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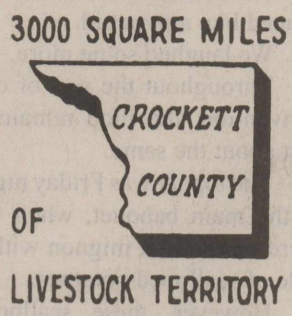
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Athletic period once again up for discussion at board meeting

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

A designated period for high school athletics was once again up for discussion at the monthly meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees.

During his superintendent's report, Abe Gott presented some information regarding Ozona High School's current eight-period class day.

In his presentation, Gott said that athletics is currently eighth period, along with tutorials and credit recovery class.

Any student who chooses not to participate in athletics, is current with their credits and is not required to attend tutorials is allowed to leave campus.

Gott said currently the credit recovery class is full and that 95 percent of students who have dropped athletics have failed more than one course.

"We're here to provide an education," he said. "We try to encourage kids to play if they have talent, but the decision is between the parent and student."

Since the schedule was implemented in the fall of 2005, five students have been able to "catch" up on their credits and graduate, Gott said.

Gott also said that in 2007

"While having an athletic program is essential, it cannot supersede the academic program. Academics must always finish first."

- Abe Gott

- Superintendent of Crockett County CCSD

OHS had a 100 percent rating on high school graduates, while Sonora had seven that did not graduate and Alpine had three.

While some parents do choose to sign a waiver stating they will home school their child, the law does not allow the school district to see a curriculum for that student and the school district can not prevent a parent from signing out their child, Gott said.

Gott also said that with the new 4 years of science and 4 years of math requirement for the TAKS test, there is no room for error for students.

"In a seven-period day schedule, if a student fails to receive credit for a class, there is no built in time for that student to be required to make up the credit. Therefore, the student will not graduate in four years and will become a potential drop out," he said during his presentation.

Prior to new schedule being implemented in the fall of 2005, Gott said there were numerous complaints from parents due to students having to stay longer at school.

Since the new schedule, only one parent has spoken out and as of Jan. 9 no parent has spoken with the high school principal or athletic director about this issue, Gott said.

"While having an athletic program is essential, it cannot supersede the academic program," Gott said in his presentation. "Academics must always finish first. It is what we are graded on both by the state and the federal government."

However, some feel that having a required period for athletics would benefit the program.

Since the 2005-2006 school year, the first year of the schedule's implementation, 74 percent of students participated in at

least one sport.

In 2006-2007, 58 percent of the student body participated in at least one sport. This year, 2007-2008, 54 percent are participating.

Athletic Director Matt Gutierrez said they are looking into other options of putting an athletic period back into the school day.

"This is an issue that needs to be addressed and we as a board need to look at this further," said Dwight Childress, board member. "We need to have everybody involved."

Childress said more input and comments are needed from the public to Gutierrez.

"Not derogatory remarks but constructive criticism," Childress said. "Anybody interested should do that."

While no action was taken by the board since it was not placed on the agenda as an ac-

tion item, it may continue to be discussed or studied in future board meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT GETS RAISE, CONTRACT EXTENSION

The board met in closed session to discuss Gott's annual evaluation.

During open session, the board approved a one-year contract extension for Gott and a \$5,000 raise.

"I'm pleased and I feel very honored to be with these people who support our schools," he said.

ARCHITECT PRESENTS DRAWINGS, BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED

Architect Douglas Koehne presented three drawings of rooms for a possible new elementary school and drop-off and pick-up areas were pointed out in the drawings.

One drawing was chosen that will be refined and brought back in a few weeks.

The board also approved a budget amendment to create a line-item for architecture expenses.

Currently, the district has spent around \$40,000, which will come out of the district's fund balance.

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Sonora man found dead inside his house

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

A Sonora man was found dead at his house last week, with law enforcement officials investigating the incident as a homicide.

Sonora police were called to the Stadium Trailer Park at 7 a.m. on Jan. 15, where they found Kendrick Harrell's body inside his house, according to an article in the Devil's River News.

Harrell, 53, was found by his employer, Robert Mittel.

The house is located in the southeast part of Sonora at 511 Cornell Street.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long is assisting the police with the investigation.

Harrell, a 1973 graduate of Sanderson High School, was an employee of Robert Mittel Dozing Company in Sonora. He previously owned 4-H Auto in Sanderson before moving to Ozona and then Sonora.

Harrell has a son Jason, who lives in San Angelo, and his mother Betty lives in Ozona.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, Jan. 21, at the Ozona Church of Christ.

REHAB telethon sets new record

Woman's League helps raise \$9,000

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The West Texas REHAB has reached an all-time high in their annual telethon this past weekend.

The 38th annual telethon raised \$1.27 million, which is \$10,000 more than the 2007 event, according to a West Texas Rehab news release, and pushed the all-time total raised during the 38 different telethons past the \$30 million mark.

In Ozona, members of the Ozona Woman's League raised \$9,000 through the local phone bank.

This is a new local record, with the previous one being \$6,000.

Rehab President Woody Gilliland expressed a "special thanks" to everyone who had a hand in helping the telethon reach the new record, according to a press release.

"It was our broad base of support and people realizing the importance of the organization," said Dee Lackey, donor relations coordinator in San Angelo. "By and large, last year was a pretty good year in West Texas. It was a good year in our ag commu-



Photo submitted by Connie Crenwelge

OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE volunteered to work this year's West Texas REHAB Telethon phone bank. League members raised \$9,000, a new record for Ozona. Members pictured are (back row, left to right) Stacy Mecke, Melissa Hokit, Haley Forehand, Kayla Davidson and Connie Crenwelge. Front row (left to right) are Colby Bunger, Rachel Lindsey and Kimberly Childress.

nity, and that showed."

The telethon, broadcast from Abilene, was aired Saturday for five hours over 10 television markets.

The internet auction included over 500 items. It raised about \$318,000 of the overall total. About 1,124 bidders placed 9,756 bids.

Don Higgins, the auction

coordinator and director of donor relations, said winning bidders are being notified by telephone.

All money raised goes to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, with facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, officials said.

The facilities treat patients regardless of their financial circumstances.

Concho Valley donations were strong, Lackey said. She noted that the phone bank in Eldorado reached a fundraising milestone on Saturday night - totaling \$100,000 in cumulative donations since 1991.

"Every year, whether it's \$6,000 or \$3,000, it all adds up," Lackey said. "We're blessed - very blessed."

Local post office is changing hours

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Window hours at the Ozona post office will change starting next week.

The new hours, which will go into effect Tuesday, Jan. 29, will be 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Currently the post office's hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Postmaster Amanda Waggoner said the change will provide better service and enable postal workers to get the mail out faster.

The mail leaves the post office at 3:08 p.m. each day. Everything that the post office takes after that is held over to the next day, Waggoner said.

With the new hours, two people will be able to service customers at the window and two people handling the mail in the back of the office, said Jesse Ortiz, postal employee.

Ortiz also said they are ordering 10 additional package lockers.

Waggoner said opening at 7:30 a.m. gives people time to do business before 8 a.m.

"We're adjusting the schedule to better service," she said. "We're still servicing everybody in the community. Everybody is able to get her before the mail leaves. If I were a customer that would be my main concern."

Waggoner said how post of-

New
Post Office Hours
7:30 a.m.-
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Monday-Friday
starting Jan. 29

ice hours are set is "up to the needs of the community" and that the post office's budget if way out of proportion as far as the current hours.

Some post offices in the surrounding area are currently closing at 3:30 p.m., such as Barnhart, Big Lake and Mertzon. Barnhart opens at 7 a.m., Big Lake 7:30 a.m. and Mertzon 8:30 a.m. and closes for an hour for lunch, according to the post office's website.

Rankin, Comstock and McCamey are closing at 4 p.m. Rankin and Comstock open at 8 a.m. and McCamey 8:30 a.m. Comstock also closes an hour for lunch.

Eldorado and Sonora both have the hours of 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sheffield seems to have the longest post office hours in the area, opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. They also close for lunch, and have Saturday hours from 9-11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the U.S. Post Office at 1-800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com, go to "contact us" and then "email us" to send in comments.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Give me a burger over pineapple potatoes

I love food. Every time I travel, the first thing I check out in a new place is what type of restaurants are around.

A good meal with good food equals a good time with me, whether it be with all the family, some friends or just my husband and I.

While I enjoy the comfort of familiar foods, I'm also not afraid to try something a bit more exotic.

I love Chinese, my favorite restaurant is Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse in San Angelo and I once had a piece of squid, not my favorite tasted like rubber.

However, too much of eloquent cuisine can make one long for steak fingers and French fries.

This past week and weekend, my husband and I traveled to Dallas for a newspaper convention.

The convention was held in downtown Dallas at one of the fanciest hotels I've ever slept in.

It was 24 floors high, valet parking, big chandeliers, gold trim, you get the picture.

When we pulled in late last Wednesday night, the one thing that was on our mind was checking into our room and then getting something to eat. We were starving after driving for six hours and then fighting Fort Worth-Dallas traffic.

We dropped off our luggage in our room on the 11th floor. It had a nice view.

Back downstairs we went and we saw a sign that said "grill." Grill equals food, that's what we need.

We walked into the Egyptian-themed restaurant in our jeans and T-shirts and immediately noticed that this wasn't the normal restaurant we usually visit.

The white tablecloths, cloth napkins and a table full of shining silverware quickly told us that this place was probably out of our league.

Nevertheless, we were starving so fancy food it was.

The menu didn't have any dollar-signs next to the prices. The numbers that were next to the food items almost gave me a

heart attack.

I asked the waiter for a cheeseburger, but apparently that caused a controversy as he had to get his supervisor to tell me that they don't serve those.

In the end, we opted for the grilled salmon and shrimp special, since it was about all we could recognize on the menu.

The food was delicious, even though the portion sizes were not what my husband likes.

What is it with fancy restaurants? It wasn't pea-size small but three could have been more food on the plate for the price.

The service, on the other hand, was fabulous. I've never had a waiter that poured my can of Dr. Pepper for me into my glass.

By the end of our meal, my husband and I were laughing. We figured these people were just doing their job, and cutting us some slack on our wardrobe.

Who knows, they may have thought we were millionaires in disguise.

After splurging for the

meal, we decided to go ahead and get dessert. We ordered cheesecake.

Now, I was expecting a big wedge of cheesecake like you get in most restaurants. Instead, our cheesecake was small and shaped like a pyramid.

We laughed some more.

Throughout the rest of our convention, the food remained just about the same.

The topper was Friday night at the main banquet, when we were served filet mignon with a side of scalloped potatoes.

However, these scalloped potatoes were not shaped like those out of the Betty Crocker box.

They were wedged and sculpted to look like, what I thought could've been a wedge of pineapple.

On our way home the next day, we stopped at the first familiar restaurant and sunk our teeth into some real food.

In the end, I'll take a Hitchin' Post cheeseburger over pineapple-shaped potatoes any day.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

The Cowboy Test

There is mounting evidence that if modern man continues to be feminized by society at the current rate that in just two decades there will be virtually no difference, other than a little plumbing, between the sexes.

Even that long-standing icon of maleness, the cowboy, is being made more maidenly. Men, here are 25 questions to determine if you are a real cowboy or should be riding a sidesaddle.

1. Have you ever relaxed after a long day of forking broncs, feeding cows or stretching fence by drinking a hot toddy in a bubble bath, reading the most recent selection from Oprah's book club while being surrounded by scented candles, rose pedals and the music of Barry Manilow?
2. Have you ever watched Dancing With The Stars, Gilmore Girls, The View, Dr. Phil or the Ellen Degenerate show?
3. In your truck is there an air freshener, squash racket, lip gloss or a Gianni CD?
4. Do you currently, or have you ever, worn an earring?
5. Have you ever consumed quiche, Eggs Benedict or a decaf soy latte?
6. Does the name Dr. Laura strike a familiar chord?
7. Do you moisturize regularly?
8. Have you ever been lost and actually stopped to ask for directions?
9. Have you ever been to a marriage counselor, masseuse, hair or tanning salon, Victoria's Secret or a baby shower?
10. Does your idea of a good time include any of the following: disco dancing, bird watching, eating sushi, sharing

a hot latte, watching any movie with Julia Roberts in it, yachting or snuggling with a body pillow?

11. Do you anxiously await the new fall hairstyles and fashions?

12. Do you belong to the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, the National Organization for Women or either the Democratic or Republican party?

13. Do you own a brown cowboy hat and, if so, are there sequins, silver conchas, the color chartreuse or pheasant feathers anywhere on it?

14. Have you ever been to a spa where you had your body slathered with mud or seaweed while you drank herbal tea and were clothed only in a fuzzy bathrobe?

15. Have you ever read Good Housekeeping, Better Homes and Gardens or Cosmopolitan? Other than to check out the hot models, that is.

16. Have you ever had your eyebrows plucked?

17. Have you ever cried to get something you wanted?

18. Does your cot in the bunkhouse have a duvet on it?

19. Have you ever won a ribbon in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying or for your baked goods at the county fair?

20. Have you ever logged on to My Space, Facebook, Match.com, or do you have any idea what I'm referring to?

21. Can you name any textile other than denim, wool, Carhartt and Pendleton?

22. Do you own more than three pair of shoes or boots?

23. Do you own a cat named Snookums, Honeybunch or Precious? Or do you have any idea what I'm referring to?

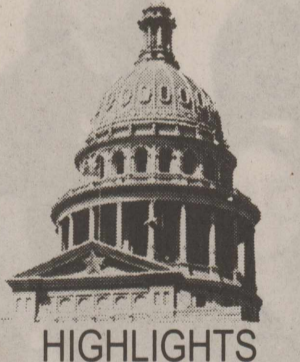
24. Does the word "sensitive" describe you or any cycle you've ever used down at the laundromat?

25. Other than performing the Heimlich maneuver, have you ever hugged another grown man? Or, even more disgusting, have you ever kissed another male?

If you answered yes to ANY of these questions hand in your pink spurs straps because you're no cowboy. You might as well be wearing a dress, driving a minivan and hyphenating your last name because you're already a woman.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Last summer, the Interstate 35 West Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minneapolis woke people up.

Inspection crews fanned out across each state and assessed the condition of bridges under their care.

The Texas Department of Transportation ran bridge safety inspections and declared Texas bridges safe.

Now, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters has told Texas and the other states to address how changes in bridge weight, capacity and bridge conditions might affect "gusset plates."

Gusset plates and girders hold up certain bridges. They work like a hub and spokes. Peters' directive suggests inspectors should take a closer look at gusset plates when calculating load capacity on the nation's 13,000 steel truss bridges. Texas has more than 300 of them.

According to TxDOT, there are only six bridges in Texas like

Inspectors told to focus on metal bridge component

the one that collapsed in Minnesota and all of them have either been inspected within the last year or are scheduled for replacement.

GUV CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS TO HALL
Gov. Rick Perry is calling for nominations of outstanding women for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, coordinated by the Governor's Commission for Women, includes among its many inductees Lady Bird Johnson, educator and lawmaker Barbara Jordan, Gov. Ann Richards, rancher Hallie Stillwell, Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper reporter Caro Crawford Brown, musician Lydia Mendoza, and newspaper publisher and presidential cabinet member Oveta Culp Hobby.

This year's categories for nominees are leadership, historic preservation, health, physical fitness, education and performing arts.

An independent panel of judges will review the nominations and the governor will induct the women the panel recommends into the 2008 Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in the fall.

Nominees must be native or current Texas residents, their noted achievement must have significant ties to Texas, and

they must have been involved in the noted achievement during the past 12 months.

In related news, a 1986 Texas Women's Hall of Fame inductee, former State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, has been named by House Speaker Tom Craddick as a member of the Texas Ethics Commission.

Her term, effective immediately, will end in November 2011.

AG withdraws benefits opinions Attorney General Greg Abbott withdrew two letter opinions released in 2006, disqualifying certain veterans from receiving college tuition exemptions available under the Hazlewood Act.

The San Antonio-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of six Gulf War veterans who are now U.S. citizens.

The veterans were denied the Hazlewood exemption because they were legal residents but not U.S. citizens at the time they entered the military.

After Abbott vacated the opinions, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted temporary rules to provide that qualified veterans are eligible for the Hazlewood exemption whether they were U.S. citizens or legal resident immigrants at the time they entered

the military.

STUDENT TESTING IS RESCHEDULED
Education Commissioner Robert Scott moved back the state testing calendar so Texas school students will not take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exams on the March 4 statewide primary election day.

"By moving testing dates, we can preserve schools as polling places and maintain a calm, quiet, secure testing environment for our students," Scott said.

Tests scheduled for March 4-6 will be given one day later than originally scheduled.

About 2.6 million students will be affected.

TEXAS' ROLE IN PRIMARIES MAY RISE
Even though the Lone Star State's primary comes a month after the Feb. 5 Super Tuesday primaries or caucuses in 24 other states, a general sense of the importance of Texas in the presidential primaries seems to be improving.

This may be attributed to the fact that no clear frontrunner has emerged for the Democrats or the Republicans.

Texas, second in population among the states, has 34 electoral votes, and may emerge as a key to victory for any of the campaigns.



**Mrs. William Conrad Wagner III
Stewart-Wagner united in marriage**

Lana Kay Stewart and William Conrad Wagner III, were married Dec. 29, 2007 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with Reverend Henry L. Salley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona. She is the granddaughter of Ms. Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings, and the late Frank F. McMullan Jr. of Ozona, and the late James and Janice Stewart of Haskell, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Wagner of Uvalde. He is the grandson of Bill and Berta Wagner of Uvalde, Texas, and Jane Martin of Manassas, Va. and the late Kenneth Martin of Memphis, Tenn.

Maid of honor was Mrs. Kimberly Childress of Ozona. Bridesmaids were Miss Katie Wagner of Uvalde, Miss Lauren Wagner of College Station, Miss Jurahee Jones of Sweetwater and Miss Blair Gorbett of Trent. Junior bridesmaids were Miss Abby Newton of Ozona and Miss Kinsey Chandler of Sanderson.

Best man was Mr. Kyle Wagner of College Station. Groomsmen were Mr. Dusty Parker of Lamesa, Mr. Sammy Hutchinson of Uvalde, Mr. Clay John Anderson of College Station and Mr. Jake Stewart of West Point, N.Y. Ushers were Mr. Brooks Bland of Lubbock, Mr. Jess McMullan of College Station, and Mr. Luke McMullan of Alpine.

The bride wore a strapless fitted silk charmeuse gown with hand ruched bodice and drop waist. The glamorous vintage Hollywood design with stunning modern accents, by Junko Yoshioka of New York, was detailed with pleated insets in the skirt and sweep train. She wore a short blusher style Birdcage veil in ivory color French tulle, detailed with a feathered hibiscus hairpiece. Lana accessorized with "something old," a pearl necklace with diamond clasp that belonged to her great grandmother, Margaret Davidson McMullan; as well as "something borrowed," a delicate pearl bracelet from life long friend, Kimberly Bean Childress. "Something new" was her wedding dress, and "something blue" was her baby blue satin garter. In her shoe, Lana wore a six pence, given to her by her father. She carried a bouquet of white protea and seeded eucalyptus, ballet wrapped with chocolate and ivory satin ribbon.

The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore fitted strapless full length dresses of teal shantung silk, with chocolate brown cummerbund. Each wore a strand of black pearls and matching earrings, which were a gift from the bride. They carried clutch bouquets of white stock and protea with seeded eucalyptus, ballet wrapped with chocolate satin ribbon. The junior bridesmaids, who also served as candle lighters, wore chocolate brown sleeveless organza dresses with a beaded sash.

The bridegroom and his attendants wore black wool tuxedos, with boutonnières of seeded eucalyptus and the crest of a peacock feather.

The church was decorated with an altar arrangement of lilies, stock, snapdragons, and gerbera daisies, all in shades of white. A beautiful cross, adorned in a multitude of white flowers held the Unity candle, and spiral candelabras draped in variegated white and green ivy were to each side. Pew markers of white stock, greenery and chocolate brown ribbon lined the aisle.

The mother of the bride was escorted by her son, Jake Stewart, while the mother of the groom was escorted by her son, Kyle Wagner.

Organist for the ceremony was Mrs. Marilyn Cox, and the flautist Ms. Justina Saunders. The Ice House Brass Quartet from San Angelo played "Air" from Water Music during the lighting of the candles. As the mothers entered, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was played. The grandmothers, along with the bride's great aunt, Mrs. Myrl Erwin were seated next. Following a scripture reading of 1 Corinthians 13, "Canon in D" was played for the processional. After the attendants entered the church, the congregation stood. The bride, escorted by her father, made her way to the altar as the musicians played "Trumpet Voluntary."

The couple stood in the presence of God, their family and friends, and declared their vows. They exchanged rings, performed the unity candle ceremony, then prayed The Lord's Prayer in unison with the congregation before being presented for the first time as Mr. and Mrs. William Conrad Wagner, III. The newlyweds exited to "Rondeau" and the bridal party to "Trumpet Tune."

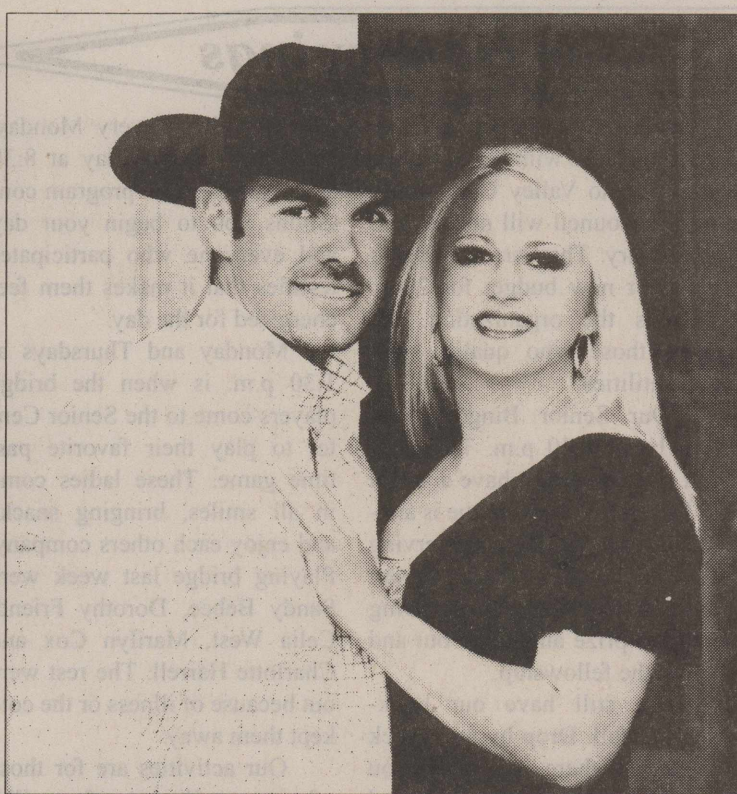
A reception followed at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center. Magnificent chandeliers with strings of pearls and crystals hung from the ceiling. These, along with pewter candelabras and glass votives on tables decorated with lush arrangements of peacock feathers, created a golden glow of romantic elegance. Upon entering, you were drawn to the registration table, an antique mirrored vanity, anchored by a gold-toned oriental rug. Next was an ornate coat rack for guests' convenience, and an antique armoire for storing the overflow of wedding gifts. A framed photograph of the bride's grandmother, Lorelei Hankins, being primped for her wedding by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Hankins, dressed the registration table. It was illuminated by an antique lamp and flanked by a fabulous urn of peacock feathers. Further into the room were round tables covered in off white damask cloths with flowing overlays of ribboned taffeta in chocolate brown, and brown chairs dressed in sheer golden brown organza. Surrounding the tables were lavish food and beverage stations. From the spectacular mashed potato martini bar to the luxurious hot coffee punch, guests were treated to an elaborate feast.

In the center of it all was an intimate table for two, reserved for Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, III. The table was set with white china on gold chargers, and heirloom silver. Candlelight, special bride and groom champagne goblets, and a bottle of fine champagne chilling in a Tiffany crystal ice bucket, helped create an extravagant setting for their first toast as a married couple.

The bride's cake was five layers of apricot poppyseed cake with white buttercream icing, chocolate brown fleurs-de-lis design and delicate script initial "W" on top. The groom's cake was two layers of German chocolate with scroll design and bold script initial "W" on top.

Guests danced to the western sound of Jody Nix and the Texas Playboys. Throughout the night, all enjoyed the traditional cutting of the cake and tossing of the bouquet and garter. As the evening came to an end, Will and Lana made their way out the door, running the gauntlet of family and friends, who ceremoniously tossed rice and birdseed as the couple made their way into their decorated vehicle.

The bride is a graduate of Ozona High School and Texas Tech University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Uvalde High School and Texas A&M University. After a fun and relaxing wedding trip to Lajitas, the couple will reside in Wolfforth.



Fryar-Tarr to wed in June

Ms. Christy Davidson, of San Angelo, would like to announce the engagement of her daughter, Ms. Julie Fryar, of Lubbock, to Mr. Stephen Tarr, of Lubbock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tarr, of Midland. They will marry June 7, 2008 in Lubbock.

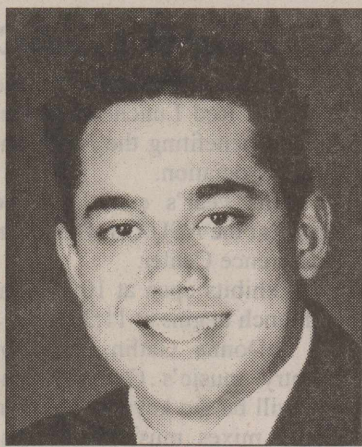
Galvan named to A&M dean's list

Jason Elliott Galvan was recently recognized for outstanding academic achievement and named to the Dwight Look College of Engineering Dean's List for fall 2007.

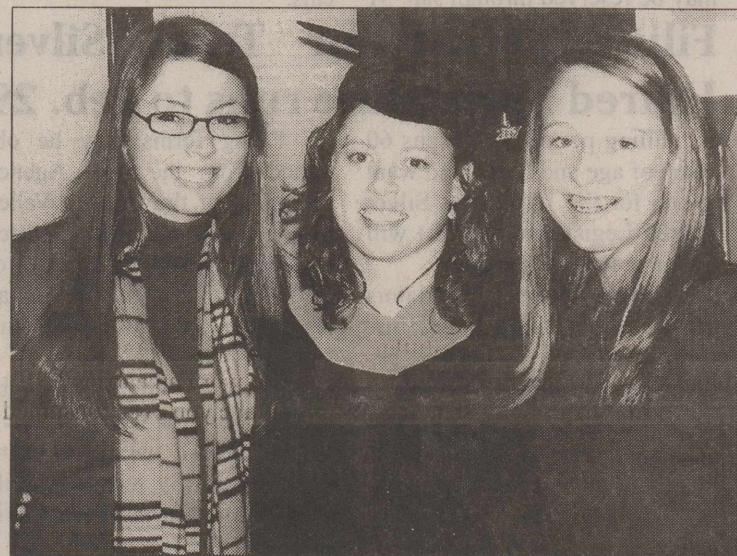
Jason is a junior at Texas A&M and is majoring in chemical engineering. He recently completed a summer internship with PraxAir in Dallas and will be interning with Celanese in Narrows, Va. in the summer of 2008.

Jason is the son of John and Joyce Galvan of Richardson.

He is the grandson of Coy and Edna Tambunga and Joe and



Hilda Galvan of Ozona. Elena R. Tambunga of Ozona is Jason's great-grandmother.



Submitted photo

MARIE PIERCE (center) celebrated her graduation from Texas Tech University with her two sisters, Laura (left) and Rebecca, on Dec. 14, 2007. She received a master of business administration degree with a specialization in energy commerce. Family and friends attended the commencement ceremony at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Marie received her bachelors degree in accounting from Texas Tech in December 2005.

**Eight named to
Angelo State
Dean's List**

Eight Ozona Angelo State University students have been named to the 2007 fall semester Dean's List.

They are: Jared G. Bird, Matthew K. Bullard, Kimberly B. Childress, Brandi J. Crawford, Rose E. Garza, Patricia L. Larson, Christina G. Martinez and Dawson C. Owens.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

**Happy
Birthday**

Jan. 23 - Jerri Lynn Pierce, Leroy Adcock, Adrienne Bendele, Javier Elizondo and Abel Lara.

Jan. 24 - Katreece Hale, Stephen Humphrey, Manuelita M. Tobar, Tom Anderson, Romelia Hopper Ortiz and Anthony Villarreal

Jan. 25 - Elaine Williams, Matilda Cervantez and Meagan G. Shook

Jan. 26 - Glenn Conner, Cathy Carson, Roderick Tijerina, Yvonne Lopez, Jackie Seale and Ruben Cruz Sr.

Jan. 27 - Diane Peerson, Brandon Payne, Tony Castillo, Chelsea West, Samantha De La Garza

Jan. 28 - Jessica M. Mata, Desiree Galan, JoAnn Fenton, Andrew Birkenfeld, Sabrina De La Garza

Jan. 29 - Kathy Calzada, Juan C. Perez, Mac Fred, Leah De La Rosa and Alma Elizondo

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 11 a.m. at the DCP Offices.

Thursday, Jan. 24

- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lady Lions and Lions at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake.
- "Answers on Aging," 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- January Birthday party, 3:15 p.m. at the Care Center.
- CPR and First Aid class, 6 p.m. at the EMS Building.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Jan. 25

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Ozona JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.

Saturday, Jan. 26

- OMS Lady Lions and Lions at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake.

Monday, Jan. 28

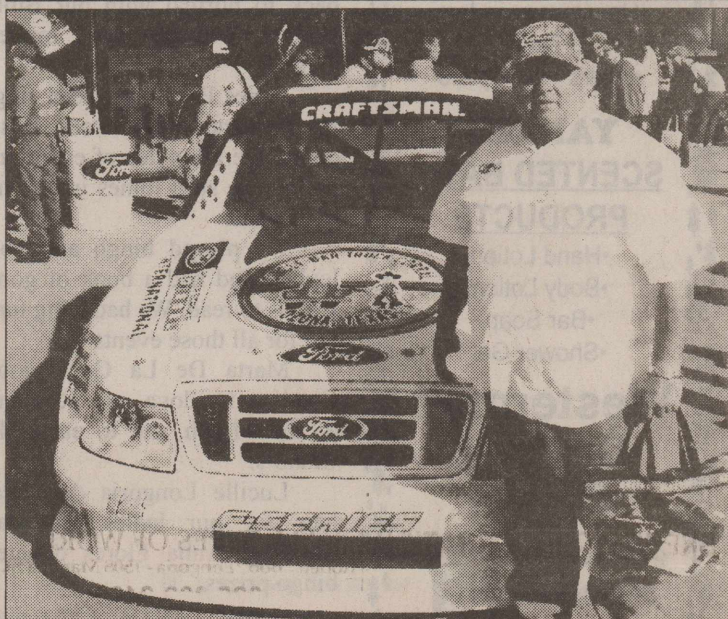
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Tuesday, Jan. 29

- Ozona JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.



Submitted photo

RANDY JONES stands next to the Circle Bar Truck Corral Race Car at the Kansas City Life Lock 400 NASCAR Race. Randy and Judy Jones, formerly of Ozona, now live in Midlothian, Texas. They are the grandparents of Megan Bullard of Ozona.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

We are locked into winter right now. The cold weather is such good sleeping weather but makes it harder to get up in the morning. Like I said in my last column it keeps us all perky.

On Monday, Jan. 21, there was a memorial service held for Kendrick Harrell. It was a shock to all of us to hear of his passing. Our condolences go out to his mother Betty Harrell and the rest of his family.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, Concho Valley Home Health will be here taking blood pressures and blood sugars. This service is free and they were here from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

The winter Colorado train puzzle that Randy and Lisa Branch brought to us has been completed. It turned out to be

beautiful and all who worked on it was pleased with the outcome.

Concho Valley Community Action Council will not be here in January. They are waiting to get their new budget for 2008. This is the organization that helps those who qualify with their utilities.

Our Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24. We didn't have a social in December so everyone is anxious for this one. We are serving lasagna, garlic bread, dessert and tea, coffee and water. Bring a bingo prize and come out and enjoy the fellowship.

We still have our bookshelves full. Drop by and check to see if there are some you would like to read. I am pleased the number of people who bring in books and of those who read them.

Come and "Walk Two

Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel energized for the day.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies come in all smiles, bringing snacks and enjoy each others company. Playing bridge last week were Sandy Bebee, Dorothy Friend, Celia West, Marilyn Cox and Charlotte Harrell. The rest were out because of illness or the cold kept them away.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age. (We are flexible). Come out, join in the fun and have a cup of coffee. You are welcome to join our activities.

Tickets available for 2008 Go Red Luncheon on Feb. 7

Tickets are available for the 2008 Go Red Luncheon in San Angelo benefiting the American Heart Association.

This year's event will be Feb. 7 at the ASU C.J. Davidson Conference Center.

Exhibits open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

LaDonna Gatlin, sister of country music's Gatlin Brothers, will be the keynote speaker. Gatlin mixes music with message to inspire and empower her audiences.

Tickets are \$25 each and may be reserved through Jan. 31

by calling the American Heart Association at 223-2345.

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's nationwide movement that empowers women with knowledge and tools so they can take positive action to reduce their risks of heart disease and stroke and protect their health.

Sponsors of this year's Go Red event include Shannon Medical Center, Shannon Regional Heart Center, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons, Ethicon, Macy's and Merck Pharmaceuticals.

Filing period for Texas Silver Haired Legislature runs to Feb. 29

Filing period for Texans 60 years of age and older who want to run for the 12th Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL) will continue through Feb. 29.

Silver Haired Legislators work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues which may become law.

Anyone 60 or older, and a registered voter, may file as a candidate for election. Terms are for two years. TSHL members pay their own travel expenses.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments located at 2801 W. Loop 306, Suite A, or by calling (325) 223-5704 in San Angelo or 1-877-944-9666 outside San Angelo.

Four candidates will be elected from the Concho Valley. Those currently serving are Jim Brisbin, LeeRoy Kiesling, William George Murray III and Brigitte Rogers.

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

What a lovely week it has been. It has been cold but nice outdoors. No messy weather, yet. We have been going in and out with residents enjoying the sunshine in the afternoon.

We will be glad to be more back to normal with our Bible studies. We sure have missed them.

James Pagan has been singing up a storm this week. Residents like all styles of entertainment. The staff joins in to sing and dance.

We played bingo and volleyball and had a book of good stories to read. We had a big turn out for all those events.

Marta De La Garza took Catalina Cardova, our Resident of the Month, out to eat at El Chato's.

Lucille Longoria did great hair for our ladies Thursday morning. Anna Flores donated bingo prizes.

We are celebrating National Activities Week (Jan. 20-26). Our January Birthday Party at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

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CART BEFORE THE HORSE

Years ago a horse trader came through town selling horses and he happened to have a small Shetland pony in his trailer. He said it would be very good for kids and you could ride him or he would pull a cart. He said he would guarantee it and refund my money. After we got the pony home I hooked him up to a little cart that we had. He did not seem scared as I was hooking him up so I thought he must be trained to pull a cart. I loaded the kids in the cart and got in myself. When I got in, that pony looked back and that was when it got real interesting.

He tried to run and then started kicking and jumping. All of us ended up on the ground and I do not know how but the pony ended up behind the cart still harnessed. Looking at that sight reminded me of how we may try to approach God. We want to clean up our lives and then come to God. If we could clean up our lives up then we would not need God, (Romans 5:8). God wants us to come to Him just the way we are and he will help us change it, (Luke 5:31, Hebrews 11:6). I am still waiting for that horse trader to come and pick up that pony.

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: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 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. Rodney White 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

Kendrick Harrell

Kendrick Harrell, 53, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Sonora. Memorial service was Monday, Jan. 21, at the Ozona Church of Christ. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son, Jason Harrell of San Angelo; Mande Renee LeBlanc of Michigan and Lindy Jo Burkett of Missouri; and mother Betty Harrell of Ozona.

Thomas Piner

Thomas Piner, born March 26, 1935, in Ozona, to Ray and Olene Piner, passed away on Jan. 20, 2008, in Plano, Texas.

Tom graduated from Ozona High School in 1953. He attended North Texas State University, graduating in 1957. He was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Tom served his country in the United States Navy for 3 1/2 years active duty, and 17 years in the Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of Commander.

Tom married Betty Walley Piner in Denton on June 3, 1957. He was employed for 34 years by Wyeth Laboratories. Tom was a member of Custer Road United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty; daughters, Anne Bownds, Pam Jones and her husband Carl, and Carol Siwald and her husband Scott; grandchildren, Katie and Beth Bownds, Brent and Brian Jones, and Lauren, Shannon and Ryan Siwald; brother, Ray Piner; and sister, Edith Davis and her husband Jim, all of Meridian, Texas.

A graveside service with military honors was held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Ridgeview Memorial Park. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. Memorials in Tom's honor may be made to the ministries at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

Ethel Dena Meador

Ethel Dena Meador, 79, of Matador died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, surrounded by family. Graveside services were Saturday, Jan. 19, at East Mound Cemetery in Matador, officiated by Michael G. Crowley Sr., and the Rev. Matt Crawford. Services were under the direction of Seigler Funeral home of Matador.

Dena was born June 1, 1928, in Hollis, Okla. to Dickey and Julia Couch, the youngest of five children. The past three years Mrs. Meador had been a resident of the Floydada Nursing Center and more recently the Hackberry Creek Care Center in Matador. She had lived in Matador since 1954. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Meador in 1984. The couple was married for 30 years and was the parents of five sons. Dena and Charlie had a fun-loving, devoted marriage and Charlie lovingly referred to her as the Queen Bee.

Dena was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a devoted friend. She loved her Lord and studied His word daily. She had enjoyed taking drives and admiring the scenery, walking and gardening and visiting with friends. She worked for many years as a custodian at the Motley County Courthouse and the First State Bank in Matador. Dena faithfully attended the First Assembly of God Church in Matador for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. In addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, one brother, and one grandson.

She is survived by five sons: Larry Dunn and wife Patricia of Little Elm, Doug Meador and wife Barbara of Ozona, Dan Meador and wife Sarah of Tinton Falls, N.J., Jim Meador and wife Carla of Matador and John Meador and wife Pam of Gatesville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Wesley Couch of DeLeon, several nieces and nephews, and friends.

The family request memorials are made to the Hackberry Creek Care Center of Matador or the East Mound Cemetery Association.

On behalf of the entire family, the sons of Dena Meador wish to express special thanks to Jim and Carla Meador for all their devoted and loving care of their mother over the past few years.

Nutrition/Food Pantry to focus on wise spending Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

For more information, or to pre-register, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

'Answers on Aging' program Thursday at the Senior Center

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will present "Answers on Aging" from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

"Answers on Aging" provides information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature); Benefits Counseling; Care Coordination

(Prescription and Utility Assistance); Caregiver Support (Respite Care); Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children); Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents); Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly) and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services).

A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

For more information, call Lindsey M. Elliott, AAA staff, at 223-5704 or just dial 2-1-1.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Earl's illness. Thank you for the food, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls after his home going. Special thanks to the Methodist Hospitality Committee for the meal. Each and every thing that was done for us was much appreciated.

The Earl Acton Family

Devotion to St. Jude

May the sacred heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified, loved and preserved and glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude for prayers answered.

B.Y.D

Girl Scouts donating cookies

Ozona Girl Scout Troop 525 will be donating cookies to two local entities: Helping Hands and The Community Center.

Here is how you can help. Buy Girl Scout Cookies and we will donate the cookies to them.

Zero calories for you and a tremendous benefit to our community.

Girl Scout Cookies will be sold through March.

Remember, Girl Scout Cookies are \$3.50 per box.

Supporting tomorrow's leaders is priceless.

For more information, call Katie Friend at 692-5154.

Katy Jones celebrates 90 years young



Katy Jones, surrounded by family and friends at Tia's Cafe to celebrate 90 years young on Jan. 18. Katy's cousin, Eugene Miller, wrote her a poem:

To my friend Ester Kate Jones,

A year ago you didn't know if you would make it to 90 years old.

Be as it will, be as it can, that 1935 girl would still be around.

A pep squad leader and pep squad friend that sat on the bleachers to help the boys win.

Some times good, some times not, but they cheered and cheered a lot.

With her big brothers Ford car and five new friends started the "Big Six" to begin.

So keep on eating your Grape Nut Flakes plus your Rice Bran and that 1935 girl will still be around!

Your Friend,

Johnnie Miller

Pick up your water, pick up your tea this celebration of 90 years old is all free! Happy Birthday!



Anonymous Santa delivers a computer for Christmas

Dear Anonymous Santa,

Thank you so much for my early Christmas present. I have wanted a laptop for the last two years. I love my laptop!

I also received a printer from Santa Claus. My brother was so jealous.

I have made a video of my goat "Big Friend" with music. It's really cool. I'll have to show it to you or Mrs. Debbie some

Letters to the Editor

Your kindness is so greatly appreciated. Again, THANK YOU!

Sincerely, Adison Aaron Ozona, Texas

Ozona Garden Club News

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
Ozona Garden Club

The Ozona Garden Club met on Jan. 14 at the home of Tina Bean. Fourteen members and one guest were in attendance. Tina Bean, Marolyn Bean and Carmen Sutton treated the club to a delicious luncheon.

Grace Williams has agreed to assume responsibility for plantings in the containers around the town square.

Ty Williams, who is the district conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Commission, presented a program on native plants and water conservation. He provided helpful handouts regarding wildflowers, native trees and shrubs, which can be planted in the winter months. He also provided a list of good hummingbird-attracting plants: Penstemon, Columbine, Delphinium, Autumn Sage, Four O'Clock (Mirabilis jalapa), Shrimp plant (Justicia brandegeana), Western coral

bean (Erythrina flabelliformis), Mexican honeysuckle (Justicia spicigera), Scarlet monkey flower (Mimulus spp.), Texas sage (Salvia coccinea), Chuparosa, Ocotillo, Tree Tobacco (Nicotiana glauca), Baja fairy (Calliandra californica), Bottlebrush, Cape honeysuckle, Desert willow, Indian paintbrush (Castilleja spp.), Scarlet gilia (Ipomopsis aggregate), Lantana, Agave and Lily of the Nile (Agapanthus). Many of these native plants can be obtained from Steve and Valorie Lewis of Native Ornaments in Mertzon. Their phone number is (325) 835-2021 or e-mail texican@zipnet.us. To attract the most hummingbirds to your backyard, keep feeders out, cleaned and filled year around. Attach red tape at intervals to your trees or bushes to catch the birds' eyes. Have water available and, perhaps, attach a few balls of cotton to tree trunks for nesting materials.

Mr. Williams also discussed ways to save water, such as planning and design, soil analysis (in

Crockett County we have mostly non-acidic limestone soil), practical turf areas, appropriate plant selection, efficient irrigation, use of mulches and appropriate maintenance. By incorporating these seven principles, gardeners and all agriculturalists can help preserve our most precious natural resource - water. Regarding lawns, it is better to water deeply once a week for about 20 minutes than to water for 5 minutes daily. Even in the winter months, the yard should be watered deeply every three to four weeks, so that the roots of grass and trees will be ready for the spring. Do not cut the grass too short. Use mulch to help retain moisture in the soil. Consider using many beautiful native plants which do not require great amounts of water to survive. Do your own research at www.wildflowers.org. Go to Explore Plants, Recommended Species and choose: West Texas. It will give you a list and detailed descriptions of all native plants that are adapted to the area you selected. You can

also narrow your search by: location, characteristics and growing conditions.

Lana Chandler, Jeannine Henderson, Esther Williams and Carmen Sutton presented plans for our annual Flower Show to be held April 17 at the Civic Center. The theme will be "Travelin' through Texas," with five classes to include "Amarillo by Morning" (Reflective Design); "San Antonio Rose" (Table Top II Design); "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind?" (Designer's Choice); "Galveston" (Creative Line or Creative Line-Mass Design) and "El Paso" (Synergistic Design). There will be four entries in each class. Prizes were given to the first two members who signed up for designs.

Members present were Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Lana Chandler, Vivian Childress, Arlene Clayton, Nancy Forehand, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Camille Jones, Pamela Maresch, Jeri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek and Esther Williams.

Ozona Woman's Forum News

By BRENDA NEWTON
Ozona Woman's Forum

The Ozona Woman's Forum met Jan. 15 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

There were 16 members present: Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson, Arlene Clayton, Marilyn Cox, Janie Everett, Bobbie Griffin, Charlotte Harrell, Betty

Huffman, Shirley Kirby, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Diane Phillips, Katharine Russell, Louise Taliaferro and Rosalind Williams.

We also had the new postmaster, Amanda Wagner, as a visitor. Amanda came to Ozona from Cross Plains and was raised in Sanderson. We were all glad to meet Amanda.

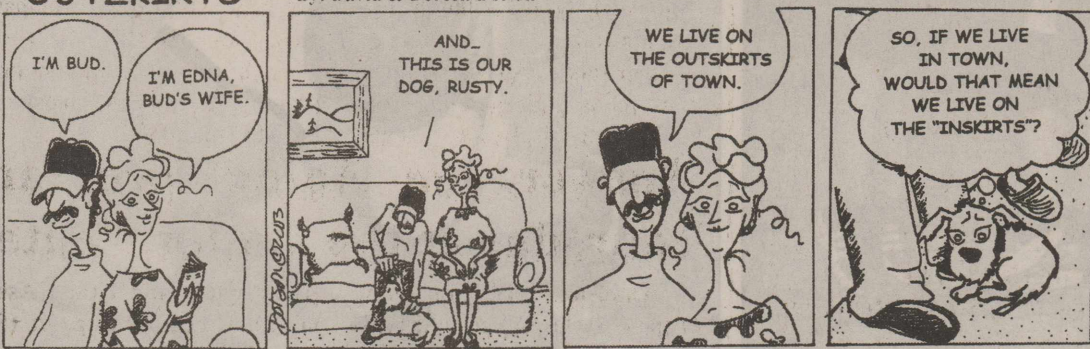
Because Jean Odom was not able to speak, Marilyn Cox brought the meeting to order and gave a report of our finances. She explained how the money in these funds was used. She reported that the nominating committee for new officers would be Charlotte Harrell, Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson and Linda Moore. We all had fun picking of

each other while raising money for the general fund at the annual auction. There were some awesome cakes, pies, cookies and handmade goods that sold for nice prices, and the outcome was a real lift to the finances.

Hostesses for the meeting were: Katharine Russell, Charlotte Harrell and Louise Taliaferro.

OUTZKIRTS

By: David & Doreen Dotson



Editor's note: OUTZKIRTS is a new comic strip for The Ozona Stockman that will be run for the next four weeks. Let us know what you think or if your business or organization would like to sponsor the strip.

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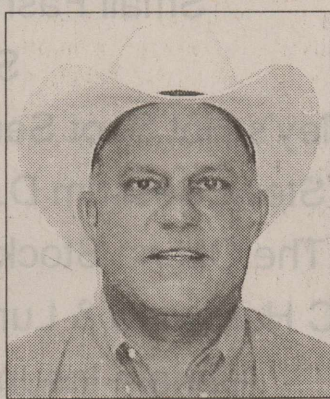
Whole Roasted Chickens - \$5.00 a chicken for anyone having a Super Bowl Party to enjoy. **Order in advance** - Deadline for ordering whole chickens will be Friday, Feb. 1st at 5:00 p.m. **Call 325-392-2827 to order.**

Barbecue Chicken Plates - \$5.00 ea. This is available for the people that would like to just have a plate. Barbecue Chicken Plates on Feb. 3rd from 11:30 till 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Besente and Martinez.

Hamburger Combo 5.00 ea. (Hamburger, Fries and Drink) will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 3rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will have the Big Screen TV for anyone wanting to see the Super Bowl while they eat a Hamburger.

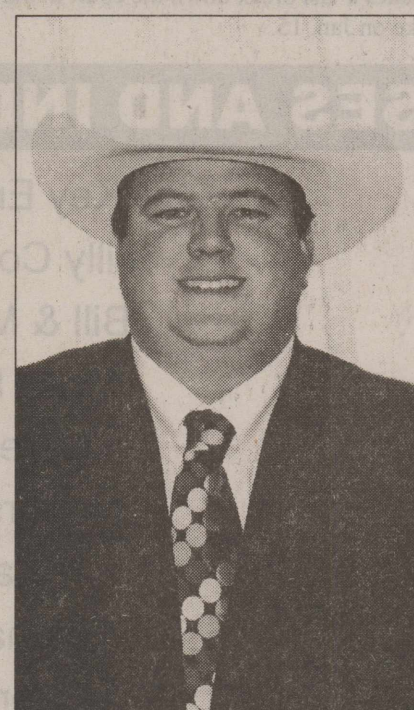
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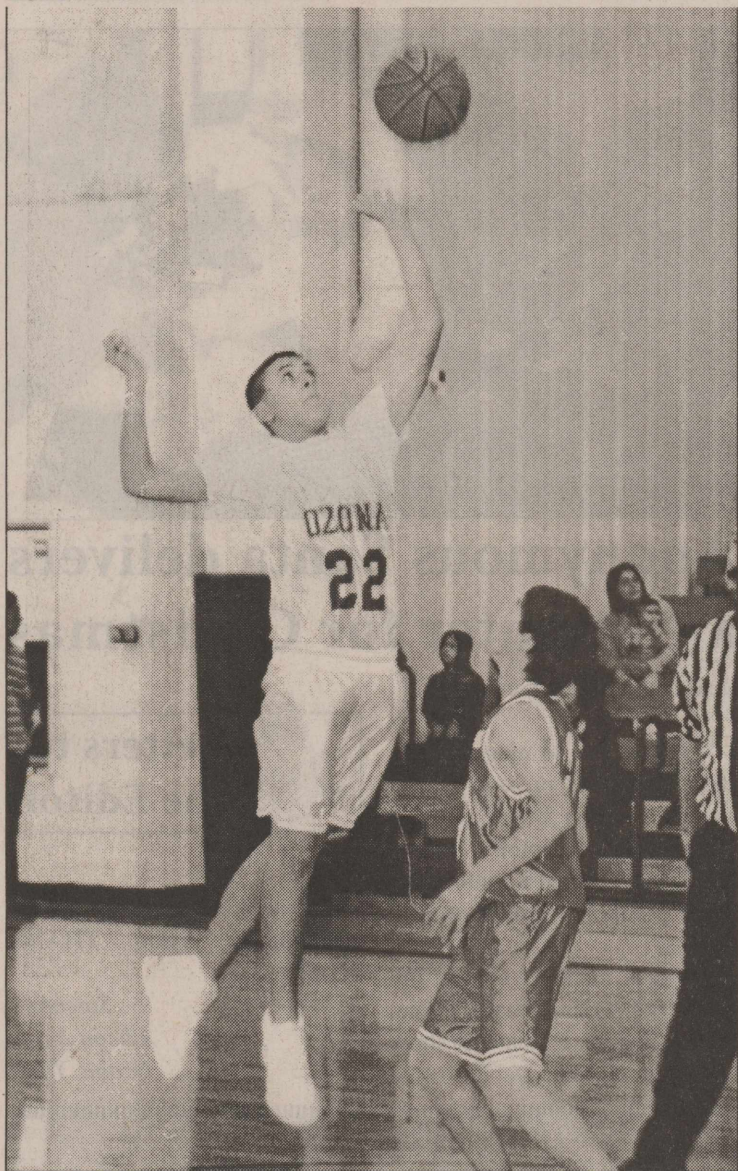


Photo by Joe Hernandez
MARK GALLARDO goes to the air to get the tip off against Comstock. Gallardo led the eighth grade Lions with 10 points in the win.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
NOAH TAMBUNGA takes a jump shot for the seventh grade Lions. No information on the game was available at press time.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
ALEX BORREGO moves the ball down the court for the seventh grade Lions.

Eighth Grade Lions dunk Comstock

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions defeated Comstock 34-29 on Jan. 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 10 9 6 - 34; Comstock - 8 7 7 7 - 29.

Scoring: Alejandro Mendez 8; Mark Gallardo 10; Ruben Galindo 8; Marty Moran 2 and Andy Trevino 6. Also playing: Kramer Hall, Steven Rubio, Erik Carrizales, Luis Soto, Adriel Zamarripa and Austin Perez.

"We came out a bit sluggish, maybe because the Kermit game was still on our minds. We came together after the first and were able to play so good team basketball. We moved the ball well and were able to create some opportunities because of the ball movement. This was a good win for us," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions are 7-1 overall and 6-0 in district play. They will participate this weekend in the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake and then face Iraan at 5 p.m. Monday at the OMS Gym.

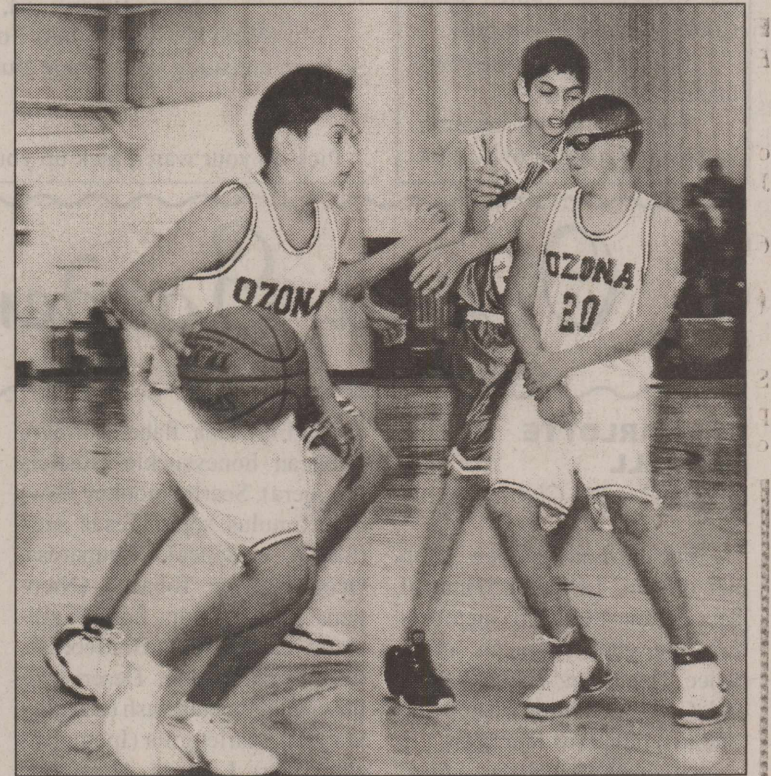


Photo by Joe Hernandez
SEVENTH GRADER JONDAVID DEHOYOS gets a lane to the basket with a great screen from #20 Jeffrey Sanchez.

JV Lions lose to Kermit in overtime

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions lost a tough game in overtime, 76-73, to Kermit on Jan. 18.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 14 13 24 9 - 73; Kermit - 14 19 18 13 12 - 76.

Scoring: Abey Lara 17; Kyle Sewell 24; Bailey Badillo 2; Russel Komechak 6; Jose Aguilar 19 and Ruben Rivas 5.

Also playing: Richard Borrego.

"The kids played very well. I am very proud of the effort they put out. It was a tough lose but at the end of the game the kids did not feel like they had lost," said Coach JayBen Alls. "We have had a tough year with kids moving and after this game I feel like I have the kids confidence back. I am looking forward to see how the rest of the season goes since we do have our confidence back.

Great job!"

The JV Lions lost to Reagan County 29-45 on Jan. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 6 9 6 - 29; Reagan Co. - 16 7 8 14 - 45.

Scoring: Lara 13; Sewell 11; Badillo 2; Aguilar 2 and Komechak 1. Also playing: Borrego and Rivas.

The JV Lions will face Alpine at 5 p.m. Friday at Alpine.

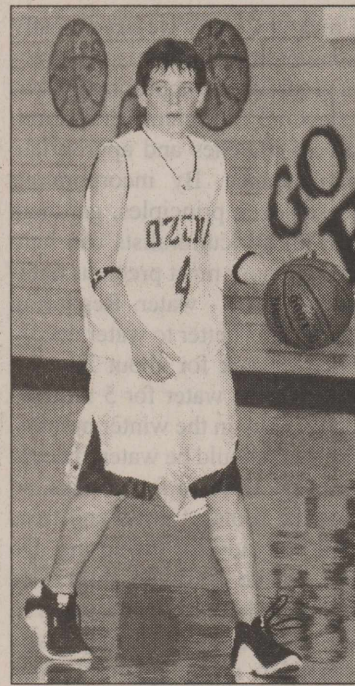


Photo by Joe Hernandez
KYLE SEWELL led the JV Lions in scoring with 24 points against Kermit.

JV Lady Lions lose to Kermit, Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions lost to Kermit 46-41 on Jan. 18.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 14 4 17 - 41; Kermit - 16 9 9 12 - 46.

Scoring: Makayla Badillo 2; Rebecca Ramos 2; Raelynn

Arredondo 16; Kristen Mendoza 4; Gabby Rodriguez 4; Brandyn Tebbetts 2; Jennifer Allen 7 and Kelsey Childress 4. Also playing: Byciaga and Alex Cruz.

The JV Lady Lions lost to Reagan County 73-25 on Jan. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 14 2 3 - 25; Reagan Co. - 22 25

14 12 - 73.

Scoring: Badillo 2; Ramos 1; Arredondo 6; Mendoza 2; Alex Macias 10 and Tebbetts 4. Also playing: Childress, Brenda Venegas, Cruz, Allen and Byciaga.

The JV Lady Lions will play Alpine at 5 p.m. Friday at Alpine.

Lady Lions fall to Kermit, Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions lost to Kermit, 57-29, on Jan. 18.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 4 9 10 - 29; Kermit - 16 13 16 12 - 57.

Scoring: Cristi Rodriguez 2; Chelsea Moore 4; Vanessa Rodriguez 4; Alysha Lara 13 and Alexa Cervantez 6. Also playing: Brandi Glosson, Morgan Glosson, Melanie Miller and Melissa Miller.

The Lady Lions lost to state-ranked Reagan County, 71-23, on Jan. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 2 6 2 - 23; Reagan Co. - 20 15 21 15 - 71.

Scoring: V. Rodriguez 8, Rivera 6, Cervantez 5, B. Glosson 2, Melanie Miller 2. Also playing: C. Rodriguez, Moore, Lara, M. Glosson and Melissa Miller.

The Lady Lions will take on Alpine at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Alpine.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
CHELSEA MOORE makes a fast break down the court in the Lady Lions clash with Big Lake on Jan. 15.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
ALEX MACIAS fires off a jump shot for the JV Lady Lions.

Lions fall to Yellowjackets, Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Lions lost to state-ranked Reagan County, 66-36, on Jan. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 5 9 12 - 36; Reagan Co. - 13 17 15 21 - 66.

Scoring: Maldonado 14; Santos 8 (including one 3-point goal); Ramos 4; Tambunga 4; Turland 2; Silva 2 and Longoria 2.

The Lions will take on Alpine at 8 p.m. Friday at Alpine.

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Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 5 9 12 - 36; Reagan Co. - 13 17 15 21 - 66.

Scoring: Maldonado 14; Santos 8 (including one 3-point goal); Ramos 4; Tambunga 4; Turland 2; Silva 2 and Longoria 2.

The Lions will take on Alpine at 8 p.m. Friday at Alpine.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
MATT TURLAND scored 11 points, including three 3-point goals in the varsity Lions game against Kermit.

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Seventh Grade Lady Lions squeek by Comstock 14-13

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions Lady squeeked by Comstock, 14-13, on Jan. 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 2 2 8 - 14; Comstock - 5 0 4 4 - 13.

Scoring: Sabrina De La Garza 2; Arleen Castillo 2; Cynthia Garcia 4; Elisa Tambunga 2;

Alex Lozano 2 and Mayra Diaz 2. Also playing: Trinity Collis, Italy Villarreal, Jessica Borrigo, Sierra Tevino, Marley Tambunga, Kaylen Hernandez and Jacinda Villarreal.

The Lady Lions are 4-4. They will compete in the Reagan County Middle School Tournament Thursday and Saturday in Big Lake.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions lose to Comstock

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions lost to Comstock, 22-27, on Jan. 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 6 7 7 - 22; Comstock - 6 11 6 4

Correction...

In the Jan. 16 edition of the Stockman, Luis Soto was the one pictured for the Eighth Grade Lions, not Brendan Perez.

Out-of-school test packets available for TAAS, TAKS

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS test, but who have met all other graduation requirements, may register to retake the necessary section(s).

Out-of-school retesters can register for the TAAS or TAKS retest by accessing <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing and submitting a paper registration form.

Registration packets are available in the counselor's office at Ozona High School.

The appropriate registration form must be submitted online or returned in the preaddressed envelope and received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 25.

Local cheerleader competes at YMCA Cheerfest

The Christoval Cougar YMCA Cheerleading Squad competed in the Dec. 1 YMCA Cheerfest in San Angelo.

The squad features Megan Bullard, of Ozona, Haley Novak, Carlie Archuleta and Sierra Halsbrooks.

The squad won third for their dance routine and received a certificate for "Most Spirited" for their cheer. Sierra won first in the individual competition for her "Toe Touch Jump."

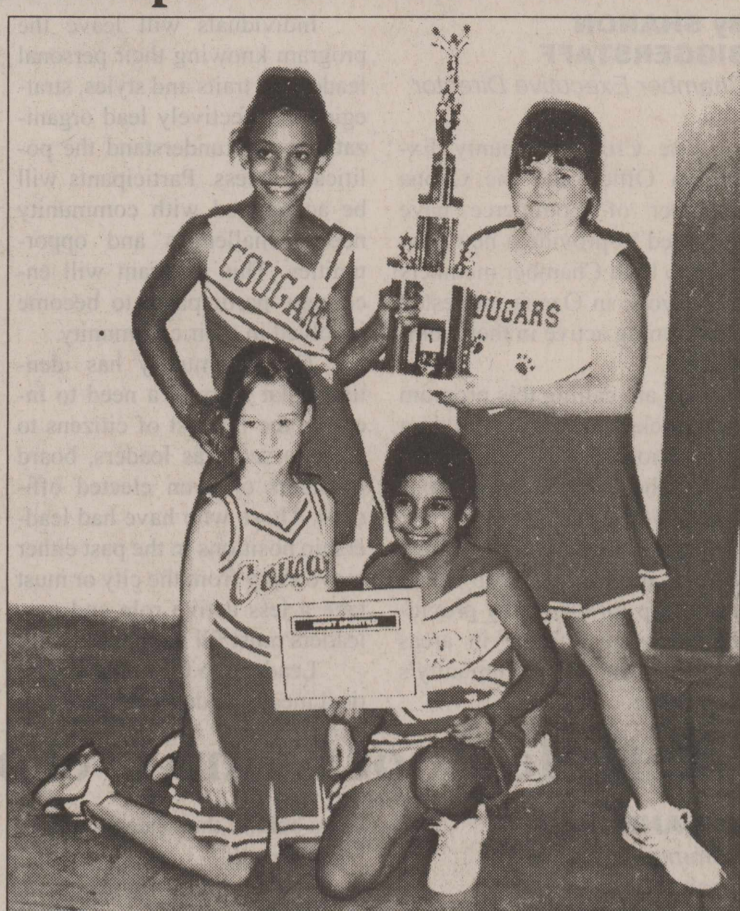
The competition featured 110 girls spread across 12 teams. This was the first year for Christoval to have a YMCA Cheerleading team.

Throughout the season, the girls cheered at the fifth grade light-weight football games. Loren Talamantez, formerly of Ozona, played on the team.

Cheer coach and sponsor was Tonya Bullard, formerly of Ozona. Megan has been a YMCA Cheerleader for the past three years.

The team also had two cheer assistants, Annie Archuleta and Becca Kirkham.

Rob Hale Trucking, of Andrews, donated funds so that each cheerleader and sponsor received their own megaphones. Shana's Bakery in Christoval



Submitted photo
MEGAN BULLARD (top right) holds the third place trophy for the Christoval Cougar Cheerleading Squad. The girls won for their dance routine and received a certificate for "Most Spirited" at the second annual YMCA Cheerfest on Dec. 1 in San Angelo.

also made a donation to purchase sticks that were thrown during chase candy to fill the spirit the games.

We want your news at The Ozona Stockman

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is NOON on Mondays

Youth Center Calendar of Events
Jan. 28 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
Feb. 9 - OHS Sweetheart Ball
Donations are currently being accepted for the Youth Center Scholarship Fund account at ONB

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Saturday, Jan. 26 - Granny Miller Hall

10 a.m. - 12 noon

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1980 to 1981 Supervisor, Criminal Investigator, U.S. Department of Justice, INS
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1983 to 1995 Chief Criminal Investigator, (Supervisor Special Agent), Special Operations Commander (S.W.A.T.), U.S. Department of Justice, Colonel, Joint Task Force 6, U.S. Army.
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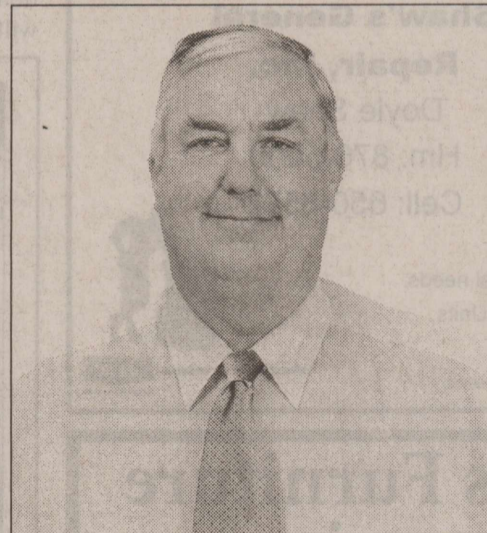
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- Past Member of Founding Board of Directors of Ozona DeerFest
- Served w/Crockett Co. EMS
- Served w/Ozona Volunteer Fire Department
- Current Member Appraisal District Board of Directors

Your vote on March 4th will afford me the opportunity to continue to be of service to our citizens.

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Leadership program taking applicants through Feb. 1

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

The Crockett County Extension Office and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce have partnered to provide a new program to both Chamber members and anyone in Ozona interested in becoming active in their community.

We are calling this program the Crockett County "Building Connections" Leadership Program. The deadline to sign-up is Friday, Feb. 1.

The program is designed to seek and help develop future leadership for Ozona by providing intensive training in areas strategic to the community's well-being.

Individuals will leave the program knowing their personal leadership traits and styles, strategies to effectively lead organizations, and understand the political process. Participants will be acquainted with community needs, challenges and opportunities. This program will encourage participants to become involved in their community.

The community has identified that there is a need to increase the interest of citizens to want to serve as leaders, board members or even elected officials. Those who have had leadership positions in the past either move away from the city or must take a less active role and new leaders must fill the gaps.

Leadership Ozona is a practical means of developing a pool

of informed persons who can become involved in the various areas of community service.

"We are talking with employers and individuals about taking an interest in this program. If you are an employer, we are asking you to consider sponsoring an employee who is civic minded and may have an interest in becoming active in the community," said Shanon Biggerstaff, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "If you are an individual, we are asking if you, or if you know someone that would be a good candidate for the program, to consider participating."

The cost or tuition is \$100, which simply pays for the snacks and meals at each session, materials and the graduation activity

planned by the class. Participant will receive a certificate of completion following graduation.

This is a seven-month program and participants will be asked to commit to one day per month, beginning in March and ending with graduation in October.

Classes will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room. The program will also include tours of local facilities so that participants will get a first-hand look at how the community and its organizations operate.

For more information about the program, or to receive a brochure with class topics/tours, call the Crockett County Extension office at 392-2722 or the Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

BOARD: 08-09 calendar approved

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2008-2009 CALENDAR APPROVED

The board approved the 2008-2009 district calendar.

Classes will begin on Aug. 25 and ending on May 29 for a total of 179 instructional days and eight staff development days.

Christmas break will be 10 days and a bad weather day was set for May 29. The other bad weather day is set for April 10, Good Friday.

Spring break is currently set for March 16-20, 2009, but this may change since Midland College has not set their 2009 spring break yet. The district sets their spring

break with Midland College due to high school students who are taking distance-learning classes.

The board also approved the district's emergency operations plan.

NEW BUSES ALMOST HERE

Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor Ray Don Myers said one of the new school buses is almost ready to be delivered while the other is in Lubbock being painted.

The next monthly school board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

Sheffield Boot Camp is expanding volunteer program

By JANE HARBER
Community Relations Coordinator

Expanding the volunteer program at Sheffield Boot Camp is high on the priority list for the facility in 2008.

Sheffield Boot Camp, because it is a facility of the Texas Youth Commission, is part of the highly publicized reform and improvement effort underway at the state agency.

A critical part of that change involves partnering with the public to a greater degree than ever before.

Though the facility enjoys a dedicated group of volunteers already, the need exists to do more in the four key volunteer initiatives - mentoring, tutoring, chaplaincy and community council programs - plus an added focus on youth family-oriented activities during the upcoming year.

TUTORING AND MENTORING

There are currently a number of young students who need extra help in reading and basic math. On average, youth committed to TYC are four or five

years behind their peers in reading and math.

One-on-one tutoring in these subjects makes a huge difference and also shows the youth that someone cares enough about them to take the time to help them with their educations.

"Some of our students have never realized how smart they really are," said Jane Harber, the boot camp's Community Relations Coordinator. "Self esteem gets lifted as their eyes are opened to their true potential. It opens a door of 'hope' for them."

Similar to tutors, the youth also benefit from mentors who help them not only with their studies, but also with their visions for successful futures.

"Statistics show that mentored youth are half as likely to re-offend," said Harber. "Mentoring reduces their chances of returning to TYC custody or ending up in adult prison."

CHAPLAINCY, THE SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE COUNCIL, AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The boot camp's chaplaincy

program consists of religious studies, worship services and special programs. According to one boot camp volunteer, "The seeds we are planting will someday grow and produce fruit. We are making an eternal impact on these youth."

Sheffield's volunteer council is a 501(C)3, non-profit group of volunteers come together to supplement the services TYC provides for the youth. TYC provides all of the essentials, such as food, shelter, clothing and medical care.

The Sheffield Community Resource Council provides amenities such as Christmas gifts for the cadets, a family assistance program, assistance with money for the family day activities, and donations to the facility that will benefit the youth.

Council member always have fun and meet new friends during fundraisers for these projects.

There is no greater objective than to touch a young person's heart and mind, thereby helping to improve the quality of his life. There is no greater satisfaction than to know you have been a part in helping a young person

turn his life around and direct it on a more positive, constructive and healthy path.

One boot camp mentor said, "I feel that I'm contributing positively to my own growth as well as another's."

"There is always room for more volunteers," said Harber. "We have opportunities available in all four areas of volunteer work, and we would like to share these opportunities with you - our community friends and supporters. If you or any of your friends or associates would like to be a part of this great mission, we would love to have you! You'll be making a huge difference in someone's life and you won't be sorry you did."

For information about becoming a volunteer, contact Jane Harber, Community Relations Coordinator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2215.

Also, if you would like to apply for employment at Sheffield Boot Camp, please contact Teresa Rodriguez, Human Resources Administrator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2269, or visit the TYC website at <http://www.tyc.state.tx.us/index.html>.

Congressional representative to visit Crockett County Jan. 30

Representatives of Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, will be hosting Congressional Mobile Office Hours from 9 a.m. noon, Jan. 30, at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex, 909 Avenue D.

"Congressional Mobile Office Hours" are community office hours open to the public where constituents can meet with a regional representative of Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez to share their ideas, concerns, and feedback. Representatives will be available to assist with veterans' benefits, social security concerns, and other issues.

QuickBooks three-part series starting Jan. 24 in San Angelo

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will be hosting a three-part series for QuickBooks starting with:

- Introduction to QuickBooks: Company Profiles - On Thursday, Jan. 24.
- QuickBooks Basics - Lists, Forms & Registers - On Tuesday, Jan. 29.
- Advanced QuickBooks - Taxes and Payroll - On Thursday, Jan. 31.

Each session will be 3-6

For up to date information on upcoming events in your area, visit the "Congress On Your Corner" section on Congressman Rodriguez's official website: <http://rodriguez.house.gov>.

p.m. at the ASU MCS Building Room 111B.

Cost is \$20 per person and advance registration is required.

Conducting the QuickBooks seminar is Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor II for the SBDC.

Participants must be able to perform basic computer skills for these courses.

For more information, or to register, call 942-2098. Seating is limited.

Cattle association announces 2008 as a year of change

By BILL HYMAN
Executive Director
Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas

LOCKHART, Texas - The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) has announced that 2008 will be a year of change for many cattlemen across Texas.

Association President H. A. "Peanut" Gilfillian said, "This year, most ranchers will have to reassess their present operation and decide which changes will be necessary. The increased

costs of feed, fuel and fertilizer are issues that each rancher must carefully consider when planning for the future."

With almost 25 percent of the nation's corn crop being diverted to ethanol production, the prices of cattle feeds will certainly stay at near record price levels. Supplemental feeding practices will have to be evaluated.

Cattlemen will be challenged to determine which feeding methods provide the greatest return on investment.

The fertilization and weed

control measures for native and improved pastures will also be under scrutiny as ranchers attempt to stretch their management dollars. The cost of fertilizer has continued to increase as natural gas prices rise.

Pasture renovation and smaller amounts of fertilizer per acre must be considered. Soil analysis prior to fertilization, will become a must as ranchers attempt to maximize nutrient values. Pasture stocking rates may have to be lowered to accommodate the new reduced fertilization and weed control

programs. Higher feed prices may bring increased demand for heavier calves at the market place, thus causing higher prices for heavier calves and lower prices for light weight calves. The additional expense of creep feeding calves will have to be closely monitored.

Ranchers may want to delay weaning or possibly wean and precondition calves prior to selling to increase market weights of their calf crop. Culling of inefficient and nonproductive cows will definitely be a major tool to reduce costs.

As the cost of gasoline and diesel continues to escalate, cattlemen everywhere will need to evaluate current management practices and feed delivery methods.

The customary daily feeding of cubes may need to be replaced with longer lasting supplements such as blocks or molasses tubs. The daily trips to check cattle may be changed to every other day or even less often.

Although ranching expenses will continue to escalate, the future remains bright for cost conscious cattlemen. A shrinking national cow herd and increased foreign demand for U.S. beef should strengthen cattle prices during the coming year.

In the meantime ranchers must evaluate their operations and adjust to the changing conditions.

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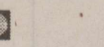
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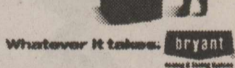
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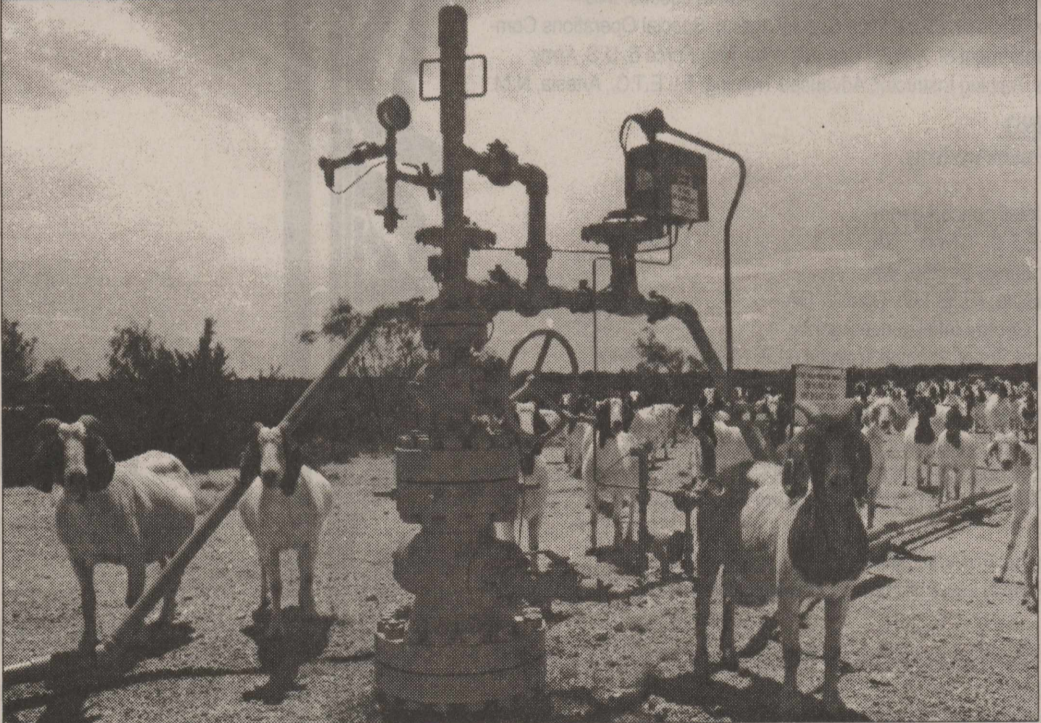


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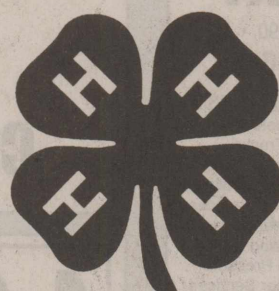
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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT	# OF CALLS
Abandoned/impounded vehicles/property	2
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	11
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	3
Courtesy Transports	1
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	10
Juvenile Complaints	4
Locked Vehicles	5
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	1
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	2
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	8
Security Alarms	3
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	23
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	9
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	3
Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries	2
Traffic Citations Issued	18
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	6
Prisoners Housed in other counties	15 Dec. cost\$9,537.00

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.

- Blas Ramos Jr., Crockett County J.P. warrant - no drivers' license and restrained child.
- Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. warrant - minor in consumption of alcohol.
- John Mansell Clark, of Ozona - Crockett County Court unlawful restrained of a minor after indictment.

Paso by Crockett County Constable with a warrant of motion to revoke/making alcohol available to minors. He remains in custody.

- 1-18-08**
- Craig Vincent Dallessandro, 33, of New York, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. He posted bail and was released.
 - Jesse Carlos Badillo, 37, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault with bodily injury/family violence. He posted bail and was released.
 - Noe Guardado Jasso, 35, of Mexico, was detained by sheriff's deputy for illegal entry. He was transferred by Immigration officers.
- 1-19-08**
- Lyndsey Marie Frasier, 17, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for consumption of alcohol by minor. She pled guilty in Justice of the Peace court and is serving 21-day sentence in jail.

ARREST REPORT

1-16-08

- Valentino Castillo, 23, of Ozona, surrendered into custody for a capias of failure to appear in Justice of the Peace court. He paid required fine and was released.

1-17-08

- Javier Chavez Elizondo, 20, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated. While in custody a P.R. bond issued on a previous arrest of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was recalled.

1-18-08

- Paul F. Sanchez Jr., 44, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a Bexar County warrant of failure to appear driving while intoxicated. He posted bail and was released.
- Christian Rivero, 24, of El Paso was transferred from El

INCIDENT REPORTS

- 1-18-08**
- Sheriff's deputy filed an assault with bodily injury/family violence report. Female victim was assaulted by spouse at 1600 block of Walnut Drive. An arrest of suspect was made at scene.
- 1-21-08**
- A burglary of a vehicle report was filed by a company manager on Bob White Drive. Unknown person(s) entered property and took property of parked vehicles.

Construction on Val Verde Pecos River Bridge to begin in March

Submitted by Laredo TxDOT Public Information Office

The Texas Department of Transportation Laredo District announces an upcoming project of key transportation and historical significance to Val Verde County, in particular, the construction rehabilitation of the Pecos River Bridge on U.S. Highway 90 located 45 miles northeast of Del Rio before Langtry.

The picturesque bridge, built in 1957, is 1,300 feet long and stands 270 feet above water.

The project will entail the rehabilitation of the Pecos River Bridge on US 90 at a cost of \$4.2 million.

This project was let in January 2008 and awarded to SRC Construction, Inc. Construction is anticipated to start in March 2008. Duration of the project is estimated at 20 months once construction begins.

"We want to emphasize that the Pecos River Bridge continues to be structurally sound and safe to use by the traveling public. We will perform work to replace the bridge decking in efforts to remove upper surface cracking/spalling that extends through the deck," said Mario G. Medina, P.E., TxDOT Laredo District

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Since U.S. 90 continues to be an important part of the highway system for local, regional and national traffic, and the bridge continues to be an important traffic link between west and south Texas, and adjacent states, TxDOT will notify the public about the upcoming project through news releases, media phone interviews, flyers, posters and informational meetings to be scheduled in the project area.

"We want to ensure the public that any interruption of local and thru traffic during bridge rehabilitation work will be minimal even though the traveling public should expect brief delays," Medina said.

A one way traffic pattern with a traffic signal, night and day, with special accommodations for emergency response vehicles is being planned during construction of the project.

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#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs. 1.00-1.10
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs. 95-1.00
Fat ewes 35-45
Thin ewes 12-28
Bucks 28-40
Baby Tooth Ewes 60-72
Solid Mouth Ewes 37-48
Ewe & Lamb Pairs 20-25/hd
Baby Tooth Angora Stocker nannies 45-52
Stocker Angora Muttons 50-70
Angora Kids-shorn 1.05-1.14
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin) 17-27
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies 35-40
Stocker Spanish nannies 55-74
Fat Spanish nannies 37-45
Fat Spanish muttons 90-1.05
Fat Spanish billies 78-1.04
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New Anadarko E & P Co Lp 9000 Bean -C- #7 Patterson Drilling A 38 Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating 9000 J R Bailey -A- #534 Patterson Drilling A 710 Drig Ahead
Adventure Explor 8500 University 7-33 #1 Adobe Drilling Mavrik Drig Ahead 3600'
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8500 Davidson -15- #1er Heart Land Drilling Assigned
New Tema Oil & Gas Co Lp 6100 Hallie Black -3b- #1 Patterson Drilling/A 761 Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res 5500 Maggie Moore #1b Patterson Drilling/A 121 Drig Ahead
Sutton County
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New Highmount E&P/Hdq 9750 Jack Brown -Wa- #3 Patterson Drilling A 39 Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P/Hdq 9250 Duke Wilson -188- #22 Patterson Drilling A 120 Drig Ahead
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Highmount E&P/Hdq 8975 Renfro -45- #1 Helmerich & Payne S 301 Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P/Hdq 8975 Glasscock -30- #1 Helmerich & Payne S 302 Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P/Hdq 8975 Hicks -23- #17 Helmerich & Payne S 303 Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq 8950 Shurley -165- #16 Patterson Drilling A 40 Assigned
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New Highmount E&P/Hdq 7350 Shurley R -4c- #4 Patterson Drilling/A 40 Drig Ahead
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New O'Ryan Oil & Gas 2700 Wilson #8 Patterson Drilling A 42 Drig Ahead
Schleicher County
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New Highmount E&P/Hdq 8750 Powell -23- #7 Patterson Drilling/A 742 Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq 8600 University 57-23 #6 Patterson Drilling/A 742 Assigned
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Dan Clarence Riggs, Independent Executor, Estate of KATHLEEN RIGGS

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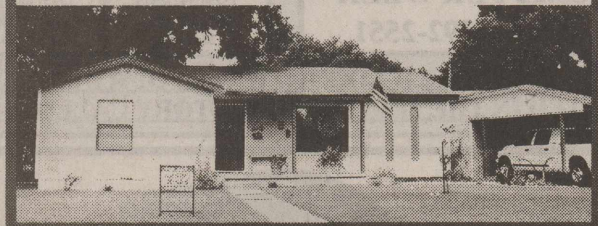
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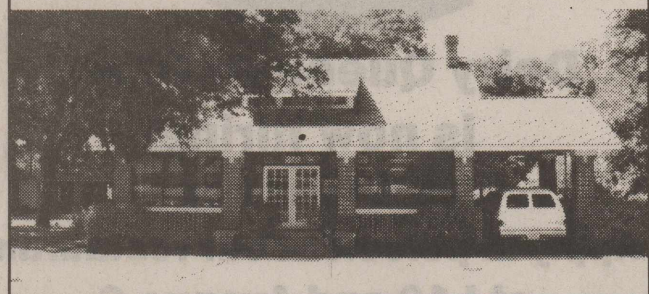
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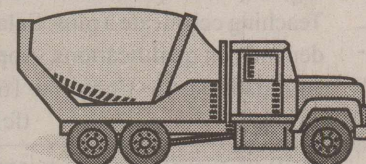
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