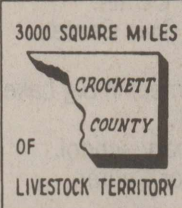


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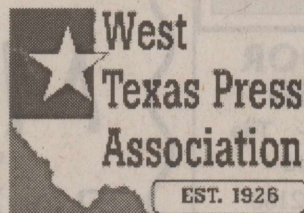
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Committee to host local meeting on Wool Growers bankruptcy plan

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A local meeting will be held for people who have filed claims in the Wool Growers Central Storage Company bankruptcy case.

The meeting, which will be held at 10 a.m. March 30 at the Crockett County District Courtroom on 908 Avenue D, is open for all unsecured creditors to attend.

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors will provide information to creditors who are represented by the committee and solicit and receive comments from creditors about the bankruptcy plan and its contents, according to the meeting notice.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones filed an order establishing deadlines related to the amended disclosure statement and the plan of reorganization.

According to the order, April 18 is fixed as the last day for filing written acceptances or rejections to the amended reorganization plan.

April 18 is also fixed as the

WOOL GROWERS MEETING
 10 a.m. Friday, March 30
 Crockett County District Courtroom,
 908 Avenue D
All unsecured creditors are welcome to attend.

last day for filing objections to the plan.

Copies of the amended disclosure statement, the supplement, the amended plan, a ballot and a copy of the order were ordered to be mailed out to all creditors and parties-in-interest within 14 days after the entry of the order. The order was submitted on March 9.

A hearing on confirmation of the amended plan is set for 1:30 p.m. May 3 in both Lubbock and by video in San Angelo.

Judge Jones also submitted another order on March 14 granting the motion from the unsecured creditors committee to establish uniform procedures for calculating claims of mohair producers.

According to the order,

the prices used in the calculation of claims for mohair shall not exceed the prices quoted by Ranchman's Wool and Mohair Export Inc. in Kerrville on April 28, 2006.

- The prices set are:
- Adult - \$4.20
 - 12 Month Adult - \$3.50
 - Fine Adult - \$4.50
 - Average Kid - \$6.50
 - Spring Kid - \$6.50
 - Fall Kid - \$7.50
 - Stain - \$2.25

The order also stated that claims for mohair will not exceed those amounts calculated by using the market price of the particular grade of mohair on April 28, 2006, and multiplying the price by the volume of the particular grade of mohair owned by the claimant.

Facilities committee discuss improvements for all campuses

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Security and safety, better heating and air conditioning, roofs, plumbing and restrooms were some of the top priorities the school facilities committee discussed during a meeting on March 15.

The meeting was with Pfluger and Associates, the architect firm the Crockett County CCSD has contracted with to help put together a district wide improvement plan.

Members were broken into groups by campuses and then had to come up with a list of problems or needs on each campus.

The groups were then divided up and had to come up with a top 10 list for all the campuses.

"We want to take a picture of the district as an Eagle flies over the district," said Kent Niemann with Pfluger and Associates. "We are looking at the big chunks."

PRIMARY SCHOOL
 At the Ozona Primary

School, the roof, security and protection from the highways, drainage, better organization of grades, traffic flow dropping off and picking up students, restrooms, the large playground, electrical and heating and air conditioning were the major concerns the committee put together.

It was also suggested moving the main cafeteria from the high school to the primary school. The meals would then be bused to the high school like they are now to the rest of the campuses.

Superintendent Abe Gott said around 70 of the 300 high school students eat in the cafeteria.

"The high school cafeteria access is bad," Niemann said. "It would create a better environment at the primary school."

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
 The group discussing needs at the intermediate school also suggested better traffic flow in the dropping off/picking up area, a better ventilation in the

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Flood control area in danger

Vehicles, overgrown brush causing damage to Johnson Draw

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

When the rains came down, the people of Crockett County went scampering to the highest places they could find as their town quickly swelled under water.

As the rains from the 1954 flood dried up, the community quickly banded together to work on a project that would protect their town from the tragedy.

Fifty years later, the area that was built to control the flood waters from is now in danger due to vehicles traveling in the draw and overgrown brush.

The upkeep of Johnson Draw and the other flood control areas is the responsibility of Crockett County, but the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District is hoping the entire community of Ozona will also help the flood waters at bay.

FLOOD MEMORIES

After three days of rainfall, Johnson Draw overflowed with devastating flood waters that rose from hill to hill. The rain was a result of Hurricane Alice, which brought in three days of slow rainfall totaling up to 12 inches over the Johnson Draw watershed.

For Ozona, it's considered the greatest tragedy in the town's history. At least 15 people died in the flood, and more than 300 homes, 43 businesses and a number of mobile homes, cars and trucks were destroyed.

The flood ended years of drought, but it brought with it lots of devastation.

According to an article in the June 27, 1974 edition of The Ozona Stockman, former editor and publisher Evert White stated that heavy moisture laden clouds has been driven up the Rio Grande as an aftermath of tropical disturbance Alice.

The rains fell through Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday night, 12 inches fell over the Johnson Draw watershed. The draw had run for two days, and continued to rise Sunday night, White stated. The flood crested at 6 a.m. Monday, June 28, 1954.

"I had got off of patrol with

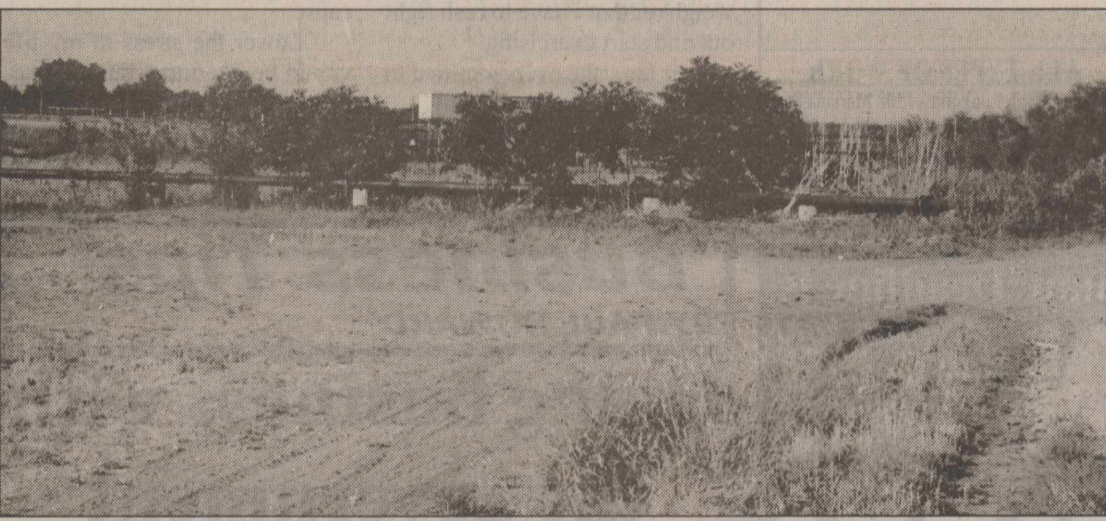


Photo by Paul C. Perner IV and Submitted photo

TOP: JOHNSON DRAW has overgrown brush and a pipeline in the channel that can catch debris and form a back wash that under high to full flood stages could cause the water to jump out of the channel. **BOTTOM: THE 1954 FLOOD** covered downtown businesses and roadways, as well as resulting in the death of 16 people and \$12 million in damages.

the volunteer fire department at 2 a.m. Around 6 a.m., they woke me up again and told me to get out of the house," said long-time resident Oscar Kost.

At that time, Johnson Draw was a little channel that rushed through from hill to hill, Kost said.

"The water was up to the ceiling in some homes," he said. Former resident Ronnie Houston, who was nine-years-old at the time, said his family of five "never should have survived."

"We were dirt poor, living in a home that my dad (Sam Hous-

ton) had built with the help of friends and neighbors, barely adequate to live in, much less protect us from the elements," he said.

The family, which also consisted of Houston's mom Reba, older sister Sammie, 16 and younger sister Celia, 6, had been warned by the constant sirens and by the volunteer firemen that a "wall" of water was racing down the draw, he said. The family lived only two blocks west of the old dry wash.

"We should have been among the first to leave, but in-

stead we waited to see if it could really be that bad. It was," Houston said.

The family tried to leave, but the rushing floodwaters made it difficult even to go a short distance. The family climbed up to the attic and then to the roof of their house.

Once outside, they could see that their house had been turned about 45 degrees, with what had been the northeast corner now pointed almost due north into the raging water flow, Houston said.

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Hilderbran files bills ranging from immigration to improving parks

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran has filed 42 bills for the 2007 Legislative Session.

The bills range from immigration issues to parks support.

In February, he filed House Bill 1256 which allows local law enforcement to hold illegal immigrants in city jails, fingerprint all minor offenders who do not have identification and detain illegal immigrants who returned to the U.S. after deportation for criminal convictions or have defied previous deportation orders.

HB 1256 does not require local law enforcement to seek out illegal aliens exclusively or do the border patrol's job, Hilderbran stated in a press release.

"To the contrary, the bill allows local law enforcement who come into contact with an illegal alien through the course of responding to a call or performing their daily law enforcement duties to have the authority to inquire into a suspect's immigration status and deliver the suspect to federal immigration officials," he said. "It makes no sense to allow a foreign national who is in the country illegally to stay here after being arrested or detained by law enforcement."

HB 1256 has been referred to the House State Affairs committee.

Hilderbran also filed HB 3080 to create a special permanent fund for tuition equalization grants (TEGs).

TEGs are awarded to financially needy students to enable them to attend private, non-profit colleges or universities in Texas. In 2005-06, 29,412 students received TEG awards.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Don't strain your brain

I had an interesting experience last week. I had my first visit to my new neurologist. In case you are wondering what a neurologist is, a neurologist is a medical doctor who has trained in the diagnosis and treatment of nervous system disorders, including diseases of the brain, spinal cord, nerves, and muscles (thank you Webmd.com).

Anyways, I was going to her to see about my migraine headaches. Any of you who suffer through these bad boys like I do, you know the type of pain I'm talking about.

I hate pain. I hate being in pain. I'm a big chicken when it comes to pain and dealing with pain. Hence, the visit to the neurologist.

Seeing a new doctor always makes me a little nervous.

I knew she was going to examine my head, but what if she didn't find anything in there?

Of course, that would explain a lot of the memory lapses. What if she found something in my head that didn't belong there, like my brain?

The joke around the office was that she was going to examine my squirrel upstairs and see if it needed anymore nuts.

Neurologists are quirky doctors, from what I've been told.

However, I found two things about my new doctor that I liked.

She didn't tell me to lose weight or that I have to rush right out and start exercising.

In fact, she even admitted to cheating on her diet that day.

Yes! I love a doctor who admits she's not 100 percent perfect when it comes to her health.

My husband and I had debated the exercise thing. I told him I read where exercise can cause migraines.

He then told me that exercise is not my migraine cause, since I haven't been doing any. She also didn't tell me to lower the stress-level in my life, which has been working in overdrive lately.

I didn't want to go through the daily routine with her that stress and my day-to-day activities go hand and hand.

Besides asking all those little questions about my migraines and such, the doctor did some funny tests.

She ran a Q-tip up my legs, arms and both sides of my face. Then she broke both sides and pricked me. It didn't hurt, it tickled.

She made walk in a straight line and touch my finger to my nose. Yes, I was sober.

All these funny tests to tell me that I was normal; my migraines were a normal type of migraine and then gave me some medicine to help them.

Ge, that was simple.

I find it funny some of the things doctors have to do to make sure our bodies are acting the way they are suppose to.

I am hoping the new medicine will keep the bad migraine pain away.

As I sit at my computer, I know this is probably a cause. I also know exercising and eating right could probably help my cause.

Lower the stress in my life would be good too, but not happening at the moment.

Until then, I pop the pill, sit back and let the comfort of my couch take the pain away.

Community Calendar

- 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.
- Thursday, March 22**
- OHS JV Tennis Teams at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.
 - JV Baseball Team in the Ozona Tournament.
 - Read Across America, 6-7 p.m. at the primary school.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, March 23**
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.
 - JV Baseball Team in the Ozona Tournament.
 - OHS Track Teams at the Sonora Relays.
 - Softball Teams vs. Crane, 5 p.m. in Crane.
 - Varsity Baseball Team vs. Crane, 7 p.m. in Crane.
- Saturday, March 24**
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.
 - JV Baseball Team in the Ozona Tournament.
 - OHS Track Teams at the Sonora Relays.
- Sunday, March 25**
- OHS One Act Play Public Performance, 3 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Monday, March 26**
- OHS Golf Teams in the First Round of the District 7-AA meet in Fort Stockton.
- Tuesday, March 27**
- Softball Teams vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
 - Varsity Baseball Team vs. Alpine, 7 p.m. at Alpine.
 - Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D.
- Wednesday, March 28**
- 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.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

Animal Vegetables

Have you heard about this left brain/right brain business? A person who is said to be 'left-brained' is analytical, highly organized, good with math and usually has the personality of a wet saddle blanket. A 'right-brained' person, which I just happen to be, is creative, good with their hands, has a scintillating personality and leads a much more exciting life than left-brained people. (I also think we're much better looking.)

Anyone who has been around animals a lot knows that this left brain/right brain business also applies to them. Horses are definitely left-brainers while cows tend to use the right side of their brain. Horses are analytical, can do higher math than me and often make much better decisions than their right-brained counterpart sitting in the saddle. Cows and sheep, on the other hand, daydream a lot, are more emotional and spend most of their time thinking of very creative ways to die.

Now, from London, comes news that very soon in addition to left and right brain animals we will also have barnyard animals with no brains. That's right, in response to animal rightist's demands that farm animals no longer suffer in cramped and stressful quarters, "scientists are actively investigating ways to remove the stress and aggression gene from farm animals, effectively turning them into complacent zombies."

That's according to the London Daily Mail. According to the article, scientists say it is technically possible to produce 'animal vegetables', "beasts which are highly prolific and oblivious to their physical and mental status." Kind of like Paris Hilton and most Congressmen, I'd imagine.

There are a couple ways to respond to the animal rightists. Smithfield, the huge pork producer has announced that they will phase out farrowing crates allowing the sows to mingle in a community environment.

You could also, I suppose, reduce the 'suffering' of a steer by giving him a lobotomy, but that is not something I think

could be done by members of the ground crew during branding. Especially by a right-brained cowboy. So genetic engineering is the answer that scientists have come up with.

The left-brainers in lab coats have a point. It really doesn't require too much thinking for a hen to lay an egg or a steer to marble. These are thoughtless acts that theoretically can be performed by an animal that is dumber than seaweed. So removing the genes that help them think seems harmless, although in the case of chickens it hardly seems necessary because they don't have the intellectual capacity of a jar of peanut butter anyway. You don't see many poultry that are members of MENSA.

Using my right-brain and thinking creatively now, I can see where dumbing-down farm animals could be good. Cattle would no longer charge, gore or kick, hogs won't bite and sheep and goats won't fall over dead at any minute from being stressed out. While the scientists are at it, I can think of other genes they could remove at the same time, like the pooping gene in dogs and the cribbing gene in horses.

As good as all this may sound I can envision some drawbacks. You could send your dog out to gather the sheep but they'd just stand there drooling with a stupid look on their face (even more than normal) because they are no longer frightened. Remove this gene and cattle would no longer herd, but just stand there, happy as a monkey with a bunch of bananas. There would be no need to rope the cattle, just walk up to them and load them in a truck like a box of oranges. Of course, this would mean an end to rodeo and the PBR because you'd open the chute and the broncs and bulls, calves and steers, would just stand there. There'd be a lot of rerides, I'd imagine.

When you think about it (recommended for left-brainers only) there is another way to solve this problem that is a no-brainer. We could remove from PETA members that gene that makes them think. But then again, that may be redundant.

'Business Tips'

BY PAUL HOWARD

Doing business with the government

Many of the small business owners we see at the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center are searching for ways to grow their business. Some of our clients are very aggressive and come up with attractive and successful marketing campaigns.

Others have alternative techniques to increase revenues. If your business is somewhere in between and you need a different approach, consider doing business with the government. It is not as difficult as you may think and the SBDC would love to help you in the process.

There are programs and certifications available for small businesses that will enhance doing business with the government. One program that is offered through our center is known as BidMatch.

It gives three ways in which to build your business: 1) a daily internet listing of contract opportunities customized to your business 2) names of potential customers who buy your products and services 3) subcontracting opportunities with primes on major contracts. This can save thousands of dollars in marketing costs with an investment of only \$125 per year.

The State of Texas has authorized that a certain percentage of all purchases by state agencies must be set aside for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). State agencies and universities are required to make an effort to include HUBs in their procurement opportunities when purchasing goods and services. To be HUB certified, a business must be 51 percent owned by minorities or women. Benefits include having your business registered in the State of Texas

HUB directory. It also includes you as a HUB business on the state's Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL). The CMBL is used by all state agencies to seek vendors, especially HUB certified vendors, for goods and services.

The United States Small Business Administration administers two particular business assistance programs to Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs). These programs are the 8(a) Business Development Program and the Small Disadvantaged Business Certification Program. The 8(a) program offers assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged firms, while the SDB certification strictly pertains to benefits in Federal procurement. Companies which are 8(a) firms automatically qualify for SDB certification.

The 8(a) program has become an essential instrument for helping socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the economic mainstream of American society. According to the SBA website, more than 6,100 firms participated in the 8(a) program and were awarded \$6.4 billion in Federal contract awards in fiscal year 1998.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please contact us. We would be happy to assist you. Also, the SBDC in conjunction with the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce and the SBA will be hosting a seminar - "Doing Business with the Government" on Tuesday, March 27th. For more information call 942-2098 or 942-2019.

"Business Tips" was written by Mr. Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor II of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU • SBDC, contact him at Paul.Howard@angelo.edu.

Crockett County Library News by Louise Ledoux

Library preservation workshops to be held in May, June in Ozona

By **LOUISE P. LEDOUX**
Crockett County Librarian

The Crockett County Public Library will host two preservation workshops this summer.

The first will be May 16 and is on "Preservation of Photographic Materials."

This workshop covers the proper handling and storage of photographs to ensure the photographs will be available for future use.

Topics include photographic composition; history and identification of cased materials, photographic deterioration; special issues regarding the storage, care, and handling of photographs; and unique challenges such as albums and scrapbooks.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.

There is a \$25 registration fee for the workshop.

The second is June 5 and is on "Introduction to Preservation Issues and Practices."

This workshop will provide important information on how materials deteriorate and what people can do to limit (and not contribute to) this process.

Topics include causes and effects of deterioration of library and archival materials, care and handling issues, storage issues, furniture and supplies, preservation planning, staff and patron awareness and education, and regional resources.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Cost is \$25.

For more information, visit <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/ppm/> for the May 16 workshop and <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/workshops/prsv/> for the June 5 one, or stop by the library.

Happy Birthday

March 21 - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores

March 22 - Abel M. Rodriguez, Sebastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jeannine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley

March 23 - Raleigh Conner, Melissa Hubbard, Angela Moore, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Sabastian De La Cruz and Tyra Branch

March 24 - Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright and Austin Borrego

March 25 - Cynthia Hokit, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

March 26 - Michael Joel Vargas Jr., Pife Borrego, Juan Molina Jr., Steve Hubbard, Jose I. Dominguez Jr., Albert Trevino, Chapo Leal, Melvin Parker, Enrique Delgado and Vanessa Tobar

March 27 - Cynthia Castillo and Justin Rodriguez

To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Ag producer's conservation efforts benefit all Texans

TEMPLE - Agriculture producers across the state of Texas are being recognized March 18-24, 2007, during National Agriculture Week. The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) would like acknowledge the commitment to conservation demonstrated by farmers and ranchers statewide.

Nearly 144 million acres in Texas are privately owned, and how private landowners use and protect their natural resources affects every Texan. Private lands help shelter our wildlife, filter our water, and purify our air.

Through professional land management services provided by NRCS, agriculture producers in Texas accomplished the following voluntary conservation efforts in 2006:

- 6,932,557 acres of agriculture land enhanced for wildlife habitat.
- 412 ag waste management plans were applied and 277 were written to implement effective manure management strategies in agriculture operations.
- Conservation plans were written for 1,429,132 cropland acres and 9,521,498 acres of grazing land.

Conservation practices were applied to improve the natural resources on 8,527,722 acres of grazing land.

Soil erosion on cropland soils was reduced by 11,500,335 tons.

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Ozona Woman's League News

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Ozona Woman's League

Members of Ozona Woman's League held a business meeting on March 13 at El Chato's Restaurant.

President Melissa Hokit called the meeting to order and the group read the Collect.

Pam Crenwelge read the minutes of the previous meeting and Jody Upham gave the treasurer's report.

The program committee set up a time for 6 p.m. April 3 to

decide on next year's programs.

The group also elected Vicki Childress as the new cookbook chairman, with Melissa Perner and Susie Bishop elected to help.

Members attending were: Melissa Hokit, Haley Forehand, Kayla Davidson, Jenny Ross, Susie Bishop, Abbie Hubbard, Jessica Luckie, Jody Upham, Shauna Yeager, Connie Crenwelge, Pam Crenwelge and Vicki Childress.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 27 at the Crockett County Public Library.

Webb to be honored as top Civil Engineer student

Zachary Webb, a 2003 Ozona High School graduate, has been chosen as the recipient for the 2007 John A. Focht Academic Excellence Award in Civil Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin.

The award will be presented at the Spring Banquet on March 29, 2007.

This award is presented to the student who has met the following criteria:

- Graduating this May
 - Has the highest GPA in the class
 - Started at UT as a freshman
 - Completing their degree in four years.
- Zachary is the son of Dan and Cindy Webb of Ozona.

Report from the Crockett County Attorney's Office
By Jody K. Upham

Since taking office on November 17, 2006, things have been moving smoothly in the County Attorney's Office. Having been in office for four months, it is a good time to inform the citizens of Ozona of the events occurring in this office and of the progress being made in handling the caseload.

From November 17, 2006 through March 16, 2007, I have filed a total of 107 new cases in County Court. These are cases involving arrests that have occurred since the end of October 2006. In that same time period, I have closed a total of 113 cases. These cases range from recently filed cases to cases that have been on the docket for a while.

We held two court dates in the month of February, and we have scheduled docket calls for March, April and May and will be setting more dates in the near future.

To give the citizens of Crockett County an idea of the types of cases dealt with most often, below is a breakdown of the total number of new cases and cases recently closed, sorted by the type of offense. Alcohol offenses include driving while intoxicated (1st and 2nd offense) and furnishing alcohol to a minor. Drug offenses include possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. Assault offenses include assault causing bodily injury and assault causing bodily injury - family violence. Other cases include evading arrest, resisting arrest, criminal trespass, failure to identify, reckless driving, terroristic threat, telephone harassment, theft, and theft by check.

	Cases Closed	New Cases Filed
Alcohol offenses	22	26
Drug offenses:	15	26
Assault offenses:	7	9
Driving while license invalid:	11	9
Other offenses	58	37

Elaine Harp, the County Attorney's Office Chief Deputy, has been instrumental in managing the office and the caseload. A great deal of paperwork is generated and funneled through this office, and we have improved our systems to better handle the

workload. In addition, we are working in conjunction with the County Clerk's Office to improve the way in which cases are filed and managed between our offices.

This office is working with all relevant departments including law enforcement, the probation department, the clerk's office, and the judge's office to attempt to more efficiently and effectively process cases while ensuring that justice is being done.

Our office is open to the public, so if you ever have a question, please feel free to call or come by.

Ozona Garden Club

By **ALICE BREWER**
Ozona Garden Club

The Ozona Garden Club met on March 12 in the home of Jerri Lyn Pierce. Hostesses were Mrs. Pierce and Alice Brewer.

Dessert was served with green punch to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The meeting was called to order with a financial accounting and the minutes of last month's meeting. We then proceeded with the program.

The program was a very entertaining and informative lesson in various kinds of designs for garden shows. The "underwater" theme was exhibited by Marolyn Bean. She chose a tall glass structure with flowers and greenery covered by water, with

a base structure outside it, of a ram's horn and a waffle plant.

Jerri Lyn Pierce chose to exhibit "peppermint twist," a designer's choice. She created a tall plant structure on a metal base that was encircled from top to bottom with soft manageable wire. Her second exhibit was a sculpture structure called "Sandman," composed of one large single flowing piece of drift wood with two spider mums against a dark blue background.

Everyone is preparing for the club's annual garden show and exhibit in April.

Members present were: Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Bobbie Bird, Alice Brewer, Lana Chandler, Jeannine Henderson, Judy Jones, Jerri Lyn Pierce, Jan Van Shoubrouek and Esther Williams.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

In Memory of:

- Ruth Holland Seahorn
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

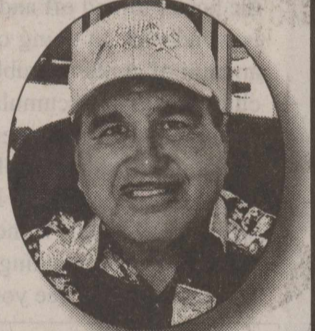
SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such 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."

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

So far, we have received just a small amount of rain but rain is in the forecast for the rest of this week.

Helping Hands had their "Celebration of Music" here at the Senior Center last Saturday. A good crowd attended and among them was Myra Nester who has been out of town for quite awhile. We are happy to have you back. We were also delighted to see Al and Betty Fields out on the door floor.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be here at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the Senior Center. We will be serving hot dogs

with sauerkraut, banana pudding and tea, coffee or water.

Line dancing will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesdays. E.A. Wadsworth R.N. and company will be instructing. We had four here last week and they had a fun time. E.A. checks your blood pressure before the line dancing starts.

We have a number of books to select from in our bookcase. We also have magazines and a few recipes. If you bring any books in to lend, please bring them to my office to be labeled so that we may keep track of them.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This exercise program conditions you

to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. The number of participants walking is growing.

The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. These ladies have such fun. They bring smiles and snacks with them. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odum, Katherine Russell, Marolyn Bean, Betty Harrell, Sadie Davidson and Marilyn Cox.

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.

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

We have had a wonderful week with a little rain and a little sunshine.

Thanks to all our pastors and members from different churches for coming to visit with our residents and bringing good words and good fellowship.

Thanks to Anna Flores, Georgia Morrow and Sylvia Fay for donating bingo prizes and for writing out our calendar.

Thanks to all our volunteers this week. We will be celebrating National Volunteer Week April 15-21.

Friday, we had a big party celebrating St. Patrick's Day and March birthdays. We had seven birthdays this month. We drank green drinks and ate cake. Residents had fun.

We had lots of visitors this past week. Thank you all for coming out and visiting your loved ones.

It sure is different when they change the time. It takes a while to get use to it, but we are working on it.

Saturday, after bingo, we went outdoors and planted flowers in our patio area.

We had lots of good help from Dr. Fuller, Samantha, Halo Galindo, Jessica, Marta and I.

It's a hard job, but someone has to do it.



Submitted photo

CARE CENTER RESIDENTS, EMPLOYEES and VOLUNTEERS planted flowers in the patio area this past Saturday.

Helping Hands News

By **BETTY BULLARD**
Helping Hands Board Member

The Helping Hands Board Members would like to say a big "thank you" to all who came out and participated in our St. Patrick's Day event.

Even with heavy competition from other events taking place at the same time, we did very well.

We would also like to say "thank you" to all who contributed to the Helping Hands Fund. We hope to do more benefits like this where everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy our activities.

To all of those who helped set up and take down, run errands, contributed time, donated

food, and saw to the minute by minute demands of a function like this, we applaud you.

It could not have run so smoothly without your help, thank you.

This whole musical event could not have taken place if not for the musicians who so generously gave of their time and talent. The time they spent on stage was only a fraction of the total time spent in preparation and practice.

When it was all over, as tired as they were, and as sore as their fingers were, they still wanted to "do it again."

Thanks to all you guys and gals.

From a very grateful board,
Helping Hands Board Members

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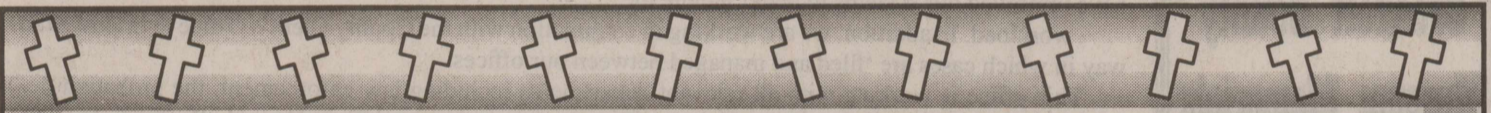
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SPRING CLEANING

This will officially be the first week of spring and it is bringing in some changes around here. We have had the doors open, the heater turned off and some fresh air for a change. There are even a few early trees and bushes blooming and the aroma is wonderful. In going outside and looking around something caught my attention. I noticed that over the winter a small amount of clutter or rubbish has built up. I purposed to and have started cleaning up and cleaning out some of the junk or clutter that has accumulated. I also realized that this is a problem that can occur in our Christian life. The clutter or junk can slowly build up over a period of time and pretty soon we are living in a spiritual dump. Maybe we have gotten out of the habit of reading our Bibles daily or a quiet time with the Lord. We may have even stopped attending worship service on Sunday or giving to the Lord. We may have drifted back into worldly ways and there is no Christ-likeness in our lives, (Galatians 5:19-23). If is the case, we need to do some spring cleaning, (Job 13:23, Lamentations 3:40-42). It might take little effort or a lot depending on how much clutter has built up, (1 John 1:8&9). What a joy it is when we live in a clean place, (Romans 14:17). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>

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Obituaries

Brandyn Thomas McDaniel

Brandyn Thomas McDaniel, 13, a seventh grade student at Lee Junior High School in San Angelo died Saturday, March 17, 2007 as the results of an accident.

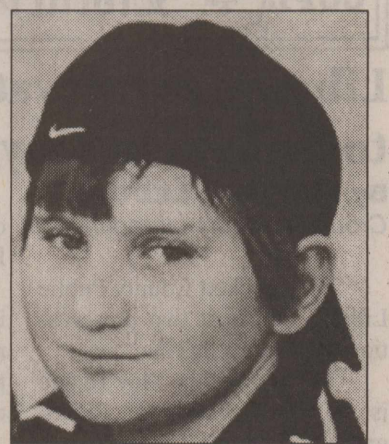
Brandyn was born on Aug. 10, 1993 in San Angelo to his parents, Donna Tomlinson McDaniel and Lann James.

He loved all sports, especially the Cowboys and the Longhorns. He played football, baseball, golf and he never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his aunt, Robin Rhea Sharp, granddad, Jim James and papa, Tommie Joe Tomlinson.

Brandyn is survived by his mother, Donna McDaniel, father, Lann James, sisters, Kasi Yeager and Megan McDaniel; a very close and dear friend, Clair McDaniel; great grandmother, Juanita Bass; two grandmothers, Nell James and Marsha Tomlinson; aunts and uncles, Brad and Melanie Denson, Tony and Diane Tomlinson, Michael and Sandra Tomlinson, Shane and Chungil Tomlinson, Gary and Sabrina Blanks and Danny James along with several cousins and a future niece, Cambrie Rhea Yeager.

Pallbearers will be Tony Tomlinson, Clair McDaniel, Will



Jones, Louis Taylor, Jason Davis and Daniel James.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brandyn's Northern Cubs Baseball Teammates, Justin Chevalier, Connor Frank, Josh Gandy, Nate Hennington, Carter Holdridge, Connor Huchton, Joseph Kirgis, Logan McClellan, Lee Smith, Sterling Smith and Caleb Davis.

Family visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 21 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Thursday, March 22 at the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Interment will be at 3 p.m. at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood.

Betty Merle Ingham Deland

Betty Merle Ingham Deland, 65, formerly from Sheffield, died March 8 at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. She was born on Oct. 8, 1941 in San Angelo to Dudley and Dorothy Homes Ingham and was the granddaughter of Ben and Frankie D. Ingham, a pioneer ranching family in Ozona. She spent her very early childhood on the Ingham Family Ranch near Sheffield, where at a young age she was bitten by a rattlesnake. Shew attended school in the Iraan school system. Services were held at Heritage Funeral Home Chapel in Brady with the Reverend Sheldon Johnson officiating.

Deland completed her high school education at the San Marcos Baptist Academy in San Marcos and began her college education at the Southwest Texas State University, but soon put her higher education on hold to marry in 1960 her sweetheart Elden Earl Deland, a former resident of Ozona an a 1957 graduate of Ozona High School. While juggling the roles of wife and mother of three young children, she went back to school to pursue her dream of obtaining a degree in education through Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and Lamar University in Beaumont. After graduating from Lamar University she served as a substitute teacher for many years until taking a position as a full-time teacher-all the while pursuing certifications in Special Education and Bilingual Education. She dedicated her life to elementary school children for more than 20 years finally retiring in 2002. Her interest in life was primarily her family-near and extended. Through her intensive efforts, several family reunions of the Ingham/Dudley heirs were organized. She also was instrumental in seeing that the present Emerald House now at the Fair Park Center in Ozona was given to Crockett County as it was the oldest house in Crockett County and had been lastly the property of the Deland family.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Deland, Jr. of Brady; her mother Dorothy Ingham of San Angelo; two sons, David Earl Deland of Mesquite and James Elden Deland and wife Patriia of Beaumont; one daughter, Deborah Ramirez and Felix of Waelder, Texas; four grandchildren, Katherine, Hanna, Gracelyn, Wesley; one brother David Dudley Ingham of Martinez, California; one sister, Dottie Griffin Barker of Argyle, Texas; two nephews, Mark Stanley of Brady and Eric Stanley of Martinez, Calif.; two nieces Janelle Ingham of Martinez, California and Melody Griffin of Argyle; numerous aunts including Mrs. B.B. Ingham, Jr. of Ozona, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718.

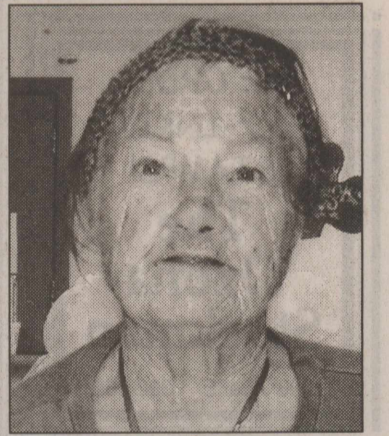
Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

Saturday club members Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester and Tina Jarvis traveled to Andrews to attend a workshop and dance. David Davis and Dick Parrish from Hobbs, N.M. were the callers for this day long event. We had a plus and an "A" workshop, we had a dance off and then we had the regular dance with the Grand March starting at 2 p.m. Round dancing called between the square dancing and everyone had a great time.

We plan to dance at the Care Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Saturday we will have a workshop with Tina Jarvis so we can have room for a special



Submitted photo

LUCY HINDE celebrated her birthday at the Levis and Lace Square Dance on March 10.

dance next Friday featuring National Caller Gary Bible.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Card of Thanks

Manuel y Maria Hernandez H.
Dana la Gracia a todos por acompanarnos en nuestro memoria nuestro hijo David Herandez Eldorado, Texas.

Card of Thanks

The family of David (D.L.) Hensley would like to express our appreciation very much for all the help that was given to us during our loss. We especially want to give thanks to Preddy's Funeral Home, Class of 2006, Church of Christ ladies for preparing a nice lunch for our family. A special thank-you to Johnny Perkins and Gary Vannoy for making the funeral service very nice.

Thank You,
The Hensley Family

The Ozona Community Center is looking for donations of empty printer cartridges and old cell phones.
They are working on new playground equipment for the Community Center.
Items can be dropped off at the Community Center.



FLOOD: Community came together to get funding for dams

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Later in the day, the family would discover that the house had been hit by a mobile home that was lifted from next door. Majorie Coates and her husband Roy were planning to move into town that fall since their oldest child was starting kindergarten.

That morning, Roy told his wife to get the children and get out, Coates said. The couple's house, on 510 Avenue I, stayed in place a long time, and then a pickup hit it and the house washed away.

"It was so surprising and such as shock," she said. "The draw came down so fast." When the flood waters ceased, Coates said it was an Easter egg hunt when it came time to finding things.

One of her evening gowns was in Dorothy Montgomery's backyard, and some silverware was two streets over, she said.

The couple moved back to the ranch, but eventually rebuilt their house in the 1960s.

"It was hard to realize that this could happen in a little place like this that doesn't have a river or a lake running through it."

At least 16 people died in the flood, including George Russell Sr. Russell died from a heart attack at 6 a.m. Monday morning aiding in the evacuation of members of his family from their flood homes, according to a 1974 article from The Ozona Stockman. Russell had served 28 years in Crockett County as district and county clerk.

Eleven people were rescued from the M&M Café (which is now Pepe's Café) and Cosden Station when they clung to a big panel truck which was driven to higher ground by Joe Tom Davidson, the article stated. Davidson later had a narrow escape when he floated down stream atop a big oil transport truck.

Throughout the day, the American Red Cross, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the Salvation Army and many other organizations arrived to help people recover from the disaster.

"The same God who made raw nature and her destructive forces

FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK MARCH 19-23

FLOOD FACTS:

- Ozona 1954 flood: 16 people died, 300 homes and 43 businesses destroyed and the estimated amount of damage was \$12 million.
- In 1954 the National Weather Service reported 55 flood fatalities, 220 lightning fatalities and 193 hurricane fatalities nationwide.
- 1977-2006 - 99 flood related fatalities; 74 flood related fatalities in the last 14 years.
- 2006 - Texas had 8 flood related fatalities.

TYPES OF FLOODING:

- Minor Flooding - minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat or inconvenience
- Moderate Flooding - some inundation of structures and roads near streams. Some evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations are necessary.
- Major Flooding - extensive inundation of structures and roads. Significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.

- National Weather Service

also put tough survival in the souls of men," stated the Rev. J. Troy Hickman, Methodist minister, in a 1954 article. "Ozona will never be the same again, but we can only hope that the Ozona that emerges finally from the ruins of its old self will be somehow a little better."

COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Before the water had even had a chance to subside, a relief efforts quickly started for Ozona.

In San Angelo, a fund was established by the Jaycees and the junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Ozona Lions Club held an auction sale and barbecue dinner with money going toward a local flood control fund.

Soon, a Flood Control Committee was established. Members of that committee were: Sherman Taylor, Wayne West, W.R. Baggett, Chas. E. Davidson Jr., W.D. Cooper and J.B. Miller.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District quickly went to work with the committee in finding state and national government help.

By July 1955, the state Soil and Water Conservation Office had estimated that the cost for flood control on Johnson Draw

would be \$800,000. With the help of the government, Crockett County residents would only have to pay \$200,000 which could be funded through a bond.

Crockett County Commissioners had to come up with \$25,000 for a survey to be conducted before any dams could be built. The money was loaned to the county by Ozona National Bank.

By August 1955, Public Law 566 had been passed by the U.S. Congress. Under this act, the federal government, through the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, will share the cost of watershed control projects approved by congress.

The watershed control project in Crockett County quickly moved into high gear.

After a survey conducted by engineers of the U.S. Army, along with several public hearing, Crockett County voters went to the polls and approved a \$200,000 bond on January 10, 1956, with 386 voting for the bond and 12 voting against the measure.

The plan was ready to be approved by the U.S. Congress. Pushing the plan through congress was Crockett County's Representative, J.T. Rutherford.

In a letter published in a 1956 edition of the Ozona Stockman, Rutherford stated "I certainly feel the people of Crockett County are to be congratulated for their spirit of unification and cooperation in giving wholehearted approval to this project."

Helping Rutherford was then Senators Lyndon B. Johnson and Price Daniel, who also felt compassion for getting the project approved.

Crockett County citizens also worked hard voicing their opinions. According to a 1956 Stockman article, nearly 100 calls and telegrams were sent from Ozona to Washington D.C. The Ozona Lions Club allowed citizens to charge calls to the flood control fund, which totaled \$127.39.

Rutherford pushed the project request through congress, along with repealing the provision of the law requiring 40 percent local participation of the cost, saving Crockett County \$175,000 of the \$200,000 bond, according to a 1978 Stockman article. The county had already spent \$25,000 for the survey.

In July 1956, the project was approved by congress.

By 1958, seven flood control dams with the ability to store

a total of 1,029 acre feet of water were completed.

Six of the dams were selected in controlling the Johnson Draw watershed above Ozona and one on the Gurley Draw to the east.

The dams were located on the then Jack Holt ranch, one on the Boyd Baker ranch, four on the W.R. Baggett ranch and one on the W.E. Friend Jr. ranch.

According to the 1978 Stockman article, "all land owners involved had promptly and freely given easements on their land for construction, thus speeding up the planning."

PROTECTING THE DRAW

Maintenance and upkeep of the town's flood channel and county dams were discussed during a local tour on May 17.

The tour, hosted by the Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service took participants around to the various dams and along the channel.

One of the main concerns was along the flood channel that runs through Ozona along Johnson Draw.

Don Ford, a zone engineer for the NRCS, and Ty Williams, district conservationist for the Crockett County SWCD, said

that brush removal along the channel banks is needed to allow for smooth, unimpeded flow of water in the channel.

Vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles and motorcycle traffic, can cause damage to the channel such as the formation of mud holes and damage to the banks, Ford and Williams said.

"The damage to the banks forms places where the bank will erode and cause the flood water to jump out of the channel," Ford said. "Objects in the channel such as rock and other debris should be removed to form a uniform flow."

There is also a pipeline in the channel that can catch debris and form a back wash that under high to full flood stages could cause the water to jump out of the channel. South of Interstate-10 is roadways that have been built as a low water crossing that can catch debris and form a back wash.

In a full flood, the deepest points of the channel can handle up to nine feet of water.

Along the flood control dams, annual maintenance of the flood gates to ensure proper operation, as well as brush control in critical areas was discussed.

Cutting of brush and treating the stumps by hand and the use of helicopter to aerial spray, along with upkeep of the fences around the dams to keep livestock off the dam faces is needed, Ford said.

The formation of animal trails that cause erosion, along with brush in critical areas of the dam can cause failure of the structure, Ford said.

"The design life of the dams is 50 years with minimal maintenance, but with proper annual maintenance the design life could be greatly extended," Ford said.

If major repairs are needed, federal grant money is available that pays up to 75 percent, Ford said.

"Overall all the dams are in good shape needing only minor work, but the flood channel thorough town needs the most repairs done," Williams said.

BILLS: Park sites could be transferred to historical commission jurisdiction

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Currently, funds awarded through this program may not exceed the amount appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Rather than going through the appropriations process each biennium, this bill would authorize a one-time appropriation of \$2.5 billion into the fund, which would then be managed by the Comptroller's office.

The fund is named after former state Rep. Bob Hunter, who retired in 2006 after serving as state representative for 20 years. Dr. Hunter is vice-president emeritus at Abilene Christian University.

The fund will be composed of gifts and grant contributions and interest earnings. The earnings may be appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the purpose of awarding TEGs.

In an effort to regulate the

presence of non-indigenous snakes in the state and prevent a future feral exotic snake population, Hilderbran filed HB 1309 which would require owners of non-indigenous snakes, including constrictors, black mambas, and cobras, to obtain a permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. The bill does not make it illegal to own a non-indigenous snake.

Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Massachusetts already have laws regarding this issue in place. Under the current bill, research facilities and anti-venom production facilities or labs will be exempt from the permit requirement. Hilderbran will consider expanding the list to include other herpetologists.

Hilderbran also filed HB 3092 which amends the Education Code by stating that a student confined by court order in

a residential program or facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, or any other governmental entity, including a juvenile board, is not considered to be a student of the school district in which the program or facility is physically located.

In relation to parks legislation, Hilderbran filed HB 12, which authorizes the transfer of sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife's jurisdiction to the Texas Historical Commission.

"This transfer will allow for better mission focus and alignment with the true missions of the agencies," he said.

This is an extension of HB 7 and park of a package known as the "Texas Parks and Restoration Act."

For more information, visit Hilderbran's Web Site at www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist53/hilderbran.htm

SCHOOLS: Committee to meet again on March 29

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restrooms, an additional door to the library, air conditioning in the gym and cafeteria, better playground equipment, heating in the hallways and better storage.

It was also mentioned that the school needs to come into compliance with the American Disabilities Act, along with the safety and security of the school being right next to Interstate-10.

Niemann said that schools in similar locations often build a fence or barrier around them for safety and protection.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The location of the In-School-Suspension Building was the biggest concern at the middle school campus, along with a larger bathroom for the sixth grade and a fence around the campus.

The ISS Building is a portable building located between

the middle school gym and the main campus.

The building's location is bad and it has leaks.

A larger budget for TAKS teaching, community class periods for core-curriculum classes and smart boards for the classrooms were also suggested for the middle school.

HIGH SCHOOL

A two-way intercom system in all buildings was one of the main suggestions for the high school, along with improving the restrooms, the heating and air conditioner, the roofs and parking.

Niemann said the high school is "fragmented" and needs better organization.

One suggestion was the moving of the high school library, which isn't used a lot since it is in a building away from the

main building and upstairs.

Niemann said moving the district administration building to where the high school library is, moving the high school administration office to the district administration building and moving the library somewhere else.

"The library needs to be more accessible to students," he said. "You could have a fabulous library in a better location"

The committee will meet again at 5:30 p.m. on March 29 at the high school library. At this meeting, the architect firm will review and develop the final district wide facility improvement option recommendations.

The recommendations will eventually be presented to the school board in April. The board will then decide whether or not to pursue the public voting on a bond in November.

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Submitted Photo
THE OZONA GIRLS' GOLF TEAM WON THE SONORA INVITATIONAL on March 13. Team members are: (l. to r.) Cristi Guynes, Adrienne Bendele, Kasey Gray and Frankie Skinner.

Lady Lions win Sonora golf meet, varsity Lions come in second

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions Golf Team won the Sonora Golf Tournament last week.

Ozونا came in first with a combined team score of 434.

Other team totals were: 2. Christoval, 452; 3. Sonora, 468; 4. Junction, 525 and 5. Mason, 594.

Cristi Guynes shot a two-round total of 92 to make her

the second place individual medalists. Kasey Gray shot a 106 to make her the fifth place medalist.

Also competing were Adrienne Bendele, 119 and Frankie Skinner, 117.

On the boys side, the Lions came in second with a combined team score of 333.

Other team totals were: 1. Sonora, 304; 3. Wall, 340; 4. Rocksprings, 359 and 5. Christoval, 366.

Competing for the Lions was Matt Turland, 79; Josh Smith, 81; Aaron Pearl, 79; Alan Lozano, 95 and Wes McGuire, 94.

Also competing for Ozونا was Wilson White, 124 and Nathan Knox, 113.

"Both teams did a wonderful job this week. We are approaching where we need to be with both teams," said Coach Benny Granger. "I am really proud of the progress we have made."



Submitted Photo
THE BOYS' VARSITY GOLF TEAM PLACED SECOND in the Sonora Invitational on March 15. Team members are: (l. to r.) Aaron Pearl, Josh Smith, Matt Turland, Wes McGuire and Alan Lozano.

Lady Lions softball fall to Kermit

By JOHN ESPARZA
Lady Lions Softball Coach

The Ozona Lady Lions fell in their District opener against the Kermit Lady Yellow Jackets 2-27.

Pitching for the Lady Lions

Ladies compete in Iraan Relays

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions Track Team competed in the Cactus Relays Saturday in Iraan.

Results are:
Discus - 3. Alexa Cervantez, 102-feet, 4-inches.

Shot put - 4. Cervantez, 28-1.

Triple jump - 6. Vanessa Rodriguez, 30-1.

Long jump - 3. V. Rodriguez, 15-2.

was Alex Cruz.

"Cruz did a great job of putting the ball over the plate and putting the ball in play, we just didn't take care of her like we should have. We had a great start, making some great plays early in the game; we just couldn't hang

400-meter dash - 6. Adrienne Bendele, 1 minute, 11.9 seconds.

800-meter run - 3. V. Rodriguez, 2:38.

3,200-meter run - 3. Vicky Treto.

1,600-meter run - 3. Treto, 6:09.

Others participating: Alejandra Cruz and Sarah Lott.

The Lady Lions will compete Thursday at the Sonora Relays.

on and make plays defensively that we should have. Offensively we hit the ball great and had some girls break out of slumps, and we were patient in the batters box. The score really doesn't show how well we played. The district season is still young and we are still a young team and things are starting to come together," said Coach John Esparza.

Playing for the Lady Lions was Cristina Rodriguez (0-1 with HP and a run scored) Cassandra Salazar (0-1 with 2 walks) Morgan Glosson (1-3 with a double and a RBI) Peyton Fenton (0-2 with a walk) Erica Venegas (1-2 with a run scored) Megan McDaniel (0-3) Amber Lewis (0-1 with a walk) Brandi Glosson (1-2 RBI) Lauren Najjar (0-1) Alex Cruz (1-2) and Alex Macias and Melanie Wallace.

Varsity Lions win Cactus Relays

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Varsity Lions competed in the Cactus Relays in Iraan Saturday.

Ozونا won with 115 points, defeating Iraan, Crane, Water Valley, Sonora, Junction, Rankin, Kermit, Eldorado, New Deal, New Home, Garden City and Reagan County.

Results are:

Shot put - 1. Freddy Fierro, 49-feet, 8-inches and 2. Matthew Payne, 45-9.5

Discus - 1. Ely Silva, 148-3, 3. Payne, 138-5.5 and 4. Caleb Mitchel, 136-11

Long jump - 3. Jordan Long, 19-6

3,200-meter run - 6. Roman Tambunga, 11 minutes, 18.56 seconds

100-meter dash - 1. Silva, 11.52 and 3. John Tom Tijerina,

11.60
800-meter relay - 1. Tijerina, Silva, Matt Turland and Long, 1:33.47

300-meter hurdles - 3. Mitchel, 43.93

200-meter dash - 1. Long, 23.05

1,600-meter run - 4. Tambunga, 5:02.04

1,600-meter relay - 2. Silva, Mitchel, Turland and Long, 3:36.90



Photo by Joe Hernandez
THE OZONA VARSITY AND JV BOYS' TRACK TEAMS BOTH WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP at the Cactus Relays this past weekend. Pictured are the varsity and JV boys track team members and the girls' varsity track team members.

JV Lions win the Iraan meet

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions competed in the Cactus Relays in Iraan Saturday.

Ozونا won with 176 points, defeating Iraan, Crane, Sonora, Kermit and Eldorado.

Results are:

Shot put - 1. Steven Silva, 40-feet, 8-inches and 2. Ruben Rivas, 36' 2.75"

Discus - 2. Rivas, 108' 3.5" and 3. Silva, 108' 2.5"

Pole vault - 1. 1 Matthew Komechak, 10' 6"

Long jump - 1. Matias Gandar, 17' 4" and 3. Johnny Flores, 16' 3"

Triple jump - 1. Gandar, 36' 4.5" and 2. Komechak, 33' 4.5"

800-meter run - 4. Fabian Onate, 2 minutes, 24.49 seconds

110-meter hurdles - 1. Komechak, 17.26 and 3. Jesse Ramos, 18.82

100-meter dash - 2. Silva, 12.46 and 6. Anthony Villarreal, 14.80

800-meter relay - 3. Flores, Gandar, Onate, Silva, 1:43.46

400-meter dash - 3. J. Flores, 60.23

300-meter hurdles - 1. Komechak, 45.04

200-meter dash - 1. Gandar, 24.37 and 6. Ben Flores, 27.24

1,600-meter relay - 3. Komechak, Onate, Flores, Gandar, 3:57.49

Lions baseball returns to form

By RONNY CLAYTON
Ozونا Lions Baseball Coach

As I expected, when we got everyone back we would start winning again.

The Lions proved that to be true as they defeated Miles in the first game of a double header 17-2 and tied the nightcap after 4 innings. The late game was called due to lightening.

In the first game Rylee Ramos picked up the win going 4 strong innings. Ramos had a no hitter going until he gave up a home run in the 4th. He had good move movement on his fastball and his curve was the best I have seen this year.

He had been twisting his arm to throw his curve instead of

"pulling the shade down" and the adjustment made a big difference. Nick Perez pitched the 5th as the game was called on the 10 run rule. In the first game Jordan Long had a solo home run and Matthew Garza added a Grand Slam. Perez, Mark Tambunga, Arty Gonzales, Ramos, Alex Ochoa and Caleb Mitchell all contributed to the Offensive Explosion. Stevie Vargas made several nice catches in right field.

Caleb Mitchel was the starting pitcher for the nightcap. He was throwing as hard as I have seen him throw in a long time. Josh Santos continues to do a great job behind the plate. Miles played a lot better game in game 2. Matthew Garza added a 2 run

blast in the second game. Matthew had a good day at the plate. He is young but works hard every at bat in practice. His defense will improve as time goes.

We will have begun district play by the time this comes out. Hopefully the results will be good.

We play our first 3 district games on the road then come home to play all 5 home district games in a row. Alpine looks very good and I know Kermit and Crane should be good also. I expect to see Big Lake playing better than they did when we beat them in the Sonora tournament.

They were missing some players due to the basketball playoffs.

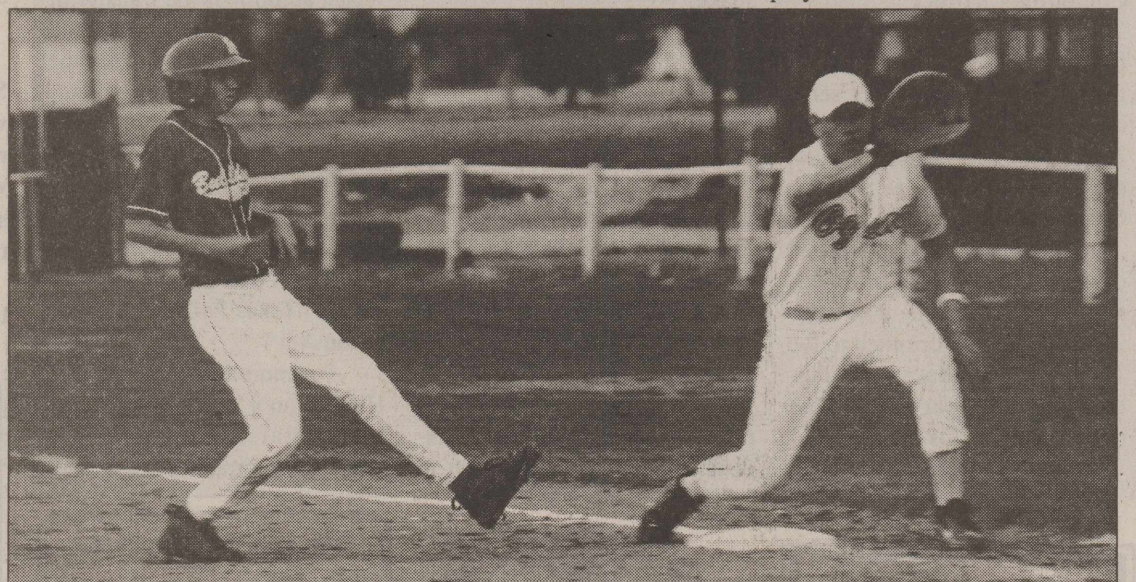


Photo by Joe Hernandez
RYLEE RAMOS MAKES A CATCH TO PICK OFF A RUNNER in the Ozona Lions baseball game against Miles on March 13.

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Eighth Grade Lions third at Dauber Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions took third at the Dauber Relays Saturday.

Team totals were: 1. Fredericksburg, 191; 2. Llano, 115; 3. Ozona, 102; 4. Sonora, 88.

Results are:
200-meter dash - 1. Josh Gonzales, 25.08 seconds
400-meter dash - 6. Eric Ta-

lamantez, 1:02.92
800-meter run - 4. Abey Lara, 2:25.84 and 6. Kyle Dean, 2:27.77
1,600-meter run - 2. Stefan Wilson, 5:37
3,200-meter run - 3. Stefan Wilson, 12:10
400-meter relay - 4. Kyle Dean, Eric Talamantez, Jose Aguilar and Chris Rendon, 53.24
800-meter relay - 1. Chris Rendon, Abey Lara, Antho-

ny Gonzales, Josh Gonzales, 1:46.28
1,600-meter relay - 2. Russel Komechak, Abey Lara, Anthony Gonzales, Josh Gonzales, 4:01
110-meter hurdles - 3. Russel Komechak, 19.05
300-meter hurdles - 4. Russel Komechak, 47.99
Long jump - 2. Josh Gonzales, 17-1
Triple jump - 2. Josh Gonzales, 34-5

Eighth Grade Lady Lions place third at Llano

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions took third at the Dauber Relays Saturday.

Results are:
100-meter dash - 3. Brenda Venegas, 14.39
200-meter dash - 2. Brenda Venegas, 30.89
400-meter dash - 1. Chelsea Moore, 1:06.53
800-meter run - 1. Rebecca Ramos, 2:41.13

400-meter relay - 1. Melanie Miller, Rebecca Ramos, Kaylee Perez, Chelsea Moore, 54.87
800-meter relay - 4. Gaby Rodriguez, Makayla Badillo, Britni Mitchel, Brenda Venegas, 2:08.49
1,600-meter relay - 1. Melanie Miller, Rebecca Ramos, Kaylee Perez, Chelsea Moore, 4:34
110-meter hurdles - 3. Melanie Miller, 18.08 and 6. Kristen Mendoza, 20.27
Long jump - 1. Chelsea Moore, 14-6.5, **NEW SCHOOL**

RECORD and 4. Makayla Badillo, 13-8.5
Shot put - 3. Mariah Gallardo, 23-10; 5. Britni Mitchel, 23-1.25 and 6. RaeLynn Arrendondo, 22-8.5
Discus - 3. Mariah Gallardo, 68-5 and 5. Britni Mitchel, 63-2.5
Triple jump - 4. Melanie Miller, 29-1.5
High jump - 2. Melanie Miller, 4-4 and 3. Makayla Badillo, 4-2
Pole vault - 6. Makayla Badillo, 6-0.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions take fourth at relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions took fourth at the Dauber Relays Saturday.

Results are:
200-meter dash - 6. Emalee Hamilton, 33.10 seconds

400-meter dash - 1. Alex Rodriguez, 1:10.10
1,600-meter run - 1. Alex Rodriguez, 6:24.45
400-meter relay - 2. Alex Rodriguez, Johnna Pullig, Gaby Rodriguez and Stacie Quiroz, 59.17
800-meter relay - 4. Adri-

enne Sanchez, Gabby Gutierrez, Emalee Hamilton, Johnna Pullig, 2:11.83
110-meter hurdles - 4. Adrienne Sanchez, 20.95
Long jump - 3. Alex Rodriguez, 12-7
Shot put - 6. Johnna Pullig, 21-6.5

Seventh Grade Lions place third at Dauber Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions took third at the Dauber Relays Saturday.

Team totals were: 1. Llano, 172; 2. Sonora, 132; 3. Ozona, 125; 4. Fredericksburg, 101; 5. New Braunsfels Christian, 60 and 6. St. Marys, 4.

Results are:
100-meter dash - 4. Mark Gallardo, 13.65 seconds
200-meter dash - 5. Alex Mendez, 29.42
400-meter dash - 6. Adriel Zamarripa, 1:09.03
800-meter run - 4. Kent Flu-

th, 2:48.95
400-meter relay - 4. Ruben Galindo, Erik Carrizales, Kramer Hall and Jose Lozano, 1:01.74
800-meter relay - 2. Lane Hale, Aron Aguilera, Mark Gallardo and Alejandro Mendez, 1:54.07
1,600-meter relay - 1. Lane Hale, Alejandro Mendez, Aron Aguilera and Adriel Zamarripa, 4:15
110-meter hurdles - 2. Adriel Zamarripa, 21.08 and 3. Aron Aguilera, 21.10

300-meter hurdles - 5. Lane Hale, 58.39 and 6. Craig Fluth, 58.55
Long jump - 2. Aron Aguilera, 15-10 and 6. Alejandro Mendez, 13-7
Discus - 3. Michael Medina, 85-8.5
Triple jump - 1. Aron Aguilera, 32-11.5, 2. Adriel Zamarripa, 31-4 and 4. Alejandro Mendez, 29-11
High jump - 2. Mark Gallardo, 4-8 and 3. Adriel Zamarripa, 4-6

One Act Play public performance Sunday

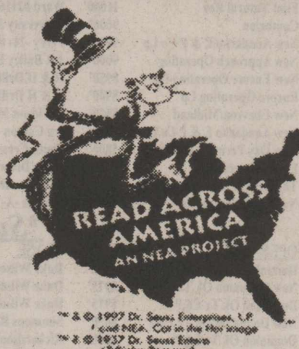
The public performance of the One Act Play "Threads" by Jonathan Bolt will be at 3 p.m. March 25 at the OHS Auditorium. Everyone is welcomed to attend and watch the play before they head off to district competition in Kermit.

The Ozona Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Annual County Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Park. The Easter Egg Hunt is for children ages up to 10 years old. Any organization or people wishing to donate plastic, candy, or real eggs can do so by contacting Frank or Emilio Tambunga at 392-2827.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 26 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
March 27 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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Main dish: hamburger steak w/grilled onions/brown gravy OR chicken fried steak/cream gravy with green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert and tea.

Please call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827 if interested. DEADLINE is April 13, 2007.

Men's softball league meeting on March 21

There will be a meeting on Wed., March 21 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in the Ozona Men's Softball League. If you have a team, have your coach or a representative attend this meeting. If you have any questions please call Brian Badillo at 392-3239.

OHS trip to Costa Rica planned

We have picked the 2008 International trip! We will be traveling to Costa Rica. The trip, as always, is open to all high school students and their immediate family. All incoming freshman are also eligible to travel.

There will be a parent meeting on Monday, March 26 at 6:00 pm in the high school computer lab in the library. Anyone interested in enrolling and traveling on the trip is encouraged to attend.

If anyone needs additional information, please call Wendy Justiss at 392-2229.

Stockman Deadline Monday at Noon

FROM THE COUNTY AGENT
By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Local 4-Hers participate at Houston Livestock show

Crockett County 4-H members participated in the Houston Stock Show exhibiting Market Lambs and Goats.

In the Market Lamb Division exhibiting were LuCinda Birkenfeld, Lakin Aaron, Adrienne Bendele, Chelsea Moore, Wes McGuire, Murphey Black, Allie Black, Taylor Newton, Abby Newton, Kelbie Renfro, Kramer Hall and Latham Ducote.

Placing in the Premium Sale was Class 1 Finewool-Allie Black eighth and Wes McGuire 17th.

Class 2 Finewool-LuCinda Birkenfeld 11th and Kelbie Renfro 16th.

Class 3 Finewool- Murphey Black fifth and Adrienne Bendele 20th.

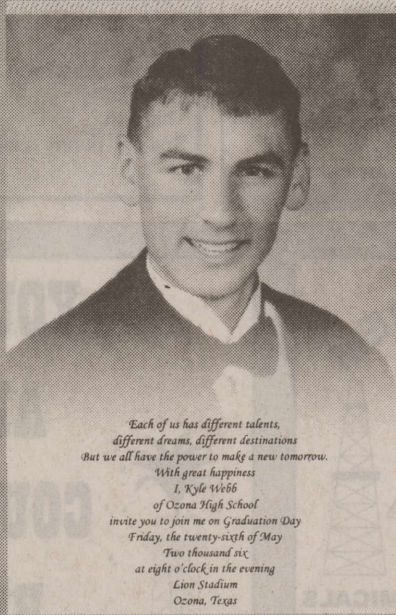
In the Market Goat Division exhibiting were Taylor Newton, Abby Newton, Kramer Hall, Latham Ducote, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Murphey Balck, Allie Black, Adrienne Black, Cutatro Jones, Russel Komechak, Matthew Komechak, Corey Kelley and Jayci Miller.

Placing in the Premium Sale was Allie Black ninth place.



Photos courtesy of the Houston Livestock Show
LUCINDA BIRKENFELD won big at the Houston Livestock Show with her goat goats. She won Overall Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Buck, Overall Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Doe, Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Doe and Reserve Champion Senior Fullblood Buck.

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WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

- Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Jack Grannis, of Ozona, Crockett County Justice of the Peace-Theft by Check.
- Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona- Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.
- Fernando Nino Fernandez, of Ozona/Midland-Attorney General's warrant for failure to appear/child support.
- Johnny Ray Villarreal, of Ozona, Crockett County Justice of the Peace, assault causing bodily injury.

ARREST REPORT

- 3-13-07
- Steve Alexander Sanchez, 17, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a Crockett County warrant, for disorderly conduct. Subject was released from jail after paying fine.
- Lorenzo Gonzales Rodriguez, 24, of Alice, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a

Jim Wells County warrant for probation violation. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Pamela June Allen, 48, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a driving while intoxicated charge. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

3-18-07

- Hugo Adrian Garcia, 20, of Crane, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while license invalid. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

- Joe Luis Perez, 22, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a charge of public intoxication. Subject was released from jail after being placed on 6 months probation.

INCIDENT REPORTS

- 3-13-07
- A disorderly conduct report was filed, by school personnel, against a known person, a warrant was issued and subject was arrested.
- An abandoned vehicle report was filed by county employee, trailer was left abandoned at County Road 101, investigation continues.
- 3-18-07
- A dog bite report was filed, by citizen complaint advise subject was bitten by dog subject was take to clinic.
- An assault causing bodily injury report was filed, by citizen on Heraclio Street, complainant advise she was assaulted by known person, investigation continues.

Interim director takes charge of Youth Commission

AUSTIN - The Texas Youth Commission board of directors resigned March 16 under pressure from the Texas Legislature.

The board's final act was to submit a plan to fix problems at the agency that led to recent reports of sex abuse, beatings and neglect of confined youths. After submitting the plan at an emergency meeting, the board turned over its duties to the agency's acting director, Ed Owens.

Even before lawmakers gave the board votes of no-confidence and filed related legislation addressing failures of the agency to meet its obligations, perhaps the loudest voice for swift change was that of Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

"I believe the resignation of the Texas Youth Commission board and the submission of a rehabilitation plan will finally allow us to begin making real progress toward reforming the TYC," Dewhurst said.

The lieutenant governor, who is co-chair of the Legislative Audit Committee, said the plan will be reviewed, as will the just-released state auditor's report on the TYC.

Officials will take "whatever action is necessary to protect the children and restore the public trust in this agency," Dewhurst said.

Owens publicized a list of pledges he intends to fulfill as interim director. A few of those pledges are these:

- To centralize human resource functions to include criminal background checks for new hires and to collaborate with the Department of Public Safety in conducting monthly notifications of employee arrest;
- To make it so new employees are hired through a central hiring office instead of at TYC facilities.
- To demand that abuse, neglect and exploitation, and complaint policies be redrafted to include review and approval by designated executive staff with notification to the executive director; and
- To restructure programs to be age appropriate and match the psycho-social stage of confined youths.

SPEAKER CREATES EDUCATION PANEL
House Speaker Tom Crad-

dick on March 16 announced the formation of the House Select Committee on Higher and Public Education Finance.

The nine-member, bipartisan committee's task will be to improve public and higher education finance policy so Texas will do a better job of preparing students for college and entering the workforce.

Craddick said improving college and workforce readiness "is immensely important for increasing Texas' competitiveness in the global market."

Committee Chairman Dan Branch, R-Dallas, said, "It's critical that we get this right. We must continue to supply an educated workforce, so employers will keep relocating to Texas."

SENATE PASSES UTILITY REFORMS

The state Senate on March 15 approved a package of electric utility reforms lawmakers hope will bring more affordable rates to many Texas households.

The legislation, authored primarily by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Marble Falls, also discourages market price manipulation and has safeguards to protect low-income, elderly and critical-care customers from having their power cut off.

"Electric rates are out of control and we need to reel them back in," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville.

The Senate passed a utility amendment that would require power companies to refund any unfair overcharges to customers, pending review by the Public Utility Commission and the state attorney general.

Customers reportedly paid \$70 million in overcharges because of market manipulation by power company TXU in 2005.

The legislation next moves to the House for consideration.

EFFECTS FORESEEN IN CHIP FUNDING

The way some House budget writers see it, increasing funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program by \$78 million means cutting other programs that mostly benefit the needy.

According to figures by the House Appropriations Committee, cuts of about \$25 million to Medicaid, plus cuts to breast and cervical cancer programs, community mental health crisis centers, substance abuse programs, foster care programs, and independent living centers would make up the difference.

Fire department runs

The following is the list of runs made by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department from March 14-19.

- MARCH 14
- 4:50 p.m. - Grass fire at the 331 mile-marker on I-10. Started by lightning and out on arrival by rain. Two units and seven fire fighters responded.
- MARCH 15
- 2:44 a.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident on Pandale Highway at the end of pavement in Val Verde County. Two units and five fire fighters responded.
- MARCH 19
- 6:35 p.m. - Interstate-10 west of mile-marker 376, possible vehicle fire. Unable to locate. Four units and eight fire fighters responded.

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◆REIGN OVER ME (10:05) 12:55 3:55 7:10 10:20	(R)	◆DEAD SILENCE (11:30) 2:00 5:00 8:00 10:30	(R)
◆SHOOTER (10:00) 1:00 4:40 7:40 10:40	(R)	◆GHOST RIDER (10:15) 1:10 4:05 7:10 9:50	(PG13)
◆THE HILLS HAVE EYES II (11:25) 1:50 4:50 7:55 10:35	(R)	◆I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (7:25) 10:10	(R)
◆THE LAST MIMZY (10:00) 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:20	(PG)	◆NORBIT (9:55)	(PG13)
◆TINY (10:40) 1:30 4:20 7:20 9:40	(R)	◆PREMONITION (10:35) 1:20 4:05 7:05 9:45	(PG13)
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Junction Stockyards Market Report
Sheep and Goats
March 19, 2007

We sold 1,615 head of sheep and goats today.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.10-1.24
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.00-1.10
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	90-98
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	80-90
Fat ewes	45-55
Thin ewes	25-35
Bucks	30-50
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	35-40
Stocker Angora muttons	50-60
Angora Kids	1.10-1.18
Angora Kids-shorn	80-110
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	10-20
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	27-30
Stocker Spanish nannies	60-90
Fat Spanish nannies	55-72
Fat Spanish muttons	90-110
Fat Spanish billies	75-85
Fat yearlings	1.00-1.10
Fat Spanish kids	1.32-1.50
Small kids	1.20-1.40
Thin kids	1.05-1.25
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	32-42/hd

Next goat sale - March 26, 2006

The Annual Crockett County Fair Association Stockholders Meeting

will be held at the Crockett Room
Thursday, April 12
2:00 p.m.

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Rig Locations
For Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Reagan and Val Verde counties

As of March 16, 2007

***Crockett County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Bp America Prod/Mid	13200	Brown Bassett Pecos Unit #1 H	Helmerich & Payne(A) 214	Drig Ahead
Fiml Natural Res	11000	Ward #2116	Greg Wood Drilling/M 627	Drig Ahead
Cambrian	9600	University 31-17 #1	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	9000	Perry -21-#25r	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey Estate-B-#45	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Encore Operating Lp	8950	H & H Drilling Company #5-40	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Assigned
Encore Operating Lp	8900	H & H Drilling Company #1-40	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Chevron/Midland	8500	Davidson Meybin-L-Unit -1	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	7400	Ira Carson -16- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Oxy Permian/Houston	5800	South Cross Unit	Capstar Drilling 27	Run Casing 928'
Eog Resources/Mid	5700	Eagle Draw -10- #41	Capstar Drilling 11	Drig Ahead 3960'
Thomas Oil & Gas Inc	5500	Seaborn-H- #7	Heart Land Drilling 8	Drig Ahead 5167'
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Phillips -A- #344	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

***Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9150	Duke Wilson -172- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Duke Wilson -189- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Duke Wilson -188- #18	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8650	Simmons Ranch #110	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8650	Richardson-6- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8600	Reinhardt-6- #15	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8500	Simmons Ranch #108	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8450	Edwin S Mayer Jr-#6-3	Helmerich & Payne(A) 301	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8350	Mayer Ranch -J- #903	Helmerich & Payne(A) 301	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7400	R H Mittel #2	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7400	Ben Mittel #17	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7300	Gainey #31-20	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7200	Genial #31-18	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6925	Kelly -124- #27	Helmerich & Payne(A) 302	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6775	Reed -116- #26	Helmerich & Payne(A) 303	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6750	Kelly -126- #21	Helmerich & Payne(A) 303	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6750	Canyon Ranch -126- #17s	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6750	Canyon Ranch -126- #18s	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6700	Kelly -115- #26	Helmerich & Payne(A) 302	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	5150	Canyon Ranch #1-12s	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead

***Reagan County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	10000	University 2-14 #1	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Moving On
Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Siles Spraberry Unit	Adobe Drilling/Motek	Drig Ahead 1122'
New Pioneer Energy	8600	Hartgrove-B- #66m	Lariat Services/Ode 13	Drig Ahead 5944'
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	8500	University 10-10 #2	Patterson Drilling/A 474	Assigned
New Mariner Energy	8450	Sau Mariner -B- #33b	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 1930'

***Schleicher County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8825	Palmer -29- #6	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8750	Jeffers -28b- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Rawco Oil & Gas Corp	4900	Powell-23- #1	Heart Land Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 3561'

***Terrell County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	15000	Poultter #3404	Patterson Drilling/A 110	Drig Ahead
ConocoPhillips/Odes	11800	University-5- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 481	Drig Ahead 4469'
New Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500	Brown Se -202- #67	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
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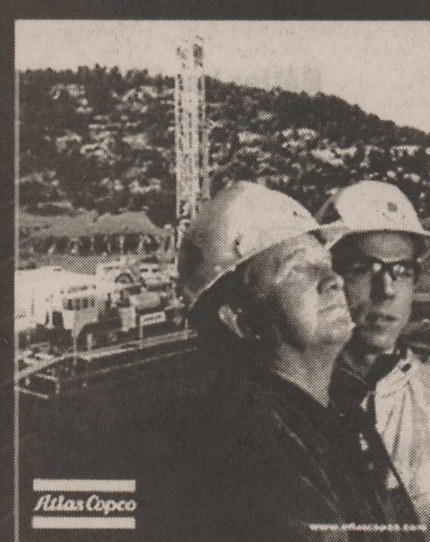
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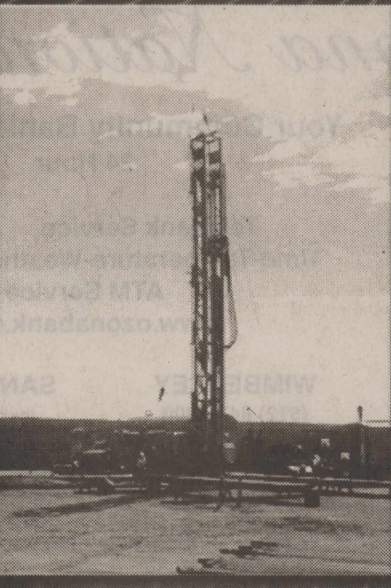
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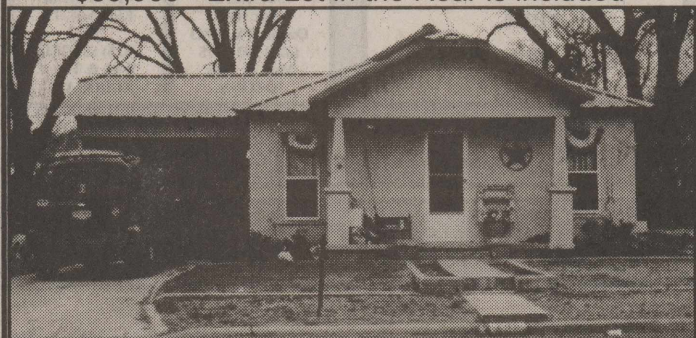
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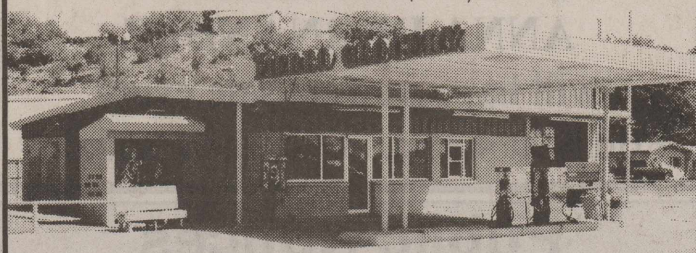
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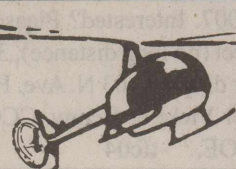
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