan 37-8. High point scorer was Vanessa Rodriguez with 11.

In the championship game,

the Lady Lions beat McCamey 26-22. High point scorer was Miller with 10.

The Lady Lions will take on Grape Creek at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

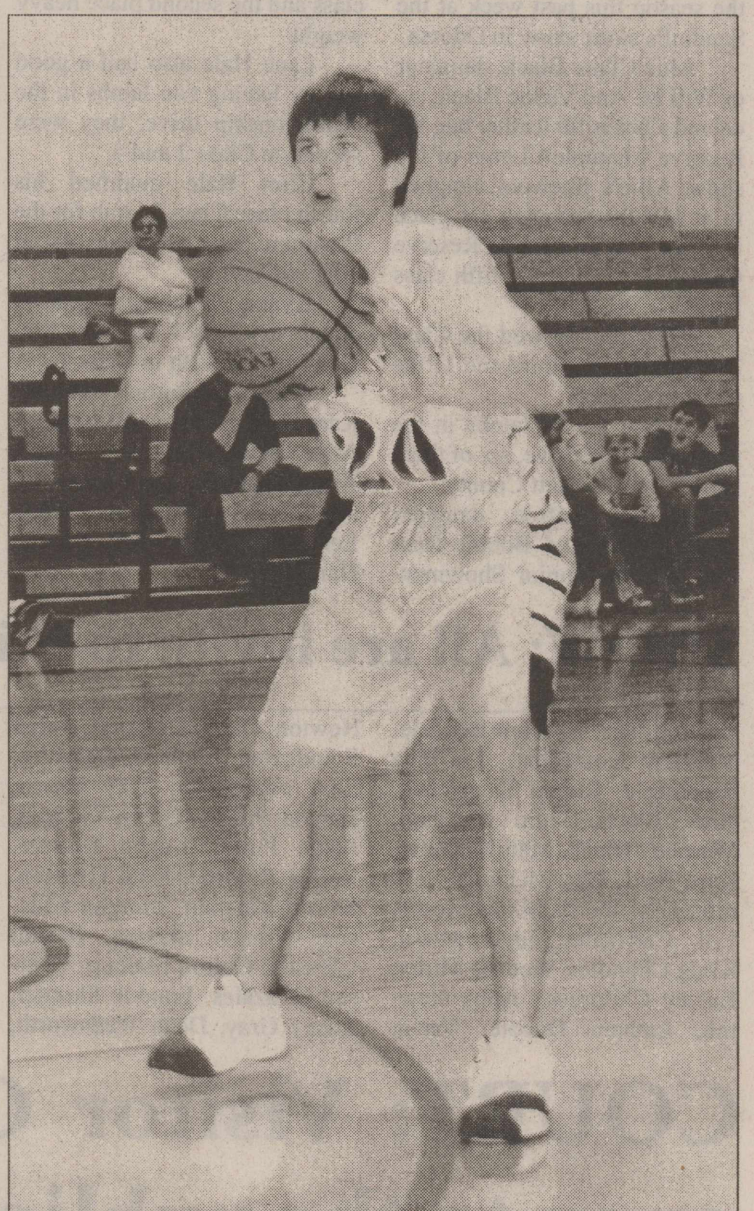


Photo by Joe Hernandez

MATT TURLAND prepares to pass the ball in the JV Lions clash with the the Wall Hawks on Jan. 6.

Lady Lions struggle in district games against Sonora, Wall

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

- 6 11 8 4 - 29; Sonora - 14 15 5 8 - 48.

The Lady Lions lost 25-67 to Wall on Jan. 6.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: McDaniel 10; Skinner 2; Rivera 5; Lara 5 and Miller 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 2 3 11 - 25; Wall - 18 20 14 15 - 67.

The Lady Lions are now 3-18. They will take on Reagan County at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Big Lake and then Junction at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Junction.

The Lady Lions struggled against the Sonora Lady Broncos on Jan. 3. The Lady Broncos would take home the 29-48.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Celia Rivera 6; Tori Miller 6; Sara Dorrough 4; Frankie Skinner 4; Kasey Gray 4; Malorie Moran 3 and Allie Bean 2. Also playing was: Megan McDaniel and Alysha Lara.

Score by quarters: Ozona

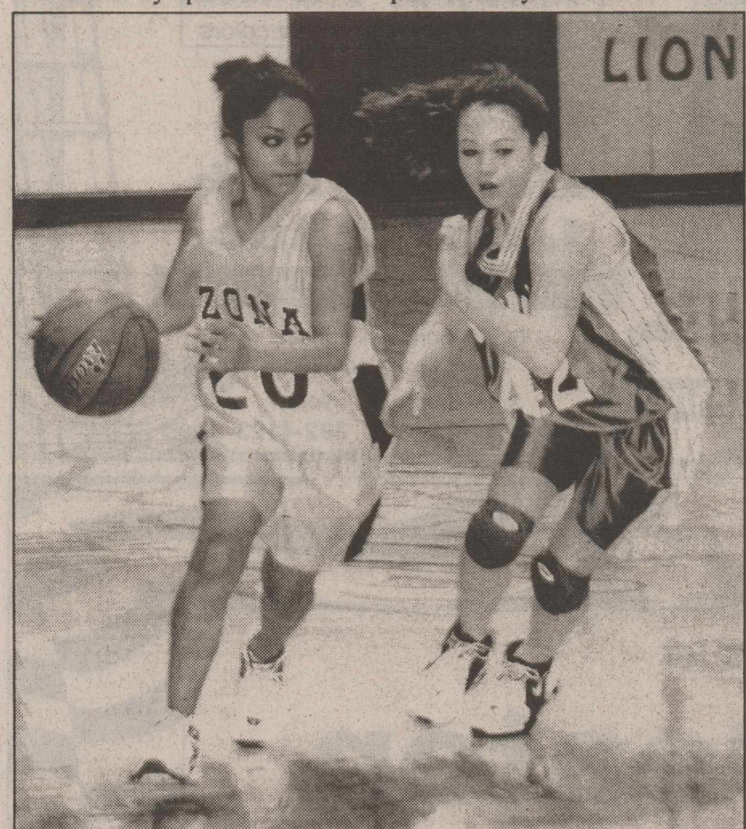


Photo by Joe Hernandez

CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ moves the ball down the court for the JV Lady Lions in their Jan. 6 game against Wall.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

KASEY GRAY passes the ball to a varsity Lady Lion teammate on Jan. 3 against Sonora.

JV Lady Lions fall short to Sonora

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

and Cristina Rodriguez. Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 5 14 - 31; Sonora - 7 14 16 11 - 48.

The JV Lady Lions lost to Sonora, 31-48, on Jan. 3.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Stacy Silva 7; Alexa Cervantez 6; Farran Wilson 6; Desiree Galan 5; Adrienne Bendele 3; Morgan Glossoon 3 and Abby Rodriguez 1. Also playing was: Melissa Miller

The JV Lady Lions also lost to Wall, 45-16, on Jan. 6.

The JV Lady Lions are 3-12. They will take on Reagan County at 5 p.m. Friday in Big Lake and then Junction at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Junction.

JV Lions fall short to Broncos

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

The JV Lions fell short against the Sonora Broncos, losing 31-35 on Jan. 3.

Scoring for the Lions was: Justin Maldonado 15; Rocky Munoz 8; Matt Turland 5 and Matthew Garza 3. Also playing was: Daniel Gonzales, Abel Villereal; Matthew Bullard; Rylee Ramos and Steven Silva.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 4 10 6 - 31; Sonora - 2 10 8 15 - 35.

The JV Lions lost to Wall, on Jan. 6.

The JV Lions are 7-9. They will take on Reagan County at 5 p.m. Friday in Big Lake and then Junction at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Junction.

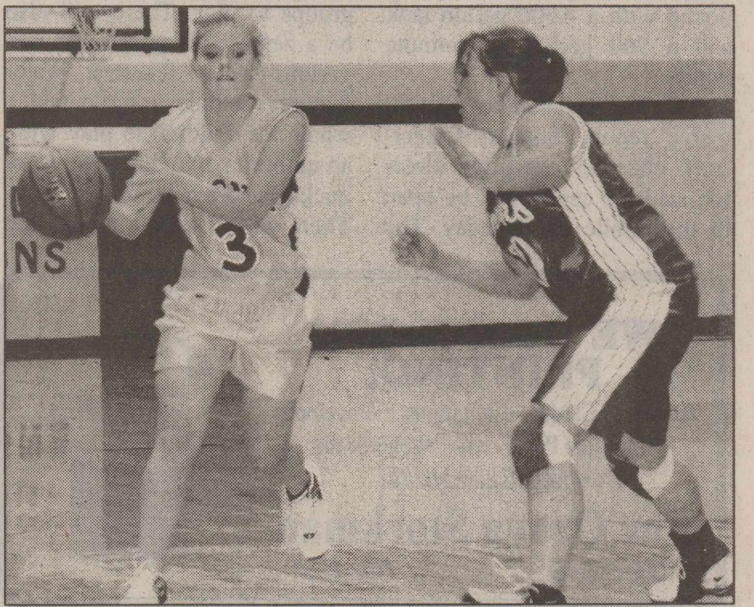


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FARRAN WILSON gets a pass from a teammate in the JV Lady Lions game on Friday, Dec. 6 against Wall.

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Students express opinions concerning an off-highway vehicle park in Crockett County

Sixth grade English students at Ozona Middle School recently looked at pros and cons of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition (TMTC) establishing an off-highway vehicle park near our community. Students formed their opinions based on research they conducted using articles published in The Ozona Stockman and from TMTC brochures. After becoming aware of the positive and negative sides of this issue, they wrote letters to the editor for their assignment. The kids had some good points that really "hit home" on this timely subject.

Sometimes the insight from a sixth grader is most impressive; sometimes you just have to accept the fact that you are dealing with the logic of a 12-year-old and appreciate his or her candidness. Too often kids think their ideas don't count because they are "just kids." Thanks to The Ozona Stockman for recognizing the validity of our kids' thoughts and providing them with an avenue to express their opinions.

Jennifer Holmsley

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very supportive of the idea of an off-highway vehicle park being put near Ozona. It will definitely help our economy; some of the local businesses could use the money and it might bring in some new businesses. It would also be good to have a place where people can go so they don't off-road in our town. Sonora has the caverns as a trademark, so why can't we have something to be remembered by? We have Deer Fest, and I think it would be a fun event to have a "Truck Fest." There is a lot of land all around Ozona that can't be ranched because it is so rough, so why not put it to use? I would really like to see the park come in.

Sincerely,
Lane Hale

To Whom It May Concern:

I think that if we have an off-highway vehicle park built in Crockett County it will be a big mistake. One reason why I think it will be a mistake is that someone will have to deal with all the complaints of ranchers worried about having their sheep or other animals harmed or stolen. Another reason not to have it put here is that it will bring in a lot of pollution where we have clean air. All the pollution in the air would mean more

people getting sick and possibly dying. Another thing is that the town might be worried about all the overcrowding in town. Some tourists might not respect our town and just throw litter everywhere and break into stores and spray paint on walls and cars. Our EMS also might not be able to provide enough service for all the injured people from the park.

Sincerely,
Michael Medina

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Daizy Trujillo, think we shouldn't have an off-road vehicle park. Why? Because the sheep on the neighboring ranches might find a way to escape. In other words, they will get into the park and get killed. It will also scare away or disturb livestock and wildlife. It will also require more work of our local EMS. I am sure that the park will cause air pollution from all the extra exhaust. Small roads to access the location will wear out quickly due to all the extra traffic. So that's why I'm against this park. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
Daizy Trujillo

To Whom It May Concern:

I think that we in Ozona should have an off-road recreation area. First, I think Ozona would make more money. Second, tourists might see it and tell their friends, who might want to move here. Then Ozona would be bigger and we could make even more money. Third, kids could get out of the house instead of watching TV on the couch, getting overweight, thus getting cardiovascular disease, thus dying young and leaving behind a wife and kids with bills.

Sincerely,
Josh Martinez

To Whom It May Concern:

I think the TMTC park in Crockett County would be a benefit for our town. First, the money they would get, or most of it, would go to our town and that would help our community grow stronger. It would give local kids something to do and keep them out of trouble, which would make our town sound and be a safer place. It also would draw hunters to the park and they might notice a neighbors ranch and want to lease the hunting there. It would also bring people into our gas stations, restaurants,

and tire shops, which would bring in more money for them. Also, it would provide hiking and camping, which would give nature to city people so they could experience the outdoors.

Sincerely,
Kramer Hall

To Whom It May Concern:

I think we should not have an OHV recreation area in our county. Here are my reasons why I am against it. There will be a lot of tourists. The people who live here will get mad because of the traffic and tourists. The park might bring in more business, but there is a disadvantage to this as well. What if tourists start to sue? Then people will lose money. Our air won't be clean because of all the extra exhaust. Neighboring ranches will get mad because of all the noise and deer and livestock will most likely get run over more often. What if a sheep goes into the park? It might get hurt, stolen, or even killed. Fences will probably break more often too. There will be more traffic crashes and deaths. What if there are rattle snakes in the park? What if you get lost and they don't find you? When you think about it, this park may cause a lot of problems. I hope you consider my thoughts.

Sincerely,
Anthony Avila

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been reading The Stockman and have been interested in the suggested OHV park. I am for it! I think of it as an opportunity for kids to have fun. I think kids will do more stuff to be allowed to go to the park (with their parents, of course). Kids will start to do chores or get a job to get money to buy a dirt bike, four-wheeler, or other off-road vehicle. Kids will get their grades in school up so that their parents will take them to the park. Kids will go to bed when their parents tell them to and kids won't talk back to teachers.

Sincerely,
Isabel Ybarra

To Whom It May Concern:

I am going to give you some reasons why not to build a motor park near Ozona. I think the park should not be built because Ozona is known for clean air and the park will pollute our air just like Vivian Childress said. Another reason I think we should not have the park is because the

neighbors sheep could get into the park and get run over or stolen. This park will destroy the environment and harm the animals. It will disturb deer and livestock and the roads will probably have a lot of litter on them. Also, EMS will have more work. Ozona will be crowded with tourists and lose its small town atmosphere.

Sincerely,
Amber Sanchez

To Whom It May Concern:

TMTC wants to create the "Escondido Recreation Area" for outdoor activity and off-roading. It would be great to have an OHV park here. It would provide more time for families to spend together. Lots of families don't spend time together, except for dinner, or maybe not even dinner. So it will provide time for families to get to know each other more. It will also be a place where the school can take kids to learn about OHV vehicles and safety, and nature, and lots of other stuff. They will also welcome groups like boy and girl scouts, which can go and have outdoor activities and camp out in the park. They have all sorts of rules for the park too, like you can't ride after midnight and other safety things. Ozona will have more businesses also and can make more money.

Sincerely,
Natalie Hernandez

To Whom It May Concern:

The TMTC wants to build an off-highway vehicle recreation area in Crockett County. There are many reasons why this could possibly be the worst idea ever to hit Ozona. First of all, Ozona is known for clean air, a small town atmosphere, and quietness. If this park comes to Ozona, all of those will eventually deteriorate. The air will be filled with pollution from the vehicles, Ozona won't be so small anymore, and as for Ozona's quiet atmosphere, the tourists and vehicles will quickly change the word "quiet" to "annoying." Ozona will become a crowded wasteland that nobody will enjoy. Also, people who do unbelievably impossible stunts, or, just have a stroke of bad luck, are going to get hurt. I think our small town EMS can't handle all the injuries that will happen. Those are just four out of countless reasons Ozona isn't made for this park. I hope you will consider my opinions.

Sincerely,
Craig Fluth

High school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll
Freshmen - Kara Bird, Ethan English, Daniel Gonzales, Nathan Knox, Alysha Lara, Amber Lewis, Chelsea Spence and Chelsey West

Sophomores - Puja Bhakta, Julia Henderson, Justin Maldonado and Park Preddy

Juniors - Levi English
Seniors - Brian Anderson, Mandy Fierro, Justin Galan, Patricia Larson, Jessica Newby, Allison Skehan and Jasmine Tambunga.

son, Brooke Kelly, Kyann Kothman, Alan Lozano, Aaron Pearl, Rylee Ramos, Toby Ramsey, Troy Ramsey, Celia Rivera, Ely Silva, Mark Tambunga and Abigail Zamarripa

Juniors - Isabel Aguilar, Ashley Anderson, Matthew Bullard, Lyndsie Crawford, Rebecca Enriquez, Freddy Fierro, Jose Galvan, Cody Gotcher, Brady Granger, Jordan Long, Matthew Payne, Barrett Richie, Javier Santos, Cat Sessom, Frankie Skinner, Roman Tambunga, John Tom Tijerina, Erica Venegas and Farran Wilson
Seniors - Albert Barrera, Alexandra Bean, David Lee Borrego, Lindsey Castro, Drew Clayton, Erika Conner, Daniel Cruz, Robert DeHoyos, Jared Espino, Eric Fierro, Clint Hale, Elizabeth Hernandez, Ross Kelley, Michael Maldonado, Victoria Miller, Jamie Moore, Malorie Moran, Gloria Onate, Tristan Ramsey, Miguel Rivas, Jack Rodriguez, Dean Wadsworth and Kyle Webb

"A-B" Honor Roll

Freshmen - Daniel Anderson, Barbara Caperton, Jordan DeHoyos, Ben Flores, Silvia Hernandez, Matthew Komechak, Sarah Lott, Melissa Miller, Fabian Onate, Jesse Ramos, Ruben Rivas, Joshua Smith, Felix Venegas and Wilson White

Sophomores - Morgan Capps, Alexa Cervantez, Blanca Dominguez, Sara Dorrough, Jonathan Flores, Morgan Glos-

Middle school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade - Anthony Avila, Craig Fluth, Kent Fluth, Collyn Glaspie, Gabriella Gutierrez, Lane Hale, Kramer Hall, Emalee Hamilton, Natalie Hernandez, Johnna Pullig, Kelbie Renfroe and Isabel Ybarra

Seventh Grade - Jennifer Allen, Erik Estrada, Duncan Knox, Rosendo Lara, Jayce Logan, Emily Merrill, Melanie Miller, Chelsey Moore, Rebecca Pierce, Rebecca Ramos and Wilton Russell

Eighth Grade - Leonard Castillo, Julie Gutierrez, Evelardo Longoria, Jayci Miller, Taylor Newton, Kyle Sewell and Lane White

Ramirez, Nancy Rodriguez, Adrienne Sanchez, Jorge Sarabia and Jennifer Venegas

Seventh Grade - Makayla Badillo, Murphey Black, Joe Borrego, Sean Davis, Kyle Dean, Alma Elizondo, Trey Fierro, Mariah Gallardo, Andrew Hamilton, Leandra Hernandez, Russel Komechak, Jill Marquez, Kristen Mendoza, Britni Mitchell, Layla Perez, Jadyndy Poindexter, Gabriela Rodriguez, Christian Smith, Austin Suddreth, Roxanne Talamantez, Brenda Venegas and Stefan Wilson

Eighth Grade - Jesse Badillo, Teresa Cervantez, Kelsey Childress, Markaus Galindo, Brandi Glosson, Angelic Gutierrez, Corey Kelley, Janette Lozano, Alexandria Macias, Wes McGuire, Kurtlan Reyes, Oscar Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Brandyn Tebbets and Austin Whitten

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade - Aron Aguilera, Erik Carrizales, Leigh Galindo, Jose Lozano, Michael Medina, Austin Perez, Kelsie

Intermediate school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Third Grade - Jennifer Castleberry, Bryce Gutierrez and Jadie Marshall

Fourth Grade - Saul Benson, Lisa Dorrough, Chad Fluth, Logan Glaspie, Desiree Marshall, Vivian Medina, Abby Newton, Lexi Poindexter, Justin Pullig, Erick Rodriguez, Sierra Stokes, Charli West and Michael Ybarra

Fifth Grade - Allie Black, Jessica Borrego, Telsa Caperton, Arleen Castillo, Chelsea Gonzales, Marley Tambunga, Joshua Tomlinson and Sierra Trevino

Loren Talamantez, Nathaniel Valdes and Dalan Wilson

Fourth Grade - Jonatan Arredondo, Brett Castillo, Daniel Gonzalez, Daisey Guerra, Deyanira Hernandez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Rebecca Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Tamra Karels, Tiger Lewis, Justin Martinez, Sydney Mendoza, Nichole Munoz, Amy Quiroz, Vanessa Quiroz, Angelina Ramos, Lazarae Rodriguez, Stefani Sanchez, Marco Sandate, Kelsee Smith and Ruben Soliz

Fifth Grade - Jason Badillo, Alex Borrego, Brianna Cervantez, Trinity Collis, Jon David DeHoyos, Mayra Diaz, Brandon Dominguez, Cynthia Garcia, Kodi Glosson, Cuatro Jones, Jason Lopez, Alexandra Lozano, R.J. Martinez, Sam Maskill, Juaquin Mata, Blake Morrow, Tres Perez, Mayra Rios, Ingrid Silva, Noah Tambunga, Bethani Trevino and Khalid Valencia

"A-B" Honor Roll

Third Grade - Justice Adkins, Wade Allen, Justin Badillo, Megan Bullard, Alexis Flores, Krislynn Harris, Marissa Held, Michael Hill, Janna Munsell, Alexis Perez, Ricky Porras, Tanaya Reed, Stormi Rinehart, Juan Rodriguez, Omero Rodriguez, Yeni Rodriguez, Colton Stalcup,

7th Grade Lions take second at Reagan County Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions took second place at the Reagan County Tournament this past weekend.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Crane 24-19. Scoring for the Lions was: Abey Lara 10; Eric Talamantez 5; Russel Komechak 3; Stefan Wilson 2; Jose Aguilar 2 and Andrew Hamilton 2. Also playing was: Kyle Dean and Trey Fierro.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 8 9 7 - 24; Crane - 3 4 4 7 - 19.

In their second game, the Lions defeated Iraan 40-20. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Lara 16; Gonzales 10; Komechak 4; Talamantez 4; Fierro 4 and Aguilar 2. Also playing was: Wilson,

Hamilton and Dean.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 11 14 6 - 40; Iraan - 8 2 6 4 - 20.

In the championship game, the Lions lost 29-30 to Eldorado. Scoring for the Lions was: Lara 11; Talamantez 6; Aguilar 6; Komechak 4 and Gonzales 2. Also playing was: Wilson, Dean, Hamilton and Fierro.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 11 8 7 - 29; Eldorado - 7 9 6 8 - 30.

"This was the hardest that I have ever seen my guys play," said Coach Levi Box. "I am very proud of all of them. We got behind early, but we battled back."

The Lions are 4-4 overall, 2-3 in district. The Lions will take on Grape Creek Monday 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.

7th Grade Lady Lions place second at Reagan County Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions brought up the second place trophy from the Reagan County Tournament this past weekend.

In their first game, the Lady Lions defeated Crane 21-15. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Melanie Miller 8; Kristen Mendoza 2, Britni Mitchell 7; Rebecca Ramos 3 and Jennifer Allen 2. Also playing was: Chelsea Moore, Makayla Badillo, Brenda Venegas, Gaby Rodriguez, Kristen Mendoza and Rea Lynn Arredondo

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 4 2 9 - 21; Crane - 4 2 4 5 - 15.

"The girls played great especially after being off for so long with Christmas break, but they came out and played hard nose defense and came up with big plays

- 2 7 3 10 - 22; Eldorado - 4 4 6 10 - 24.

"This was an extremely close ball game and we just never really got things rolling. Both teams were fairly evenly matched but we just came up a little short at the end of the game. I felt the boys played hard and hustled, and I was proud of their effort under the circumstances. This should be a valuable learning experience for us and we still get to play Eldorado again at home," Bachman said.

The Lions are 4-3 overall; 4-1 in district. The Lions will take on Grape Creek at 5 p.m. Monday at Grape Creek.

8th Grade Lions compete in tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions competed in the Reagan County tournament this past weekend.

The Lions lost to Crane, 22-34, in their first game. Scoring for the Lions was: Bailey Badillo 7; Kurtlan Reyes 6; Jaron Vasquez 5 and Dylan Castillo 4. Also playing was: K.C. Carson, Autin Whitten, Kyle Sewell, Josh Ramos, Jordan Martinez, Nathan DeHoyos, Matthew Fay, Lane White and Markaus Galindo.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 4 2 14 - 22; Crane - 13 7 12

2 - 34.

"Crane is probably the best team we have played so far this year. They were extremely quick and athletic; and they prevented us from executing our offense very efficiently. I was very proud of our overall effort as we tried our best to hang with them, and we really began to play well in the fourth quarter," said Coach Rick Bachman.

The Lions then lost to Eldorado 22-24. Scoring for the Lions was: Reyes 10; Castillo 8; Sewell 2 and Vasquez 2. Also playing was: Whitten, Carson, Ramos, Fay and Galindo.
Score by quarters: Ozona

**Youth Center
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**Jan. 16 -
High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.**

**Jan. 18 -
High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.**

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Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked vehicles	6
911 Medical, Fire Calls	7
Motorist Assistance	8
Security Alarms	1
Sheriff's Office/ Jail Admin.	9
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	3
Welfare Concern Citizen/Property	4
Welfare Assistance (Gas, Food, Lodging)	2
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WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS: The following persons have outstanding Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants in Crockett County. It is against the law to aid, harbor, or assist in preventing arrest/apprehension of a person with Felony warrants.

- **Nino Castillo Tambunga**, of Ozona, failure to comply with requirements on striking unattended vehicle, Class "A" and driving while intoxicated Class "B" misdemeanor.
- **Luis Aberto Herrera**, of San Angelo, theft - felony.
- **Joe Sanchez**, of Ozona, Class "A" misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury (family violence).
- **Augustine Galindo Guerra**, of Ozona, attempted forgery/failure to appear - felony
- **Mario Najera Aguilar**, of San Angelo, theft/adjudication of guilt - felony
- **Daniel Cruz Hernandez**, of Ozona, failure to appear, furnishing alcohol to a minor, misdemeanor
- **John David Lozano**, of Sonora, failure to appear/resisting arrest and failure to appear/evading arrest - misdemeanors
- **Stacy Lynn Mann**, of Roundrock, failure to appear/possession of marijuana

ARREST REPORT

- 1-3-06
- Steven Kyle Dandridge, 41, of Odessa, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while license suspended, driving while intoxicated,

subject in custody pending bail/trial.

• **Ismael Reyes Castro**, 43, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrant for criminal mischief "A" misdemeanor, subject posted bond and was released.

1-4-06

- **Duane Casey Nicks**, 17, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of drug paraphernalia, subject posted bond and was released.

1-7-06

- **Jonathan Lee Carrasco**, 19, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with warrants of speeding, minor in possession and no driver's license, subject paid fines and was released.

• **Corey Edward Galindo**, 19, of Ozona, was arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated, no liability insurance and minor in possession, subject posted bonds and was released.

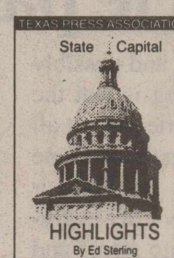
• **Lindsey Vernell Johnson**, 51, of Grand Prairie, was arrested by DPS Trooper with warrant of theft by check from Tarrant County, subject posted a cash bond and was released.

INCIDENT REPORTS

1-3-06

- Sheriff's office filed a criminal mischief report - unknown person or persons between Dec. 28, 2005 and Jan. 3, 2006 damaged a vehicle parked at the Boy Scout cabin on Rugged Road. (Any witnesses are asked to contact the Crockett County Sheriff's Department at 392-2661).

DeLay gives up hope of reclaiming House post



AUSTIN - U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay of Sugar Land announced his decision not to seek his former post as House majority leader in the new Congress, which convenes later this month.

DeLay and his defense team are awaiting the next steps in the legal process. DeLay was indicted by Travis County grand juries on charges of money-laundering and conspiracy in connection with the 2002 state election that increased the Republican majority in the Texas House.

Gov. Perry and a host of other candidates whose goal also is to do what's right for Texas.

In launching her Independent candidacy, Strayhorn follows suit with Kinky Friedman, who filed weeks ago as an Independent candidate for governor.

Strayhorn brought up the fact that Sam Houston won the governorship as an Independent, but Friedman publicly voiced that idea more than half a year ago.

In order to get her name on the November ballot - like Friedman - Strayhorn will have to collect a minimum of 45,450 signatures from registered voters who will not have voted in either of the March 7 Democratic or Republican primaries.

To sign a petition for Friedman or Strayhorn, a voter must be registered for at least 30 days, and must sign the petition after the party primaries are over and before the May 8 petition deadline.

Meanwhile, the comptroller challenged the governor to a debate "anytime, anywhere, anyplace." No word yet on a time, a place, or if the governor even wants to debate challengers before the GOP primary.

Anyway, let the sloganeering begin. The heavily funded Perry and Strayhorn campaigns already have begun to run political commercials on network television.

Creation theory sides taken
Last fall, Pennsylvania federal judge John Jones III ruled it inappropriate to teach "intelligent design" in public school classrooms.

With nine weeks to go before the GOP party primary, Gov. Perry came out in favor of intelligent design as a theory suitable for teaching in Texas science classes. But Chris Bell of Houston and Bob Gammage of Llano, who also are running for governor in the Democratic primary, sided with the Pennsylvania court.

Texas report card shows gain
Texas is showing overall improvement in student achievement, the magazine Education Week said in its annual yardstick report on education in America.

The Texas public school student population earned a grade of "C" while teachers earned a "C-minus." Fourth grade African-American, Hispanic and poor students made noteworthy gains in reading.

Rose Bowl win gets huge play
Junior quarterback Vince Young and million-dollar coach Mack Brown led the University of Texas to a 41-38, come-from-behind victory over Southern California.

Many Texas politicians from President George W. Bush on down waxed glowingly about the Longhorns' victory. Even Gov. Rick Perry, an Aggie, gushed with appreciation over the outcome.

Perry won a wager with Golden State Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over the results of the game. The governors bet each other pairs of autographed boots, handcrafted in their respective states, to be auctioned for charity.

The UT Tower was illuminated in burnt orange with the number "1" in white lights beginning Thursday, Jan. 5 and throughout the following weekend.

Four days after the Rose Bowl, quarterback Young announced his decision not to return for his senior year and to enter the National Football League draft.

Strayhorn files as Independent
State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn filed papers with the secretary of state to be an Independent candidate for governor in 2006.

In announcing, Strayhorn emphasized she is still a Republican, but is putting partisanship aside "to do what's right for Texas" in her race against incumbent



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DAVID HART OF ARIZONA killed this wild hog at 9:00 a.m. January 9 on the Hart Ranch off of Miller Lane. The hog's estimated weight was 350 pounds and the tusks were five inches long.

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As of Jan. 6, 2006

***Crockett County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Henry Petroleum	18800	University-6-Hannah-26-#3	Big Dog Drilling 12	Drig Ahead 9043
Clayton Williams Ene	18000	University-26-#1	Lariat Services/Ode 16	Drig Ahead 9225
Harrison Interests	8950	Joe Tom Davidson Jr.-A-#46	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Assigned
New Pioneer Natural/Trv	9950	Read-28-#2	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Approach Bailey #406	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Bailey 4412	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
New Approach Operating	9000	Laufler #1383	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Adelle Clayton #888	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
New Approach Operating	9000	Childress #1607	Patterson Drilling/A 110	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P	8000	Laura Hoover Estate-7c-#12	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Bluegrass Energy	7000	Simpson Canyon-4027-Unit #1	Adobe Drilling Mustan	Drig Ahead 40
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Maggie Moore #22b	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
New Eog Resources/Mid	5275	Shannon Hospital-4-#11w	Adobe Drilling Bronco	Drig Ahead 738

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion OK TX E&P	9550	Ray Ranch-B-#1142	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	9500	Hill-May-Ray-D-#2	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8950	Mayer-4-Ltd #1	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8950	Mayer-20a-#3	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8875	Mayer-3b-#10	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8400	Shannon-52-#16	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8350	Mayer Ranch-F-#7	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8250	Shurley-166-#18	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
Mariner Energy	8200	Mayer #4a	Lariat Services/Ode 1	Drig Ahead 6221
New Dominion OK TX E&P	7850	Mack Cauthorn-130-#8	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	7600	Shurley Rr-4c-#2	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	7500	RC Ward #7	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	7450	Shurley-147-#20	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
New KCS Resources/Taha	7000	Greini #3315	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	6850	Canyon Ranch-115-#17s	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	6850	Canyon Ranch-126-#12s	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6750	Canyon Ranch-126-#12s	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Assigned

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Approach Operating	9000	Rousselot #1405	Nabors Drilling (O) 789	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8650	Edwin S Mayer Jr-Jr-#5	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8500	Edwin S Mayer Jr-E-#25	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Cog Operating	8000	Bruston-27-#1	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
New Discovery Operating	6900	Be #1	Heart Land Drilling 3	Drig Ahead 752

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Mariner Energy	9000	Halt-42-#8tm	Lariat Services/Ode 12	Drig Ahead
New Mariner Energy	9000	University-26-#2607m	Lariat Services/Ode 13	Drig Ahead 231
New Mariner Energy	9000	Wells #41m	Lariat Services/Ode 20	Rigging Up
New Mariner Energy	8450	North Siles Sprabery Unit	Lariat Services/Ode 19	Drig Ahead
Mariner Energy	8450	Sau Mariner 6-2a-#2c	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 7220

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	15000	Poultter #3402	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead
New ConcoPhillips/Odes	12800	Creek Ranch-15-#3r	Nabors Drilling/A 118	Assigned
ExxonMobil Dev Co	11600	Banner Estate #4	Heimerich & Payne/A 214	Recomplete
New Psg Texas Inc	8500	Mitchell-11-#7	Nabors Drilling (O) 328	Rigging Up
New Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500	Brown Se-212-#30	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
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	OCTOBER 1, 2005				DECEMBER 31, 2005	
	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND:	\$ 2,927,108.11	903,542.31		(1,233,726.45)	(604,264.30)	1,992,659.67
ROAD & BRIDGE:	934,716.09	249,324.14		(666,800.05)		517,240.18
CARE CENTER :	(233,996.92)	486,024.85	538,590.96	(790,618.89)		0.00
HSC:	(925.96)	87.50	163,292.82	(162,454.36)		0.00
EMS:	109,506.67	49,843.87	(121,390.24)	(37,960.30)		0.00
	3,736,407.99	1,688,822.67	580,493.54	(2,891,560.05)	(604,264.30)	2,509,899.85
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Bids shall be addressed to the Honorable Johnny Jones, Crockett County Judge. Bidding Documents and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be examined at:

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Crockett County, Ozona, Texas

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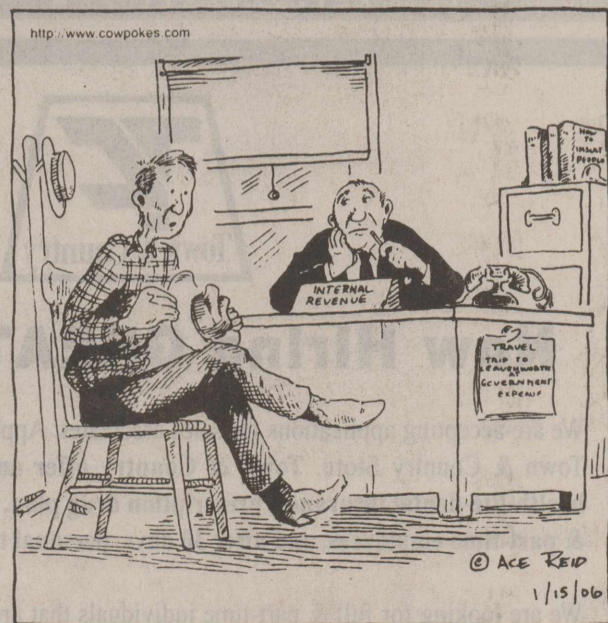
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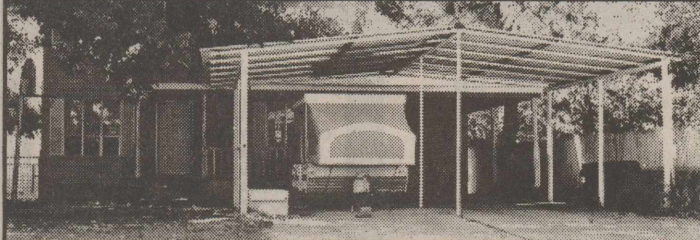
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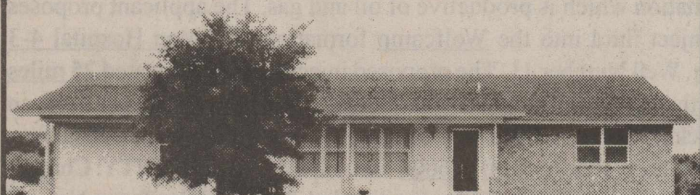
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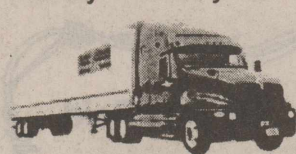


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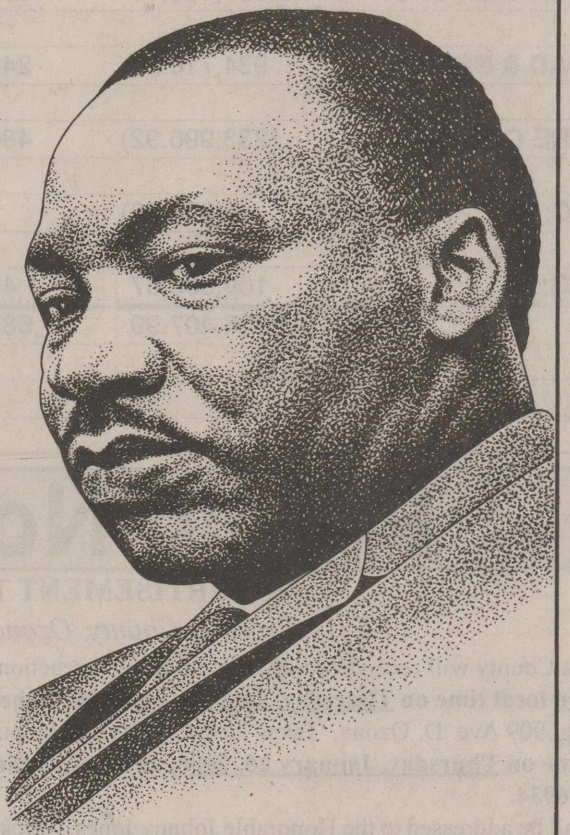
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