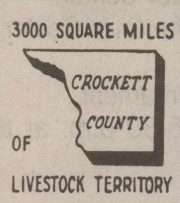


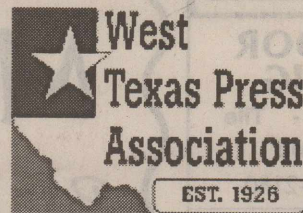
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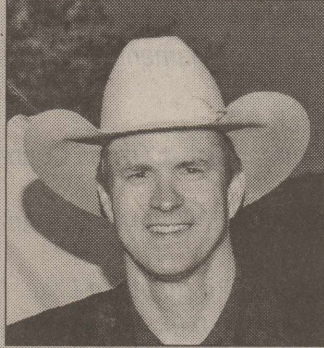
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Commissioners discuss hiring attorney for Shannon contract

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A new proposal from Shannon Medical Center needs some legal eyes looking out for the county's best interest.

During Monday's commissioners' court meeting, County Judge Fred Deaton said an attorney needs to be hired to look over a new contract Shannon is proposing that would send the county's money to the state, instead of to Shannon. The state would then pool the money and match it with federal money for Medicare and Medicaid.

Shannon would then receive this money and they claim they will use it to better the Ozona clinic, Deaton said.

For Crockett County, this means an increase in liability. Shannon is claiming all responsibility for distributing the money.

Deaton said he is not comfortable at agreeing to a contract without an attorney reading it and advising the county and hospital board.

"I want everybody to go into this with their eyes completely open. It's a very win-win situation for Shannon and the hospital board thinks they can make it win-win for us," Deaton said. "I do not think we lose anything. There is going to be a strong push for us to look at this and I'm not comfortable looking at it without an attorney."

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said at this time he needs more information on this is-

sue and that he is not voting on anything until the information is clearer.

"I don't like to be forced to do anything," Tambunga said. "We just need more answers," added Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs said that the hospital board has been and will continue to meet on this, but that he also believed legal advice was needed.

Deaton said the commissioners and the hospital board will work together on this issue and that it will be addressed at future meetings.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK

Tony Eads, incoming president of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition, addressed the latest developments in the off-road vehicle park that is being planned for the southwestern part of Crockett County.

Eads, who is and head of the committee working on master plan for the park, said the park master plan is still being worked on and that a public meeting needs to be held in April in Crockett County where TMTC will present the plan.

Comments will be taken on the plan throughout May and then presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Texas Department of Transportation in June.

Eads said they are looking at having a fall open house to invite members to come out to a free weekend and check out the area. The real opening is aiming

to be in Spring 2008.

There will be a building for an office and educational use, free-standing set of restrooms at the main parking area, separate set of restrooms and showers and pavilion at the camping/RV area.

Eads said that the eastern end of the 3,400-acre property will be set aside for non-motorized use, such as camping, nature trail use and stargazing.

"We want to sit down with boy scouts and girl scouts because we think there are some good areas for primitive camping," Eads said. "I respect the fact that people need different areas to enjoy the different aspects of the outdoors."

One of the advantages of the Crockett County park is that people will come and stay for multiple-day periods, Eads said.

"The goal of this facility is to create enough activity so that people will want to stay two or three days at a time," he said. "I think this is the right place and the right project. I think we're all going to be surprised at how this can take off."

RAINWATER HARVESTING

Barry Wall with Texas Rainwater Systems spoke about the rainwater harvesting project that will soon begin at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Wall said the 12 by 15 foot roof will collect water to go into a tank for use on watering part of the center's interpretive trail.

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Long named to FCA All-Star Football Game

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Ozona High School Senior Jordan Long has been chosen to participate in the 8th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic.

The game will be held June 2 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

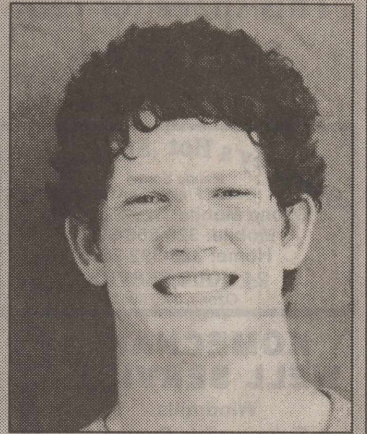
Long, son of Brooks and Debbie Long, is one of 90 area athletes selected for the game, which benefits the Big Country Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Long led the Ozona Lions Varsity Football Team to the District 7-2A championship and into two playoff rounds.

Long completed 75 of 142 passes for 1,198 yards and 12 touchdowns, and he rushed for 888 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He was named MVP to the All-West Texas Team and the District 7-2A All District Team. He was also named to the All-West Texas Super Team.

"Jordan was nominated obviously for his athletic ability, but also because of his leadership and ability to represent the Ozona student body in a positive manner. You want players on the field who will compete in a way that will reflect the image of FCA properly. Jordan Long has shown he fits this mold with his past performances and on the field behavior. Jordan will definitely be an asset to the All-Star team and the coaches are excited about having him," said Coach



JORDAN LONG
FCA ALL-STAR TEAM

Benny Granger.

About 155 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from about a 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 33 counties. A selection committee made up of 12 2007 All-Star Coaches chose the teams.

Head coach for the north team will be Tim Holt, of Big Spring. Assistants will be Frank Johnson, Colorado City; Alan Steele, Hamlin; Keith Mullin, Merkel and Tooter Draper, Ranger.

The south squad will be led by head coach Mike Spradlin, of Abilene Cooper. His assistants will be Ed Pettit, Bangs; Glen Jones, Brady; Rusty Buzzard, Coleman and Walter Hargrove, Jim Ned.

Players from Classes A-5A make up the teams. The players will be honored at a Victory Banquet at 4 p.m. March 25 at the Abilene Civic Center.

'CLIPPED: SHEEP SHEARERS AND THE WEST TEXAS WOOL INDUSTRY'

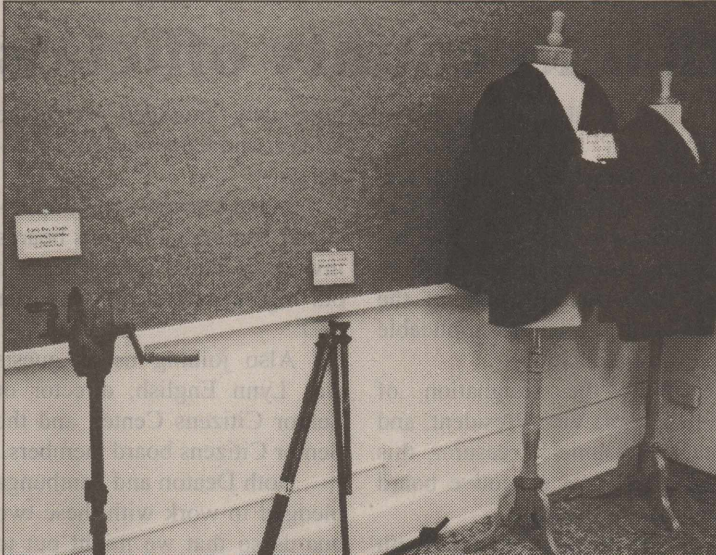


Photos by **Melissa Perner**

THE CROCKETT COUNTY MUSEUM has a new exhibit from Angelo State University's West Texas Collection featuring the history of sheep shearing and wool in West Texas. The exhibit focuses on the role of the region's sheep shearers, 99 percent of whom were Hispanic, and follows the evolution of the West Texas wool industry from its beginning in the 1870s until the present. The exhibit is on display through the second week in April.



THE CENTERPIECE OF THE EXHIBIT IS A BRONZE SCULPTURE of a sheep shearer by San Angelo artist Raul Ruiz, whose family has been involved in the industry for many generations. The exhibit debuted in July 2006 in Kerrville at the annual meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. It also features samples of raw wool and scoured and dyed wool and mohair.



MANY LOCAL MEMBERS have also donated items relating to the sheep shearing and wool industry including the parts of an early day crank sheep shearing machine, donated by Joe and Marolyn Bean, and the two wool and mohair coats, donated by Crystelle Childress. All school classes are welcome to come and tour the museum and see the new exhibit. To set up a time, call Camille Dammon 392-2837.

Visitor Center hits first anniversary mark

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
 Chamber Executive Director

A year has come and gone since the Ozona Chamber of Commerce hosted a dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the Grand Opening of a new Visitor Center. Over 200 people joined in the celebration.

Former congressman Henry Bonilla congratulated the community on its accomplishment and discussed the importance of Tourism and the impact for rural communities.

TxDOT officials from Austin (funding for the project came in part from the TxDOT Statewide Enhancement Program) discussed the economic impact that Visitor Centers provide communities, and the success of the 12 TxDOT Travel Information Centers located throughout

the state. Local individuals and organizations who contributed \$60,000 towards the project, and those involved in the planning and construction were recognized.

A plaque was mounted to the building that reads, "Ozona Visitor Center, dedicated to the Texas Traveler by the community of Ozona, developed in cooperation with the Crockett County Commissioners Court, the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, TxDOT and H.Schmidt Architects".

"In our former location, the Chamber welcomed 809 visitors for the year ending 2005. In 2006, the new Visitor Center welcomed 4,581 visitors, an 82 percent increase in walk-in traffic," said Shanon Biggerstaff, Chamber Executive Director.

"Think of the Chamber of Commerce as the front door, so to speak, of the community."

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Teen charged in fatality accident

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A local teen has been charged in the accident that caused the death of 19-year-old David Hensley.

Cody Shane Gotcher, 18, has been charged with manslaughter, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety in Del Rio.

Gotcher was driving the 1999 Ford F250 pickup during the Feb. 24 accident that occurred on Pandale Road.

An earlier report stated that Hensley was driving, but after further investigation, the DPS corrected the report to state Gotcher was the driver.

The pickup was traveling southbound on Pandale Road,

when it was unable to round a curve and struck the east rock embankment, the report stated.

The pickup then struck a large boulder and rolled onto its right side, and then made one half turn and came to a complete stop on its top side facing east, the report stated.

The report also stated that alcohol was a factor in the accident, along with speeding.

Also riding in the vehicle were Toby and Troy Ramsey, 17, and Jackie Pollard, 15.

All three were taken to the Family Health Center of Ozona by Crockett County EMS and treated for minor injuries.

The DPS is still investigating the incident, said Sgt. Joe Duenez, of Val Verde County.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

'Sunshine Week: Your right to know

Editor's note: March 11-17 is "Sunshine Week." For more information, visit www.sunshine-week.org.

People often ask me, do you have to go to the county commissioners' meetings or the school board meetings?

The response is always "yes."

We are lucky to live in a country that allows, not only the media, but anyone to attend these public meetings.

We are lucky that the public has access to what is going on in our government, whether it is local, state or national.

This week is "Sunshine Week," a week to remember that as a society we have the right to know what our government is doing.

As a newspaper editor/reporter, I feel that I am obligated to report on our local government and how it is being run.

Since most of us lead busy lives, not everyone can attend these meetings. That's part of my job, to inform John Q. Public how the county and school government is being handled.

I also try to include as much state and national government news as I can in our weekly paper.

Jerry Tidwell, publisher of the Hood County News and President of the National Newspaper Association, said "Sunshine on government is the Vitamin D for democracy. It makes

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, March 14**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, March 15**
- Lions Golf Team at the Sonora Boys Tournament.
 - School Facilities Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Library.
- Friday, March 16**
- Lady Lions Softball Team vs. Van Horn, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
- Saturday, March 17**
- St. Patrick's Day
 - OHS Track Teams at the Iraan Relays in Iraan.
 - Dale and Sandy Bebee 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, 2-5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 - St. Patrick's Day Dance, starting at 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Monday, March 19**
- Lady Lions Golf Team in the Ozona Tournament at Ozona Country Club.
- Tuesday, March 20**
- Lions Golf Team in the Ozona Tournament at Ozona Country Club.
 - JV Tennis Team at the Lake View Tournament in San Angelo.
 - Lions JV Baseball vs. Reagan County, 4 p.m. at Big Lake.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
 - Lions Varsity Baseball vs. Reagan County, 7 p.m. at Big Lake.
- Wednesday, March 21**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Correction...

The quote in the article "County Commissioner, son indicted on charges" was meant to be submitted to the Stockman as a Letter to the Editor by Lalo Guadarrama of Severn, Md. The Stockman apologizes for this misunderstanding.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Stampeders

"Like people, cattle are at their best when separated from the mob." - J Frank Dobie

I was rereading a book about cowboys and trail drives by one of my favorite authors when it dawned on me how much modern-day environmentalists, animal rightists and other habitual alarmists are just like stampeding Longhorns. With herds of wild steers and greenie groups all it takes is one member to get all riled up about some threat that may, or may not, be real and before you know it they are all running amuck, trampling and destroying whatever gets in their way.

The stampeding virus has pretty much been eradicated in cattle these days but now humans seem to have caught the bug. Back in the 1870's and 1880's when cattle were being trailed to towns (cattle were trailed, not driven) stampedes were a cowboy's worst nightmare. And that's usually when they happened, at night and in the dark, which is also when human stampedes begin... when people are in the dark.

Any number of small things could start a cattle stampede: thunder, lightning, the smell of a panther or an Indian, the snapping of a twig, a cow's cough or a human's sneeze. Cowboys rarely wore spurs on trail drives because even the sweet sound of a jinglebob could get the cattle up off their bedground and off to the races. And when one ran, they all did, "one jump to their feet and another jump to hell," said one old time cowboy. Sometimes cattle stampedes were started by people who would profit by the confusion, and I'm sorry to report, that's true of human stampedes too.

It also doesn't take much to set off a stampede of fanatics: a government report or a movie by a former Vice President will do it. They are like the eternal pessimist with a sign that says, "The end is near." Flip a switch and off they go. The havoc the herd leaves behind is in no proportion to what started it in the first place.

Some professional stampedes just want to make the world a better place, God bless 'em, but the odds are high they'll just make it a bigger mess. They'll leave their spouse and kids at home eating a nuked dinner while they run over a rabbit in their SUV on their way to a meeting to save an endangered animal or to discuss global warming. The world would be a lot better off if they'd just stayed home with their family.

Letters to the Editor

Commissioner's son asks the community to support his father

Citizens of Ozona: sit idly by and let anyone smear my father's good name.

To my father: I am sorry for getting you dragged into this. I know our safety was your number one priority. I am saddened that they have tried to ruin your credibility as a county commissioner and blasted your picture on the front page with these accusations. Anyone that knows you knows that you are an honest man.

To the community: I ask you to stand behind my father, as our family will, and know he did nothing wrong.

T.J. Tobar
Ozona, Texas

Helping Hands Board thanks county officials

Would like to say a big "thank you" to Crockett County County Judge Fred Deaton and County Commissioner Frank Tambunga for responding to this board's request for information, and definition of some of the rules and regulations applicable to this organization.

With the resignation of Helen Wall, Vice President, and Janet McDaniel, Treasurer, this board lost two executive board members last month.

We have three members with less than a year on the board, so our knowledge of the relationship between this organization and the county is a bit sketchy.

Our request for "need to know" information was very graciously provided by Judge Deaton and Commissioner Tambunga.

Judge Deaton and commissioner Tambunga, at this board's invitation joined us as guests in our regular board meeting March 7.

Also joining us as guests was Lynn English, director of Senior Citizens Center, and the Senior Citizens board members. Both Deaton and Tambunga pledged to work with these two boards so that we might put to full use this wonderful building every one worked so hard to build.

Thank You again.
Helping Hands Board Members

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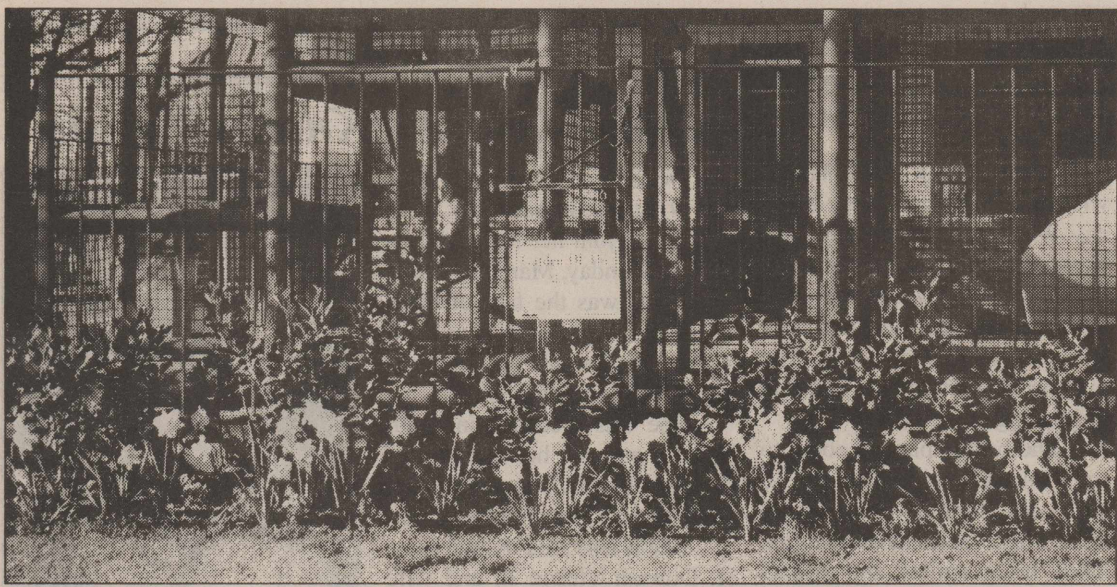
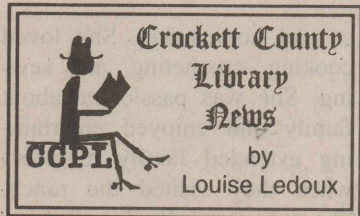


Photo by Melissa Perner

GARDEN OF THE MONTH is the Dairy Queen for its beautiful yellow daffodils located in front of the playground. The Garden of the Month is chosen by the Ozona Garden Club.



Ledoux presents annual library report

Librarian Louise P. Ledoux presented the 2006 Texas State Library Annual Report for the Crockett County Public Library to the joint meeting of the Library Board and the Friends of the Library on March 5, and to the Crockett County Commissioners' Court on Monday, March 12.

This comprehensive Annual Report covers every aspect of library service from the operating budget, the collection, programming, staff, equipment usage and everything in between, and is completed by the librarian every year.

"This Annual Report is an excellent review of our library and services. I am always relieved to complete the exhaustive data collection and submit my report every year, and am really glad to be able to present this information to my boards and to the county commissioners as a performance review of the Public Library," Ledoux said.

It was a busy year in 2006 and some of the most interesting statistics included in the report are the totals for patron use.

Total computer usage was 6,033, which is an increase over 2005 of 8 percent. Total attendance was 18,579, also an increase over 2005 of a full 10 percent.

Our patrons checked out a record number of materials in 2006.

Circulation or use of library materials was 27,116, which is an increase of 9 percent.

Our top reader was LaDawn Adcock with 137 audio books. Second was Jann Miller with 130 books.

Third and fourth were Mary Lou Knox and Polly Perner with 126 books and 124 audios.

Fifth and sixth was a tie between Trudy Barrera and Mark Baggett with 113 books each. CCPL salutes all our patrons and we look forward to providing another great year of library service in 2007.

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Devon Energy donates money to Crockett County Public Library

By LOUISE P. LEDOUX
Crockett County Librarian

The adult readers at the Crockett County Public Library in Ozona, Texas have a little more space thanks to a \$500 donation from Devon Energy Corporation.

The money was donated to Friends of the Library to purchase additional shelving.

Louise Ledoux, library director, said there is no available shelf space in the adult fiction section of the library.

She said the funds will ensure all the books can be shelved, plus provide space for audiocassettes and CDs.

"We are very thankful for Devon's interest in the library and pleased with the response to our shelving appeal," said Ledoux, who has been with the library since 1985. "We now have room to grow in the future."

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Thursday night, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Mary Welty and Tina Jarvis performed at the Care Center.

Afterwards, we had a club meeting about our festival and to vote in officers: Presidents Leroy and Carol Adcock; Vice President Nell Wester; Secretary/Treasurer Jim Couch and P.R. Tina Jarvis.

Saturday night, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Frank Fred, Mary Welty, Barbara

future." The Crockett County Public Library is located at 1201 Ave G and employs four staff members, including Ledoux.

The 6,000 square foot library contains an adult section, a children's section and a computer room that is open to the public.

The latest addition is a genealogy collection which is being continually updated. The library is handicap accessible.

"Devon's donation is just one way we can show our appreciation for the important service the library provides to our community," said Devon Ambassador Cecil Thurmond.

Devon is one of the world's leading independent oil and gas companies and has had operations throughout west Texas for the past 20 years.

Currently, there are 60 Devon employees in the area.

Jean and Tesla Caperton and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass.

Bill kept us on our toes with mainstream and plus calls and showed us some old calls that aren't done anymore, but gave us a chance to visit the past in square dancing.

Bill's wife Elia, Buster Miller and David Turicchi were our guests. We had caller John Geen and his wife Nora as our guests with members from his club "The Promenade Squares" and we also had members from Concho Squares.

This Saturday, we plan on going to Andrews to attend a workshop and dance there.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Sonora hospital to 'Sound the Alert' with diabetes screenings on March 20 and 22

SONORA - On Tuesday, March 27, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) will "Sound the Alert" about diabetes, a devastating disease that affects about 1.2 million people in Texas.

Beverlee Williams, RN, BSN, Diabetes Educator at Lillian M Hudspeth Memorial Hospital will be conducting risk screenings at the Wellness Center in Sonora on Tuesday, March 20, from 9 to 11 a.m.

She will also offer risk screenings at the Sonora Senior Center Thursday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The risk test, in English or Spanish, is available in brochure form by calling the Association toll-free at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or can be taken online at www.diabetes.org/risk-test.

Among the primary risk factors for type 2 diabetes are being overweight, sedentary, over the age of 45 and having a family history of diabetes. African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders are at an increased risk, as are women who have had babies weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

Diabetes is the fifth deadliest

disease in the United States, and more than 1.5 million people develop the disease each year. Diabetes cost the country \$132 billion in 2002, up from \$98 billion in 1997, and, despite aggressive research efforts, there remains no cure in sight. Even with this high degree of visibility and vast scope, almost one-third of those affected by diabetes in Texas, or 1.5 million people are not aware that they have the disease.

In addition, approximately 54 million Americans have pre-diabetes, which means that their blood glucose (sugar) is higher than normal, but not high enough to be classified with diabetes. Without intervention, individuals with pre-diabetes are at a much higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association takes the opportunity of "Alert Day" to help identify the undiagnosed and those at risk by educating people about diabetes risk factors and warning signs.

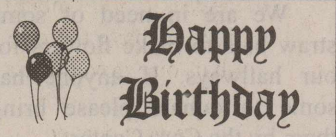
Unfortunately, people with type 2 diabetes can live for years without realizing that they have the disease. While people with diabetes can exhibit noticeable symptoms, such as frequent urination, blurred vision and exces-

sive thirst, most people diagnosed with type 2 diabetes do not show these overt warning signs at the time that they develop the disease. Often, type 2 diabetes only becomes evident when people develop one or more of its serious complications, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, eye damage and nerve damage that can lead to amputations.

"With early detection and treatment, diabetes can be managed, and its devastating complications can be prevented or delayed," said Beverlee Williams, RN, BSN, Diabetes Educator with Lillian M Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. "The American Diabetes Association hopes that this Alert Day will help people recognize and act on any diabetes risk factors and warning signs they might discover."

To help people better recognize their own risk for type 2 diabetes, the American Diabetes Association provides a simple, seven-question pencil and paper diabetes risk test.

For more information or assistance with management of diabetes, call Williams, at (325) 387-2521 ext. 107 or by e-mail at bwilliams@sonora-hospital.org.



March 14 - Anthony Vasquez, Diego Pena and Mark Branyon

March 15 - Tracey Preddy

March 16 - Wilton Russell and Rene De La Rosa

March 17 - Larry Allen, Angela Damian, Alex Samarripa, Ruth Hester and Joe Don Moran

March 18 - Linda Vitela, Marie Pierce and Lesley Mendoza

March 19 - Mike Preddy, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jadyne Poindexter

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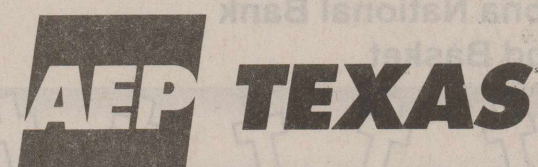
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PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M. Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

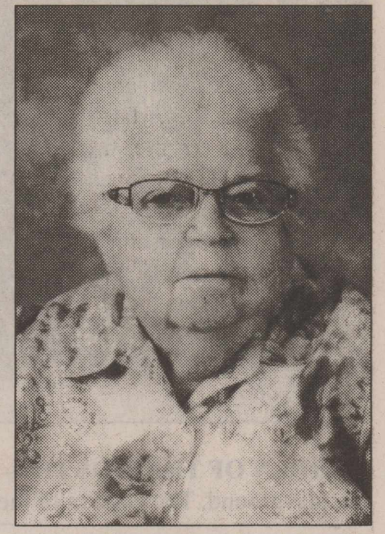
The wonderful rain was so appreciated. It had become so dry and everyone had been looking for some relief... Bob Hartley chose a teddy bear puzzle to follow the two that were completed last week.

at 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Helping Hands Board has worked getting this activity going so please come out and support them... Our next Senior Bingo Social will be here at 6:30 p.m. on March 22 at the Senior Center.

so that we may keep track of them. Come "Walk Two Miles" with us at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday... The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Obituaries

Doris Jane McKnight Vinson



Doris Jane McKnight Vinson, 91, passed peacefully from this life to join her heavenly father on Monday, March 5, 2007. Doris was the first of three daughters born to Johnny and Annie McKnight in Stephenville, Texas on July 11, 1915.

er and homemaker. She loved cooking, crocheting, and sewing. She was passionate about family and enjoyed entertaining extended family members when they visited the ranch. She was especially proud of her four grandchildren and her only great-grandson.

Care Center Chatter

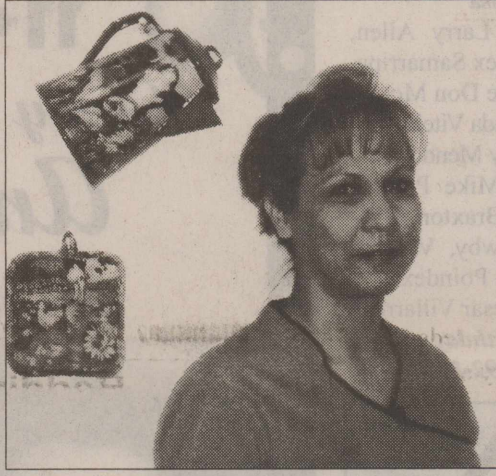
By MARTA DELAGARZA Activity Director

Our week started with Sunday services given by the Ozona Church of Christ and followed that afternoon by the Ozona United Methodist Church. By Monday, residents were ready to play bingo, followed by some good reading by E.A. Wadsworth R.N.

ing music right before lunch. That afternoon, Brother John Collis and First Baptist Church members had Bible study and some good gospel music. On Wednesday, we continued with bingo and worked on table arrangements for spring.

Thursday to help with Beauty Shop. Ann Shaw came by to visit with residents and brought bingo prizes. We followed with a Resident Council meeting. On Friday, we had a double dose of bingo with regular and Mexican bingo.

LET US INTRODUCE



NAME: Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Castro JOB TITLE: Cook HOW LONG WITH PRESENT EMPLOYER: 10 years in March ORIGINALLY FROM: Ozona

Helping Hands News

St. Patrick's Day dance this Saturday at the Senior Center

By BETTY BULLARD Helping Hands Board Member

Helping Hands for the elderly is happy to bring to you "An Evening of Music" for your enjoyment. On St. Patrick's Day, Saturday March 17, at 3 p.m., the music will start at the Crockett County Senior Center.

We will have chicken salad sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, chips and dips and drinks. All of this is free, no charge, but we would appreciate it if you would donate to our helping hands fund.

GOOD AND BAD

Recently I was talking to a young man that is a fairly new Christian and having lots of problems. After accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and savior he started attending Bible study and Church faithfully. He found new friends and they prayed for him.

Table with church listings including First Baptist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, Templo Bautista Jerusalem, Faith Lutheran Church, Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Church of God of Prophecy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calvary Baptist Church, Apostolic Church, New Beginnings Church, and Iglesia de Cristo.

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Mr. & Mrs. Dale Bebee 50th Wedding Anniversary The children of Dale and Sandra Bebee invite our friends and family to join us in the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 2-5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall.

Hilderbran named 'Legislator of the Month' by Texas league

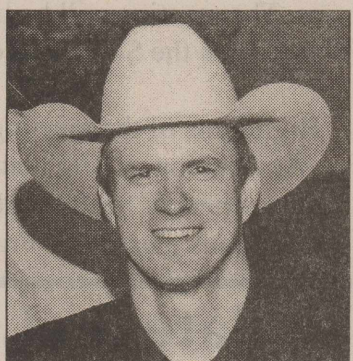
AUSTIN - The Texas Municipal League and its 1,080 member cities announced March 5 that Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has been named its "Legislator of the Month" for February 2007.

Rep. Hilderbran is a strong supporter of state and local parks and is the author of legislation this session (H.B. 6 and S.J.R. 71) that will infuse approximately \$15.5 million per year into our local parks system.

"Texas cities for many years have relied upon competitive state grants to assist with the development and improvement of local parks," said Frank Sturzl, executive director of TML. "In recent years, some of that funding was eliminated, and we sincerely appreciate Rep. Hilderbran's efforts to breathe new life into the local parks grant program."

Representatives from TML presented Rep. Hilderbran with a plaque at the Capitol.

"I appreciate this honor from the Texas Municipal League and I hope that it draws attention to the crisis in our state and local park funding," Hilderbran said. "Our parks



REP. HARVEY HILDERBRAN

are vital to the economy of this great state and to the enjoyment of all Texans. It is crucial that we provide appropriate funding to enhance and develop these great resources."

First elected in 1988, Representative Hilderbran serves as Chairman of the House Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee and is also a member of the House Natural Resources Committee. He also serves as co-chairman of the legislative oversight committee for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

The Texas Municipal League is a voluntary association of cities. It was established in 1913 for the purposes of serving the needs and advocating the interests of Texas cities.

CHAMBER: Half the visitors to the center are travelers

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We are a central library of information, a resource to residents, businesses and travelers".

The Visitor Center project was the result of a Strategic Planning meeting at which the community recognized it was not taking advantage of its greatest asset, I-10. It was also recognized that the community relied solely on the agriculture and oil and gas industries and had an opportunity to diversify by means of the interstate.

"This is just one piece of the overall Tourism puzzle that can be put into place to grow the Tourism industry for Ozona," Biggerstaff said.

Who stops at the Visitor Center and why? Visitors include local students brought to tour the facility and learn about the Tourism industry.

Over half of the visitors are travelers looking for lodging, dining, and shopping opportunities. They seek museums and historical sites.

Some travelers are in need of repair service, groceries, gas, stamps, souvenirs, directions or maps.

Some are stopping to rest in route to their destination. Regardless of the reason the pur-

pose of the Visitor Center is to attract visitors off the interstate.

Once inside, the Chamber has an opportunity to direct them to the services available in the community in an effort to generate additional revenue for Ozona and its businesses.

Locals stop in to pick up phone books, maps or inquire about any number of services as well.

The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. Chamber of Commerce operations are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The center features a lobby with information within a 300 mile radius of Ozona. It includes 24-hour restroom facilities.

The Chamber of Commerce Operations and Member Services, Tourism and Economic and Community Development offices are located in the center.

The center also features a Conference Center that will accommodate up to 75 people for meetings, training and receptions.

For more information call (325) 392-3737 or visit www.ozona.com.

Visitor Center Facts:

BUSIEST DAY OF THE WEEK -
Friday

SLOWEST DAY OF THE WEEK -
Sunday

BUSIEST MONTH -
March (Spring Break)

SLOWEST MONTH -
September (School has started)

AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITORS PER MONTH - 382

More Visitors in the PM than the AM
TOP FIVE STATES: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Florida
TOP FIVE TEXAS CITIES: San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin and El Paso

COURT: Commissioners hear about plan to educate the community on the importance of maintaining Johnson Draw

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It will also be an educational tool for the public, Wall said.

The tank can catch 108 gallons per inch, which estimates that if it rains 15 inches in a year then 620 gallons can be collected, Wall said.

Sometime before mid-April is the deadline when the project is expected to be completed and open for public viewing, said Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director.

For more on rainwater harvesting, visit www.txrainwater-collection.com.

JOHNSON DRAW

Ty Williams with the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District presented a plan to inform the community on how important it is to maintain Johnson Draw.

Four-wheelers running up and down the draw have caused erosion to start taking place in the draw.

The draw was put in place to control flooding after the 1954 flood that caused around \$4 million in damage to Ozona.

"We want the flood control channel to function at its best. This isn't going to happen maybe one out of 10 times, but the time that it does run big you want it to be ready for it," Williams.

The plan included history, educating both adults and children and the possible development of a community pride pro-

gram. "I think if you get the word out and get everybody educated, that may do it," Williams said. "If it's not maintained the possibility of flooding goes up."

PAINTBALL & SKATEBOARD PARKS
County Auditor Sandy Stokes said the county has insurance coverage for paintball and skateboard parks.

Deaton said the commissioners should look at the skateboard park in San Angelo on 29th Street, which looks like it was built out of an old swimming pool.

Childress said he would like to visit with someone who has built one of these parks to get estimates and more information.

Tambunga said there is a young group willing to form a paintball association with rules. He said the association will be in charge of making sure the park rules are followed and that those using the park are members only.

"I want to let the club manage it and see how it goes," Tambunga said.

A perimeter will be set to establish boundaries to the park, which is being proposed near the rock quarry close to the new softball park and the shooting complex.

JAIL CAPACITY

In the sheriff's report, Chief Deputy Nick Richter said they

have had the state jail inspection and that 15 is now the maximum number the jail can legally hold. This number was brought down from 17 that was previously set.

COURTHOUSE AIR CONDITIONING BIDS
The commissioners also approved the specifications for air conditioning and heating bids for the Crockett County Courthouse.

The specifications call for either a single or dual refrigeration system, along with furnaces that will ventilate up through the roof with PVC pipe.

"This is an exact replacement of what we've got, with the exception of the furnaces," Deaton said. "We'll just have to decide which bid we want to go with."

The bids will be opened at noon on March 30 at a called meeting.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Implementation of grant for Texas Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service.
- Moving an emergency siren from near the Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church to another location in that area.
- Use of the rodeo arena pavilion for music for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.
- Support letter for the Terrell County Groundwater Conservation District.
- Valerie Sanchez and Mi-

chelle Ramos to the Civic Center Board.

• April 23-27 as Spring Clean-up Week.

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OHS TEAM TENNIS MEMBERS ARE: (front row, l. to r.) Kyle Sewell, Puja Bahkta, Julia Henderson, Diane Hernandez, Christy Dominguez, Angelic Gutierrez, Kara Bird, Morgan Capps and Lalo Longoria. Back: Coach Brandon Moreno, Matthew Bullard, Freddy Veloz, Ben Flores, Stephen Gillit, Levi Vargas, Justin Maldonado, Devon Diel and Jordan Martinez.

OHS Tennis takes fifth at team regionals

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The OHS Tennis Team placed fifth at the Team Tennis Regional Meet March 2-3 in San Angelo.

In round 1, Jim Ned defeated Ozona 10 matches to 7.

In girls' singles, Julia Henderson lost to Briggs, 6-4, 4-6. Puja Bhakta lost to Lambert, 4-6, 6-7. Diane Hernandez lost to K. McClure. Cristy Dominguez lost to C. McClure, 6-4, 4-6. Kara Bird lost to Taylor.

In girls' doubles, Henderson and Bhakta lost to Briggs and Lambert, 2-6, 4-6. Hernandez and Dominguez lost to Taylor and Yarbrough, 0-6, 4-6 and Capps and Gutierrez, lost to Burley and McClure, 1-6, 4-6.

In boys' singles, Devon Diehl defeated Acuedo 6-0, 6-1. Justin Maldonado defeated Rohr, 6-0, 6-2. Freddy Veloz lost to Perez, 4-6, 6-4. Levi Vargas defeated Yarbrough 6-2, 7-5. Matthew Bullard defeated Smith, 6-

3, 6-1.

In boys' doubles, Diehl and Veloz defeated Acuedo and Wright, 6-0, 6-0. Maldonado and Stephen Gillit defeated Smith and Burkemper, 6-0, 6-1. Vargas and Bullard defeated Perez and Rohr, 6-3, 6-6, 7-2.

In mixed doubles, Bird and Jordan Martinez lost to McClure and Yarbrough, 2-6, 0-6.

In round 2, Ozona swept Junction 10-0.

In girls' singles, Henderson, Bhakta, Hernandez, Dominguez, Capps and Bird all won their matches.

In girls' doubles, Henderson and Bhakta defeated Waites and Abilez, 6-4, 6-3. Hernandez and Dominguez defeated Craig and Stapper, 6-2, 6-1. Capps and Gutierrez defeated Bolt and Rayas, 3-6, 6-4, 10-5.

In boys' singles, Diehl defeated Heap, 6-1, 3-6, 11-9. Maldonado defeated Taylor, 6-1, 6-2. Veloz defeated Orona, 6-2, 6-1. Vargas defeated Putnam, 6-0, 6-2. Bullard won his match 6-0, 6-

0.

In boys' doubles, Diehl and Veloz won 6-4, 6-0. Maldonado and Gillit won 6-1, 6-0.

In mixed doubles, Bird and Martinez won 6-0, 6-1.

In round 3, Ozona defeated Wall JV 15-4.

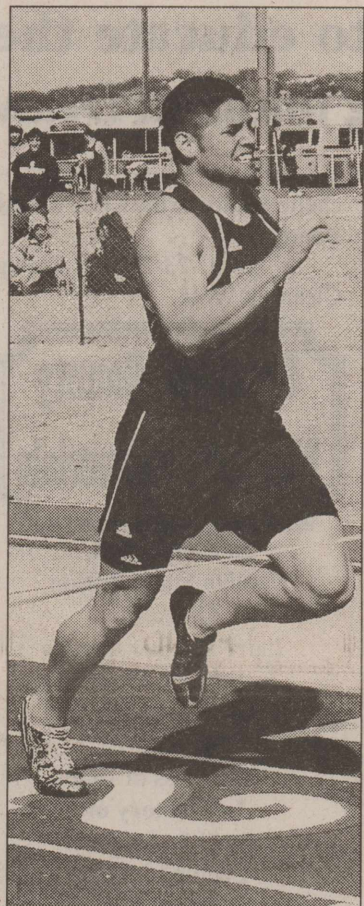


Photo by Joe Hernandez
ELY SILVA placed first in the 200 meter dash at the Ozona Relays.

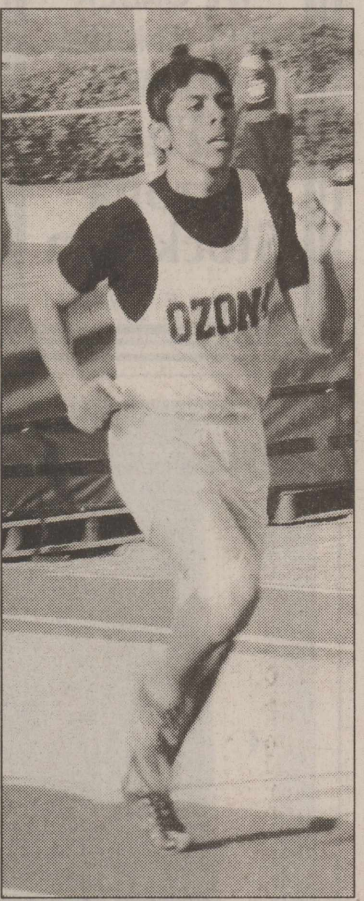


Photo by Joe Hernandez
LALO LONGORIA at the Ozona Relays.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
CALEB MITCHEL lets the discus fly at the Ozona Relays. He placed fourth in the event.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
MATTHEW KOMECHAK (l.) hands off to Fabian Onate at the Ozona Relays.

Softball Meeting March 14

A softball meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the New Softball Field located on the South end of Ozona by the Cemeteries.

Highlights of the meeting will be forming a Softball Association to help manage the Softball Field and set schedule for Softball League. If you have any questions please call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827

Update on Lions baseball

The Ozona Baseball started the season in good shape.

They began play against long time rival the Sonora Broncos in the Dry Devils River Classic held in Sonora.

The Lions Lead through out the game but allowed the Broncos to tie in the last inning. The Broncos advanced to the winners side of the tournament via the tournament tie breaker.

The Lions defeated the Owls of Big Lake in their second game.

In the Consolation game of the tournament the Lions faced off with San Saba.

The Lions once again had the lead late in the game then the walls came crashing down.

"Jordan Long was on the mound and looked fantastic," said Coach Ronny Clayton.

While throwing a pitch in the 5th inning to the second batter, Jordan felt a pop in his elbow.

He was moved to another position to finish the game.

The Lions fell behind and it has been that way ever since.

"What looked very promising for the Lions through the first three games went sour in a hurry," Clayton said.

Since that 3rd game the Lions have not been at full strength.

Jordan has been able to play some at short stop but has not pitched since then, Clayton said.

Several starters have also been absent due to different reasons. During this time the team has not fared well, Clayton said.

However, several kids have gotten more playing time and the experience from it has been very valuable, Clayton said.

"After Spring Break the Lions should be able to regain the winning form they had in the first three games as everyone should be back and Jordan is almost 100 percent healthy," Clayton said. "There were several bright spots during this span of games."

Stevie Vargas leads the team with a .571 batting average.

Caleb Mitchel, Mark Tambunga, Jordan Long and Nick Perez are all hitting over .400.

Mark leads the team in hits and stolen bases. Mark and Alex Ochoa lead the team in runs scored at 10 each.

Jordan leads the team in Runs Batted In at 8.

Alex looks to take charge of the outfield to hold down center field.

Josh Santos is doing a great job behind the plate.

"He is fearless and has been super blocking balls in the dirt," Clayton said. "Nick Perez and Mark have seen quite a bit of time pitching and have done very well throwing strikes. Matthew Garza has filled in on the mound as well and has done an exceptional job keeping us in some games. Rylee Ramos has looked very good pitching but has missed several games."

"Even though our record does not show it, things look good for when we do get everyone back and together and playing as a team again," Clayton said.

Lady Lions softball loses to Junction

The Ozona Lady Lions traveled to Junction and lost 0-17.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Morgan Glosson.

"Morgan did a great job of putting the ball in play we just didn't do a good job of taking care of her. We made a lot of little mistakes and we had so girls playing positions, that they hadn't practiced at. The first inning we just could not make plays. We settled down and played pretty good over the

next three innings. Offensively we had some opportunities and we just couldn't capitalize on them. We are still going through some growing pains but getting better every game," said Coach John Esparza.

Also playing for the Lady Lions was Alysha Lara (1-2) Cristina Rodriguez (1-2) Peyton Fenton (1-2) Megan McDaniel (0-1) Brandi Glosson (0-1) Alex Cruz (0-1) Lauren Najjar (1-1) and Sarah O'Hearn.

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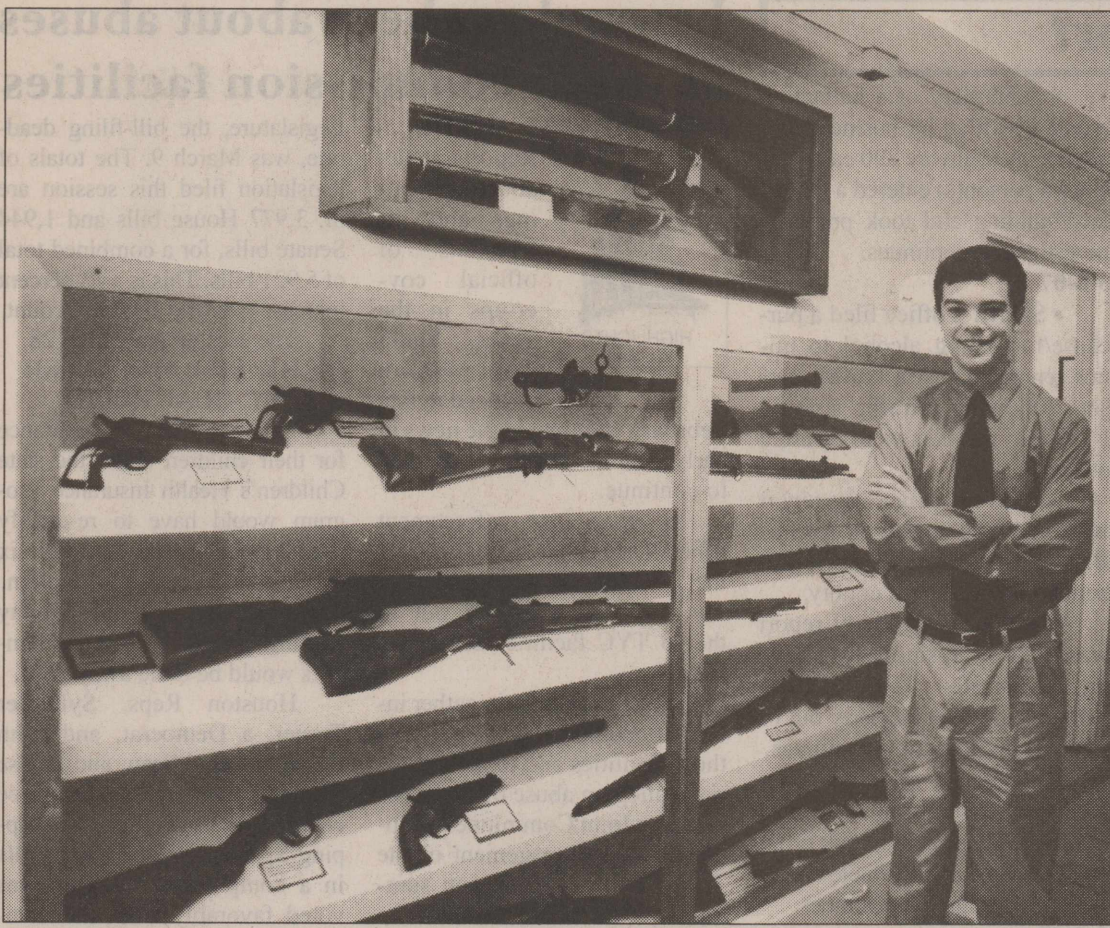


Photo by Melissa Perner

LEVI ENGLISH stands in front of the guns that he researched, named and time lined for the Crockett County Museum this past summer. Levi also helped with new labels for a lot of items on the top floor. The Crockett County Museum appreciates Levi for how talented he is and his assisting the museum. The museum encourages everyone to come visit or volunteer.

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club is taking bids for the annual sports banquet to be held the first week in May.

The menu will be:
Main dish: hamburger steak/grilled onions/brown gravy OR green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert and tea.
Please call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827 if interested. DEADLINE is April 13, 2007.

One Act Play is seeking furniture

The Ozona High School One Act Play is looking for a 1950s to 1960s style couch or love seat for their upcoming play. They are also looking for a black, rotary-style telephone they can use as well. The items can be donated or lent to the group. For more information, contact director Wendy Justiss at Ozona High School. The public performance of the One Act Play "Threads" by Jonathan Bolt will be at 3 p.m. March 25 at the OHS Auditorium.

Intermediate school honor roll

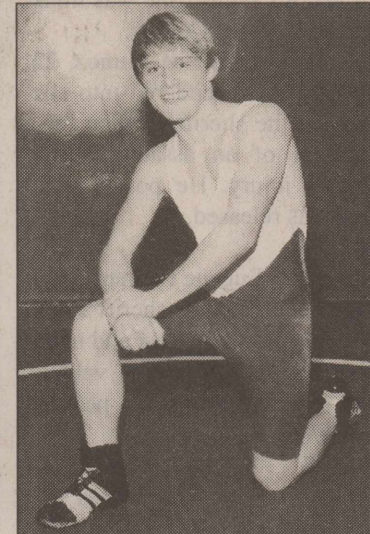
"A" HONOR ROLL
THIRD GRADE - Alex Hopper, Jeremy Muñoz, Estefania Torralba, Nereyda Vega and Kevin Villarreal
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FIFTH GRADE - Jonatan Arredonado, Lisa Dorough, Chad Fluth, Lorenzo Hernandez, Desiree Marshall, Vivian Medina, Justin Pullig and Sierra Stokes

Ramos, Dulce Rodriguez, Jacob Talamantez, Jarrod Tambunga, Reno Thomas, Ashley Vargas and Duston Vargas
FOURTH GRADE - Angel Aguilar, Alexis Aguilera, Justin Badillo, Meagan Bullard, Mariana Camarillo, Alexis Flores, Michael Hill, Melissa Lozano, Bethany Martinez, Janna Munsell, Ben Nelms, Kailey Overdorff, Alexis Perez, Ricardo Porras, Kaylee Ramirez, Jon-Luke Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Abelardo Rodriguez, Loren Talamantez, Dalan Wilson and Dylan Wynns.
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"A-B" HONOR ROLL
THIRD GRADE - Annie Adams, Narda Aguilar, Benito Badillo, Kimberly Borrego, Rikki Chavez, Madison Childress, Kristen Fierro, John Gomez, Felipe Irias, Dakota Lee, Maria Mejia, Lauren Miles, Alyssa Newlin, Kalen Perez, April

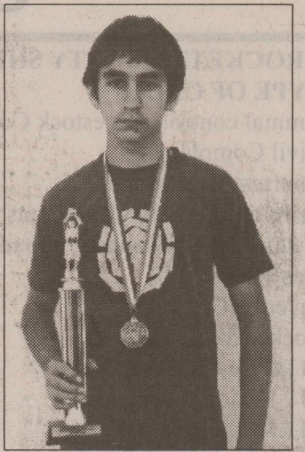
Jessica Galan on Sul Ross Dean's Honor List

Jessica Galan has been named to Sul Ross State University's Dean's Honor List for the Fall Semester, 2006. She ended the semester with a grade point average of 3.8.



Submitted photo
MITCHELL THOMPSON, of Lisbon, Ohio, placed 8th in the 119# weight class of the State of Ohio Wrestling Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. We're all proud of you Mitch!

Good Luck to Eric Talamantez at the Knights of Columbus Free State Free Throw Championship on Sat., March 17 at the San Antonio Convocation Hall. *We are so proud of you & love you very much.*
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Dear Alfred,

It has always been my thought that if you want or need to say something special...you should put it in writing. With that in mind, it was truly a pleasure to have met you several weeks ago on our trip to Houston. We were the group from California with supplies for the hurricane evacuees. I would like to thank you for your kind hospitality, we have never felt less a stranger in a strange city.

Reflecting back on the noteworthy moments of your good will and generosity, I know that words can only deprecate the true value of my having met persons like yourself who share and understand the spirit and are of our endeavor.

Please convey our thanks and admiration to the entire Pepe's Cafe Family and we'll think of your hospitality with appreciation and pleasure for a long time come.

In closing Alfred, I wish you continued success in all of your endeavors. Once again our gratitude to you for sharing that same contagious enthusiasm and allowing us to be, in this small way, a part of your life. We enjoyed breaking bread with you and the family.

Again, I extend a personal invitation to you to break-bread with the Uncle Darrow's Family, at our eatery in Marina del Rey. Our family once cooked for the world renowned Commander's Palace in the garden district of New Orleans for over 27 years. We also look forward to a long and amicable relationship. Thanks for help keeping the "American Dream Alive!"

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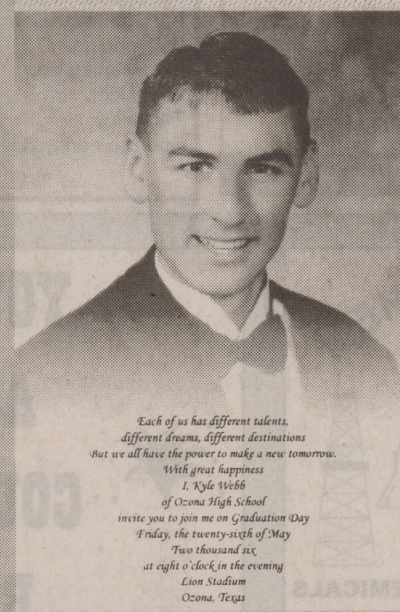
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Joe & Rachel Ybarra

Card of Thanks

The Ozona Band Boosters would like to thank Nancy Smith, Vicki White, Margaret Longoria, Chris Lara, Moniqua Fernandez, Jazveth Gonzales, Samantha Lara, Sarah Lott, Wilson White, Lane White and Preston Tebbetts for all their help at the Ozona Track Meet Concession Stand. It could not have happened without you! A BIG thank you to Frank Tambunga and the Knights of Columbus who cooked hamburgers for the teams. Once again, ya'll saved the day!

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas will receive sealed bids, March 30, 2007 until 12:00 p.m. for the purchase of air conditioning system for the courthouse. Bidding instructions and specifications may be obtained by contacting the county auditor's office, courthouse annex, 909 Ave. D, Ozona, Texas. Each bid envelope must be plainly marked (air conditioning bids). Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids shall be mailed or given to John Stokes, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas, 76943. Crockett County reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are received on the opening date and also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid. Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept the lowest bid or to waive any minor technicalities in determining what best suits our needs. John Stokes, Crockett County Auditor. 2c07

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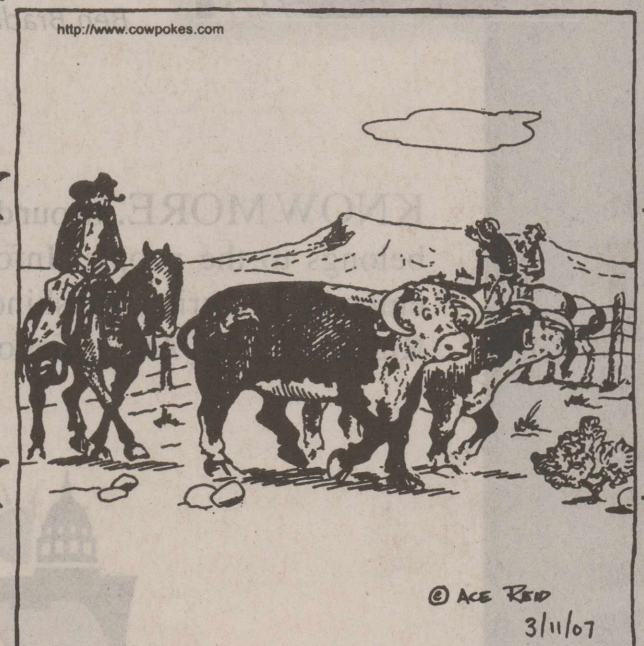
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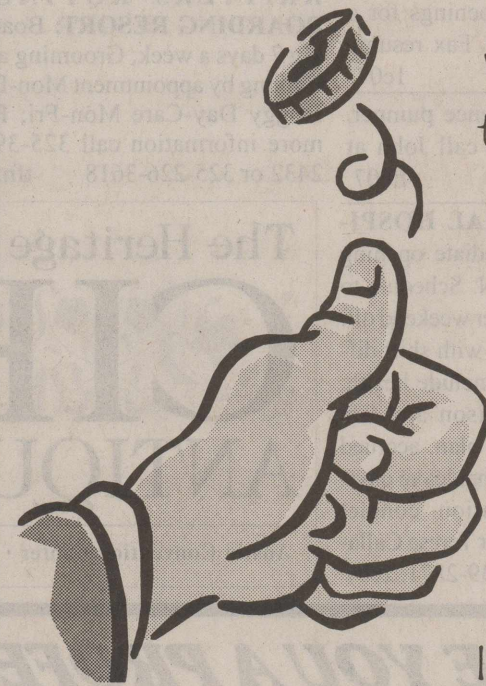


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