

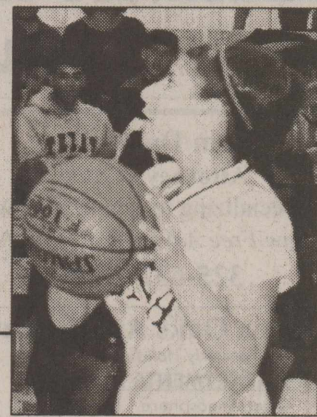
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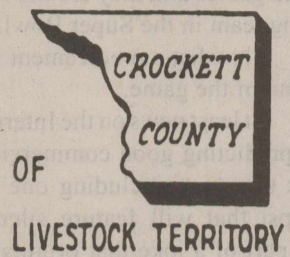
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Knights to host Harlem Ambassadors basketball team

Event to benefit the fire department, EMS and Ozona Community Center

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Ozona fire fighters and emergency service personnel will have a chance to show off their basketball skills against a group of "show-stopping" players when the Harlem Ambassadors comes to town next month.

The event, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Ozona High School Davidson Gym.

Money raised through the event will be donated to the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, the Crockett County EMS and the Ozona Community Center.

"We hosted this team about 4 or 5 years ago. I believe they

Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Game

TEAMS: Harlem Ambassadors vs. the Knights of Columbus and "Hometown Heroes" from the Crockett County EMS and Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.
WHEN: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18
SITE: Ozona High School Davidson Gym
TICKETS: In advance - Students \$5; Adults \$7
 At the door - Students \$6; Adults \$8. Kids 4 and under admitted free.
 Tickets will be available starting Friday, Feb. 2 at the Ozona Fire Station, Circle Bar Cable Office, Bran-Dan's Roadside Grocery Store and Lori's Burger Shop

are making their tour through Texas again and called to see if we would be interested in doing this again," said Frank Tambunga, with the Knights of Columbus. "Last time they came

the Knights joined with several other organizations to host the game. Every organization made some profit."

The mission of the Harlem Ambassadors is to deliver a qual-

ity basketball show to audiences throughout the United States and internationally.

The show is designed to be fun for all ages, with youngsters being awed for the first time and

older folks enjoying the tried-and-true gags like a rerun of a favorite comedy movie.

The ambassadors' operation is professional in all aspects. In addition to having a wholesome

entertainment product, we are also good citizens, promoting the values of staying in school, staying off drugs and fostering racial harmony.

The men and women of the Harlem Ambassadors all have obtained their degrees, or are currently working on their degrees, must be drug-free to play on the team.

The Harlem Ambassadors Professional Show Basketball team was started in 1998.

The ambassadors perform around 220 games a year around the world, including American military bases and throughout Canada.

For more information, visit www.harlemambassadors.com.

Renfroe wins big at Kerrville

By SUSIE BISHOP
 County FCS-Agent

Nine Crockett County 4-H members participated in the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Jan. 18 in Kerrville.

Members exhibiting lambs and goats included Allie Black, Murphey Black, Erik Carrizales, Lane Hale, Alex Hopper, Trace Justiss, Wes McGuire, Kelbie Renfroe and Katelyn Tidwell.

In the Finewool Lamb Show placing were: Class 1 - Wes McGuire-4th, Erik Carrizales-9th, Class 2 - Allie Black-8th and Wes McGuire 12th, Class 3 - Murphey Black-7th, Class 4 - Allie Black-6th.

In the Finewool Cross Lamb Show placing were: Class 1 - Lane Hale-2nd, Allie Black-5th, Class 2 - Murphey Black-3rd, Class 3 - Allie Black-5th, Class 4 - Kelbie Renfroe-1st.

Kelbie's first place Finewool Cross Lamb was crowned Grand Champion Finewool Cross of the show.

In the Medium Wool Lamb Show placing were: Class 2 - Kelbie Renfroe - 1st, Class 3 - Kelbie Renfroe-1st.

In the Medium Wool lamb show Kelbie Renfroe's Class 2 entry goes on to be crowned Grand Champion Medium Wool of the show.

Kelbie also won Grand Champion Lamb at the show.

In the Market Goat Show placing were: Class 1 - Katelyn Tidwell-8th and Trace Justiss-11th, Class 2 - Alex Hopper-12th, Class 13 - Katelyn Tidwell-5th.

Exhibitors were supported by numerous parents and grandparents. Congratulations to all exhibitors who participated.



Photo courtesy of Lone Star Images
KELBIE RENFROE (far right) won Grand Champion Lamb at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville. Kelbie also won Champion Cross Lamb and Champion Medium Wool Lamb. Also pictured is fellow 4-Her and friend Allie Black (middle).

Sonora brush control seminar to feature South African fire ecologist

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

A South African fire ecologist will be the featured speaker at the "Natural Brush Control Seminar" in Sonora.

The seminar will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station (formerly the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station) located 28 miles south of Sonora on State Highway 55.

This meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Winston Smuts Watts Trollope is a world recognized fire ecologist with Working on Fire International in Fort Beaufort, South Africa.

Born and bred in South Africa, Trollope studied at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg in 1959 where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture in 1962.

In 1971, he obtained his Master of Science degree in agriculture and then his doctorate in rangeland science in 1984.

His interest in fire ecology was kindled by Professor J.D. Scott at the University of Natal, who was one of the pioneers in fire research in South Africa.

During his university studies, Trollope concluded that fire was the most effective, practical and economic method of controlling macchia vegetation and was able to formulate burning programs that have been and are

continuing to be successfully applied throughout the mountain ranges of this region.

While studying for his master's, Trollope received international recognition by being invited to deliver a paper at the Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Congress on "Fire in Africa" held in Tallahassee, Fla., in 1971.

Attending this conference proved to be a turning point in his research career and fire ecology in South Africa, as it became apparent to me that Africa had completely ignored the effects of type and intensity of fire on the vegetation, having focused only on the effects of season and frequency of burning.

This realization led to an investigation, as part of his doctorate study, on the effects of type and intensity of fire on the grass and tree components of the vegetation in African savannas.

This research has resulted in a greater understanding of the role of fire in savanna ecosystems and a significant improvement in the use of fire as a range management practice for both domestic livestock systems and wildlife management.

Also during the seminar, Dr. Erika Campbell will also be presenting a breakthrough in identifying goats with higher physiological tolerances for juniper.

For more information, call Charles "Butch" Taylor at (325) 387-3168 or email angora@sonoratr.net.

Pecos River basin study continues with public meetings

By JERRY LACKEY
 San Angelo Standard-Times

Protecting the Pecos River Basin watershed has been an ongoing task over several years that will move into another phase next month when five public meetings will be held to seek comments from landowners across the sprawling West Texas region, said Steve Byrns, San Angelo-based Texas AgriLife Extension Service communications specialist.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service is the newly coined name for what used to be known as the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Byrns said the next phase will focus on maintenance and improvement of the Pecos River stream channel morphology, riparian vegetation, land use, salinity mapping, water inflows and outflows, aquatic habitats, historical perspectives and economic modeling.

"This is the second round of landowner public comments," Byrns said. "Comments made last year by landowners along the Pecos River have been incorporated in a revised version of the plan. The second draft plan will be discussed at the February

meetings."

The Pecos River Basin drains all or part of Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler counties.

"The project's objective is to facilitate a strictly voluntary, landowner-driven effort to maintain or improve the Texas section of the Pecos River as needed," said Will Hatler, Extension ecosystem science and management assistant at Stephenville and the project's coordinator.

Please see PECOS page 9

Public meetings on the Pecos River Basin watershed:

- Feb. 19 - 9-11 a.m., Civic Center, Pecos. 2-4 p.m., Community Center, Imperial.
- Feb. 20 - 9-11 a.m., Community Center, Iraan. 2-4 p.m., Crockett County Extension Office, 1301 Ave. AA, Ozona.
- Feb. 21 - 9-11 a.m., Dink Wardlaw Ag Complex, 300 E. 17th Street, Del Rio.

On the Net:

The draft plan for the Pecos River Basin, a summary of changes made and a condensed executive summary of the plan are available online. Go to: pecosbasin.tamu.edu.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Giants or Patriots? Tough decision

This week the world will be watching as a nearly-perfect team takes on one that has spent the last few weeks making comebacks.

The question is which one to route for?

Since the Dallas Cowboys messed up their chance to play in this year's Super Bowl, the choices are the New York Giants and the New England Patriots. What a dilemma?

There's the idea of cheering on the Giants, since they are this year's underdogs. Quarterback Eli Manning could lead his team in upsetting the Patriots chance for a perfect season, as well as earn his own Super Bowl ring to shove in big brother Peyton's face.

The win would also help the NFC, since the last time that conference won a Super Bowl

was 2003, when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeated the Oakland Raiders. That was also the last time Oakland had a good team.

Ah, wouldn't it be nice for the Giants to hush all those sports critics that keep bragging on the Patriots and their powerhouse quarterback Tom Brady.

Wouldn't it be nice to hear how the Patriots were ALMOST the perfect team this year BUT they couldn't win the Super Bowl.

That would put twist on things.

On the other hand, what's wrong with witnessing a perfect season? What's wrong with watching history?

Brady with his fourth Super Bowl ring, a 19-0 record and a new football dynasty all for the Boston team with a victory over

a NFC East rival that I usually hate to see win.

Part of me just can't bring myself to route for the Giants. It's unnatural as a Cowboys fan.

I also look at a Patriot victory as maybe a chance for Coach Bill Belichick to retire. I mean, what other goal can you accomplish after winning four Super Bowls and obtaining a perfect football season?

In 2005 I routed for the Patriots when they defeated the Philadelphia Eagles. What Dallas fan didn't? I mean no way could I route for the Eagles. Besides that was a close game, which made it more exciting.

Looking at the numbers on ESPN.com doesn't help either. Both teams are neck in neck on defense, and on offense the Patriots are ahead on total yards and passing, but the Giants have

a better rushing game.

The Patriots not only have Brady but also a line of receivers and tight ends willing to catch a pass at any moment.

On the other hand, the Giants have won their last 10 road games and they are the visiting team in the Super Bowl.

Ah, what a predicament for a fan of the game.

At least news on the Internet is predicting good commercials for this year, including one by Pepsi that will feature silence as part of a joke that originates from the deaf community. The going rate for the ads this year is \$2.7 million for 30 seconds.

Hopefully this Super Bowl Sunday will contain the three essential elements: good food, a good game and good ads.

Now, Giants or Patriots? I still have no clue.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Don't -Rope-A-Dope (Best Of)

Cowboys never have been too particular about what they threw their loop at.

History tells us that in the past old-time cowboys have roped non-domesticated beasts such as camels, buffalo, elk, polecats, razorbacks, timber wolves, wild turkeys, antelope, bears and the occasional law enforcement officer.

Although, I think you'd have to be related to yourself to be so simple-minded as to rope a cop or a bear. I'd imagine when a grizzly hit the end of your twine you wouldn't want to be tied hard and fast just in case the bear might want to follow the rope back to its source.

The modern day cowboy is no different. I've actually seen my friends toss their ropes in the direction of an ostrich, goats, dogs, cats and the occasional supplement salesman.

I feel like such a failure because the only exotic animal I ever got a loop on was a pig; not a wild pig but my sister's 4-

H project. Somehow I managed to get my grass rope in the hog's mouth and around both front feet.

You should of heard the screeching when I went to take my rope off. The pig made a fair amount of noise too.

A cowboy will tell you that they're just practicing when they rope wild game but I think they are showing off.

It's like when Indians used to count coup by touching their enemy. The biggest coup I've heard of was pulled off by a Texas cowboy who managed to rope a train.

That's right, a train! Not all cowboy targets wore hair or feathers.

My favorite author, J. Frank Dobie, told of Peckerwood Pete, a Texas lariat marksman who rode the brush country in the 1800's.

Peckerwood heard that the new railroad coming though the territory would have a "cow catcher" on it.

Seeking work, Peckerwood Pete asked the engineer on the T & P Railroad if he might apply for the "cow catcher" job.

The fun loving engineer saw an opportunity for a little excitement and told Peckerwood Pete that a tryout was necessary and if Pete could rope the train's smokestack going at full speed then he might get the job.

With perfect timing Peckerwood swung a big loop and managed to get it around the train's smokestack and then the fun began. Being a Texan, Peckerwood tied hard and fast. Pete's shadow was traveling 20 miles behind him when the cinch broke on his saddle.

I can only imagine what onlookers said when the train arrived at the next station with a rope around the smokestack dragging a saddle on the other end.

Texas, where the sound of ropes sings in the air, has always produced great ropers. A baby born there, boy or girl, has a rope put in its hands instead of a rattle. Even before they can walk they are heading and heeling from the seat of their baby carriage.

I was lucky to travel the great state for several years and in the process I learned to be wary of driving up to any ranch house

that had a steer head attached to a bale of hay in the front yard. I knew there were kids learning to rope in the vicinity and their marks would not be limited to dogs and chickens.

I shuffled around these places with my feet in constant contact with the ground so the little brush poppers couldn't forefoot me.

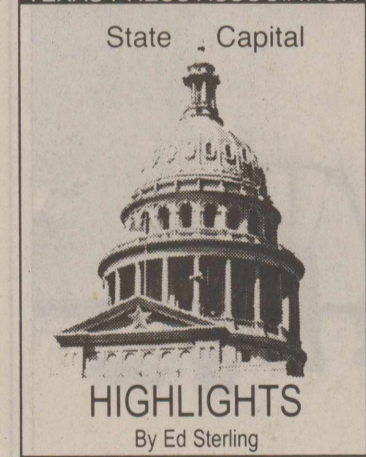
I called this walk of mine the "Don't-Rope-A-Dope Shuffle."

I remember driving up to one place near Post, Texas, that showed all the signs that some serious junior super-loopers dwelled there. No sooner had I got out of my car than two little boys about the age of five came running out from behind the barn shaking out their loops and looking for a snubbing post. I started doing my "Don't-Rope-A-Dope Shuffle" so both loops landed around my head, knocking off my hat and corking me in the noggin with their hon-das. Just then their papa yelled, "How many times do I have to tell you kids not to rope people but to just rope the dummy."

One of the little angels looked up apologetically and replied, "But Daddy, last night you said some dummy was coming out to look at our cattle."

Once again the ropes of the cowboys found their target.

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AUSTIN - The state House Committee on Elections met Jan. 25 to talk about allegations that there are some folks who pretend to be someone they aren't when they cast a ballot on election day.

Acting on a legislative interim charge, the committee is seeking to (1) determine if voter fraud exists in Texas, (2) explore ideas on what to do about it if it does exist, and (3) report back to the Legislature in January 2009 when election laws could be amended.

Elections committee chair Leo Berman, R-Tyler, asked if Texas, with its estimated 2 million illegal residents, might be in danger of massive voter fraud.

No testimony seemed to confirm such a danger, but there was testimony indicating that 150,000 or more of Texas' registered voters do not have photo identification.

The idea of a state or federal photo I.D. card that could be used to verify voter eligibility is being tested in Texas and

House committee ponders voter I.D. issues

elsewhere.

Voter I.D. legislation failed to pass in the Texas legislature's 2007 session, but the topic is still hot.

Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio, expressed concern that if voters are expected to produce a state photo I.D., such as a driver's license, some older voters in his district might not have the required photo identification, and could be disqualified at the polls.

Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, said there are reliable, published reports concluding that there is little fraud, but what there is of it mainly relates to mail-in ballots.

Kels Farmer, an auditor with the State Auditor's Office, reported a finding that 49,000 registered voters may have been ineligible to vote during the May 12, 2007, special election, because they were felons, duplicates or deceased. Those findings did not show that any of the 49,000 voted.

Jay Dyer of the Secretary of State's Office said half of the 49,000 voters on the roll mentioned by Farmer were duplicates caused by a computer error.

Dale Stobaugh, with the Forensic Document Section of the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime laboratory, said

thumbprints would be one way to curb voter fraud, as handwriting samples can be unreliable.

Travis County Clerk Dana DeBeauvoir said that in serving as elections officer in more than 100 elections over the last 21 years, she was aware of only one case of voter impersonation.

Tarrant County elections administrator Steve Rayburn said he has not seen any voter fraud in nine years.

But Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt said he had proof of 381 cases of voter fraud in his county, including dead people, a jailed felon and non-citizens who voted.

Anchia contested some of Bettencourt's assertions, but both men agreed that if the federal government would give county administrators access to the U.S. citizenship database, it would be easier to prevent voter fraud.

JUSTICE NAMED IN COMPLAINT

A citizen action group, Texas Watch, filed a complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission against Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul W. Green, alleging he used political contributions to pay for travel to and from his home in San Antonio on 272 separate occasions, violating state ethics laws.

MORE PHONE ACCESS FOR PRISONERS

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice approved a program to allow more than 100,000 Texas prison inmates regular access to a pay telephone.

Enabling legislation provides for the installation of one pay phone for every 30 eligible inmates. That's about 4,000 phones.

PERRY TALKS ABOUT STATE ECONOMY

Gov. Rick Perry spoke at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Business on Jan. 25.

He said the state economy is strong and expanding. But, he said, healthcare, how to pay for it, how much to provide, and how to succeed in business while doing so "is one of the most pressing issues of our times."

CRAB TRAP PROGRAM NEEDS HELP

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is calling for volunteers to help in the 7th Texas Abandoned Crab Trap Removal Program, Feb. 15-24.

During this 10-day period, all Texas bays will be closed to crabbing with crab traps and any traps left in the bay will be presumed to be abandoned and considered litter under state law, thus allowing volunteers to legally remove any crab traps they find.

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'Primitive' Olympics to be held at Seminole Canyon

COMSTOCK, Texas - The first ever Seminole Canyon Archeolympics will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at this impressive and heritage rich Texas State Park.

Here is your chance to put the primitive skills of our Texas ancestors into practice.

Hunt targets along a nature trail in the State Park, in the Atlatl Spear-thrower competition - as hunters did for thousands of years in this ancient area of Texas. Use a boomerang-like rabbit stick to hit moving and still targets representing small game in the Rabbit Stick competition, and see who will be the fastest to use a simple hand-drill to make a fire in the Friction-fire Race.

Event competition is for individuals and teams of all ages.

The teachers and experts from Shumla School in Comstock and at Seminole Canyon State Park have created an incredible day of experiences for visitors with an adventurous and competitive spirit.

There are registration fees for individuals and for teams, with fees being applied for awards and other expenses associated with the Archeolympics.

Registration forms and more details on the events scheduled for this unique Olympic event



Submitted photo

SHUMLA INSTRUCTOR NEAL STILLEY shows how to make friction fire rub. A Friction-fire race will be part of the first ever Seminole Canyon Archeolympics on Feb. 9.

may be obtained by calling (432) 292-4848, email jjohnson@shumla.org or visit the Calendar of Events at www.texaspedcostrail.com.

For more information on the sponsors of the Seminole Canyon Archeolympics visit www.shumla.org and www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

If folks want to camp at Seminole Canyon for the event,

they should make reservations by calling (512) 389-8900.

The state park only has about 30 campsites and they will rent quickly.

Lodging is available in surrounding communities of Del Rio and Sanderson.

The National Park Service at Lake Amistad has inexpensive primitive campsites, call (830) 775-7491.

Owens graduates from Angelo State

Darci Owens graduated magna cum laude from Angelo State University on Dec. 15, 2007.

She received a bachelors degree in animal science and will remain at ASU to pursue

her masters in food science.

Darci is the daughter of Rusty and Penni Owens of Big Lake and the granddaughter of Buck and Jan Owens of Barnhart.

Kressler named Citizen of the Month

Midland High School Senior Ashley Kressler was honored by the Midland Rotary Club as their Citizen of the Month.

Ashley is the daughter of Jerry L. and Elsa F. Kressler of Midland. She is also the granddaughter of Maclovio and Anadela Fierro of Ozona and the late Lawrence and Doris Kressler of Catawissa, Pa.

Ashley is a member of PALS, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. She is also an active member of St. Stephens Catholic Church and their peer and Life Team Ministry.

Ashley will be attending the



University of Oklahoma in the fall and major in chemical engineering.

'Share the Love' baby shower to help unwed mothers set for Feb. 14

"Share the Love" a community wide baby shower to help unwed teen mothers will be held from 4-6 p.m. Valentine's Day Feb. 14 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Refreshments will be served.

Items that are needed: formula, diapers, car seats, clothing, diaper wipes or whatever God places on your heart to bring.

The event is hosted by: Unconditional Love-a Christian ministry.

Happy Birthday

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Jan. 31 - Lexi Poindexter
Feb. 1 - Michael King, Ashley DeHoyos, Ernesto Borrego Jr. and Dlema Childress

Feb. 2 - Robert Ogle, Terry Dickerson, Gino Tambunga, Matilda Camarillo, Oriélinda Alaniz, Duncan Knox, Lalo Longoria Sr., Philip Dennis, Leland Wellman, Conner Holmsley and Josh Ramos

Feb. 3 - Andra Rossa, Raymon Cedilla, Blanca Martinez, Asia Dawn Lara, Kameron Ortiz and David Ray Casarez

Feb. 4 - John DeHoyos, Dottie Gonzalez, Ryan James Sanchez, Shelly Lechuga and Elizabeth Venegas

Feb. 5 - Jason A. Samarripa, Eddie Hale, Josh Long, Josh Tambunga, Jettie Adcock, Park Preddy, Abey Lara and Crystal Vasquez

Congressional representative to visit Crockett County today

Representatives of Congressman **Ciro D. Rodriguez**, D-San Antonio, will be hosting Congressional Mobile Office Hours from 9 a.m.- noon, today, 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.

For up to date information on upcoming events visit <http://rodriguez.house.gov>.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Congressional representative visit, 9 a.m.- noon at the courthouse annex.
- Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 11 a.m. at the Visitor Center.
- OHS Varsity Tennis Team at the West Texas Championships in San Angelo.

Thursday, Jan. 31

- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Feb. 1

- Deadline for applications for the "Building Connections" Leadership program, call the Extension Office at 392-2722 or the Chamber at 392-3737.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Van Horn, 5 p.m. at Van Horn.

Saturday, Feb. 2

- Groundhog Day

Sunday, Feb. 3

- Knights of Columbus "Super Sunday" fund-raisers, barbecue chicken from 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. and hamburger combos starting at 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Monday, Feb. 4

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

- Band Booster meeting, 5:45 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

- Ozona JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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

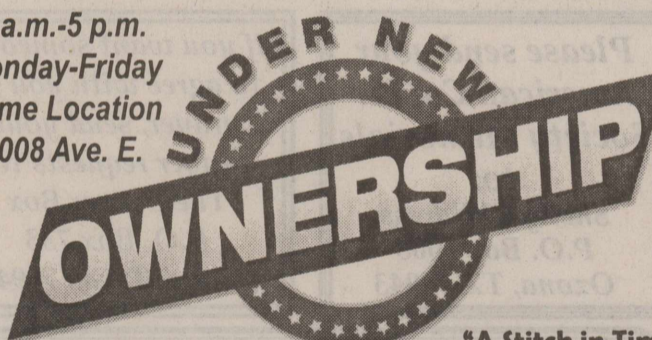
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OBITUARIES

Edith Deland

Edith Deland, 91, of Ozona, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 in the Crockett County Care Center.

Graveside service was Monday, Jan. 28, in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Deland was born Aug. 21, 1916 in Coleman County to George and Dillie Cullins. She moved to Ozona in 1937 and worked at the old Crockett Hotel. She married Ray Deland in 1938. He preceded her in death in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Deland of Ozona and Leslie Deland of Odessa and one sister, Melba Whiteley of Brownwood.

Kendrick Harrell

Kendrick Harrell, of Ozona, 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 one son, Jason Harrell of San Angelo; two daughters, Mandy Renee LeBlanc of Central Lake, Mich. and Lindy Jo Burkett of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; mother, Betty Harrell of Ozona; three sisters Betty Dawn Fish and Janet Sue McMurray both of Abilene, Texas and Terry Arlene Upchurch of Balmorhea, Texas.

Jimminat Dennis Womack 1955-2008

ABILENE - Jimminat Dennis Womack died Jan. 25, 2008 in Abilene, Texas. Jimminat was born Feb. 10, 1955 in Abilene and was the youngest son of Billy T. and Frances May Womack. Their home was in Baird at that time. Jimminat was the grandson of the late W.D. "Bill" and Tommy James Womack of Ozona. Jimminat was named after his father's good friends the late Jim Read and his brother Nat Read of Ozona with a combination of their names, and Dennis after his grandfather, Bill Womack's, middle name. Although Jimminat was born in Abilene and died in Abilene he never lived there until the last few months during his illness.

Jim graduated from high school in Wisconsin. After high school he served his country in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He then attended the University of Colorado at Denver and graduated with a degree in business administration. He was involved in directional and horizontal drilling programs for various oil and gas companies during his career including an assignment in Venezuela.

Jim married Peggye Elizabeth Hastings on Oct. 16, 1992. At the time of his short illness and death he was employed by Scientific Drilling Co. of Houston and assigned to a job in Parachute, Colorado.

Jim is survived by his wife Peggye of Abilene; his mother Frances May Womack of Houston; his brother Billy Tom Womack Jr. and his wife Thaneeya of Houston; his sister Donna Proffitt and her husband Steve of Lane, Kansas; his uncle and aunt Bob and Nita Womack of Littleton, Colorado; his cousins David and Eric Womack and their families from Colorado and Danny Womack and his family from Minnesota; his cousins from Ozona Ginger Perner, Mike Womack and Diane Womack and their families; and a great aunt, Babe Womack from Ozona.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Tom Womack who is buried in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

After his death, a quiet private family memorial service honoring Jim's life was held Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 in Arlington. At Jim's request he will be cremated. At a later date his ashes will be spread during a ceremony in Houston.

Please send your American Cancer Society Memorials to:
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Card of Thanks

A special thanks to everyone who donated and helped out with this year's Toys For Tots: Ozona Veterans, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Frank Tambunga and family, S&S Trucking, DCP Midstream, everyone who donated gifts at the stores Dollar General and Duckwalls, Linda and Scotty Moore, Fred Shepherd, Jane and Heather Thompson, Alysha Bullard, Donna Bell and Calib's, Freddie and Mikki Laja and Lauren Miles, Eddie and Helen Wall, Beth Gravell, Larissa and Stormy Bell, Jessica, Sheriff Fenton, David Lombrana, Kelly Buckner, Brian, Georgia and Blake Morrow, Thomas Morrow, Eddie, Sharon and Rebecca Martin, Bailey Bishop, Ryan Mason, T&C Village Market, Ozona High School, Circle Bar Truck Corral and the Ozona Stockman. God Bless you all!
Tom & Lou Morrow

Card of Thanks

A HEARTY THANK YOU to our 911 system! I found out on my recent trek to the ER, it really works! I don't remember much about the ambulance ride, except "68!" and my thanks go to Georgia, Sharon and Bailey who make up a terrific team. Also to Dr. Ike, Mary Lee and Rita, and whoever worked the lab. A special thanks to my pastor, John Collis, who stayed with me and took me home.
God Bless you all!
Mary Welty

Daphne June Meinecke Dochery is quite a Lady, And Guess What? She's Turning 80!

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Saturday, February 2nd, 2008
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Last week was very cold for West Texas. There wasn't much going on and we even had to cancel our last weeks evening Senior Bingo Social. The board decided that with a possibility of the moisture freezing, it would be in everyone's best interest not to have our social.

There is still no word as to when the Concho Valley Community Action will be here in February. When I spoke with Christine on Monday morning she reported that they still haven't received the money that has been budgeted for them by the state. C. V. Community Action is the organization that helps those who qualify with their utilities.

Our pool table is at last being used. Tom Seaton comes in every morning and shoots some

pool. Some of you seniors out there need to come out and join him. It is a good way to begin a morning.

Lupe Martinez and I plan to travel to San Angelo to attend the Concho Valley Chapter of Activity Professionals quarterly meeting on Friday, February 1. Attending this meeting will give us 6 clock hours CEU's.

Betty and Bob Hartley just finished another puzzle. Brenda Newton has been helping them and enjoyed this activity. Brenda has a system; she comes in for exercise and stays afterwards to work on the puzzle.

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

Come and "Walk Two Miles" with us Monday, Wednes-

day, 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. Marolyn Bean, Brenda Newton & Betty Fields are faithful about coming.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 pm 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, Charlotte Harrell, Liz Williams, Katharine Russell, Jean Odom, and Eileen Childress.

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

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

We had a great Activity Professional's week that included a luncheon and gifts in our honor. Benny Gibbs, our administrator, and all the department heads joined in our celebration and made us feel appreciated. We are ready for Valentine's Day, the day of love and friendship.

We are glad to see families that come to our resident's birthday's party. Thanks to Mrs. Lillie Tobar Payne for her beautiful birthday cakes.

Well our first month of the year is about to be over and done with. I am ready for old man winter to be gone and Hello, Spring.



BIRTHDAY GIRLS Margie Dorris and Anna Johnson celebrate during the Care Center's birthday party on Jan. 24.



OFFICE MANAGER MAGGIE GALVAN (right) and Accounts Manager Mel Ybarra (left) serve the complimentary bread cart at the Crockett County Care Center.

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<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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Library News by Louise P. Ledoux

Ozona featured in Texas Cave book

PUBLIC PERCEPTION HOW THE WORLD SEES US

"This was why the parking lot was full. People weren't there to read books - they were there to surf the Internet. I felt like Charlton Heston at the end of Planet of the Apes, finding out a hideous, unthinkable truth. I wanted to shout at the top of my lungs. 'You fools! The books are over here - throw down your mouse and keyboard and join me in an orgy of page-turning bliss!'"

- Andrew J. Schwartzberg, on discovering that more people came to the Chandler (Ariz.) Public Library to use the computers than to find books, in the Phoenix Arizona Republic, July 4, 2007.

50 YEARS OF TEXAS CAVING

CCPL is proud to announce the acquisition of a new Genealogy and History book with a section on Ozona and Crockett County.

The book, "50 Years of Texas Caving" by Carl E Kunath was donated by a past resident, Dr. Royce E. Ballinger.

This is a great addition to our collection and is a wonderful resource for local history and for information on the Texas Speleological Society.

The Ozona Speleological Society was active from 1957-1960 and hosted the TSS Convention in 1958 in Ozona. The three-day convention included exhibits and tours of local caves, sinkholes and caverns.

The largest in our area was Mayfield Cave, which is now the Caverns of Sonora.

Officers included Scotty Moore, Chairman; Mills Tandy, Vice-Chair; Royce Ballinger, Secretary/Treasurer; Joe Beekman, Trip Manager; Jonathan Burton, Committee Chairman;



Members of Ozona Speleological Society assembled at Red Top in Mayfield Cave about 1957. (L-R): Jim Burton, John Burton (with rope), Johnny Cooper (striped shirt), Bill Gibson (checked shirt), Scotty Moore, Ron Carnes, Mark White (without hat), Tommy Porter, David Sikes. *Royce Ballinger*
Inset (top): Royce Ballinger (L) and Lanny Brentz in Kincaid Cave. Notice the lighting equipment, footwear and camera gear circa 1957. *Scotty Moore or Mills Tandy*
Inset (left): Scotty Moore demonstrating current "state of the art" rope climbing apparatus in 1958. *Mills Tandy*

R. K. Wimberly, Faculty Sponsor and members Lanny Brentz, Jim Burton, Ronald Carnes, Johnny Cooper, Bill Gibson, Muggins Good, Donald McCaleb, James Pitts, Tommy Porter, David Sikes and Mark White.

These were special cavers since they were the only Grotto in Texas that was composed entirely of high school students. Out of a combined student body of just over 100, close to 20 percent were involved in the caving activities.

Their activities were featured in the school yearbook, Ayer, and was the theme for the 1957-1958 book.

Several were avid photographers and recorded their first explorations of many significant caves in the area, such as, Abyss Sinkhole, Montgomery Gypsum

Cave and O-9 Well. In addition, they had Mayfield Cave and Felton Cave practically in their backyards.

The Ozona Grotto was short-lived with the departure of key members to college and other pursuits, but many continued their caving activities with Royce Ballinger going on to be part of the Permian Basin Speleological Society and the San Angelo College Speleological Society before moving on to Austin and becoming active with the UT Grotto.

Be sure to come see this wonderful addition to the Genealogy collection.

It is gifts such as this that makes our Public Library continue to grow and provide access to the best information and resources for our community.

Free income tax preparation Feb. 23

Free income tax preparation will be available from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 23 at the 1st Community Credit Union at South Divide (State Highway 277) in Eldorado.

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By: David & Doreen Dotson

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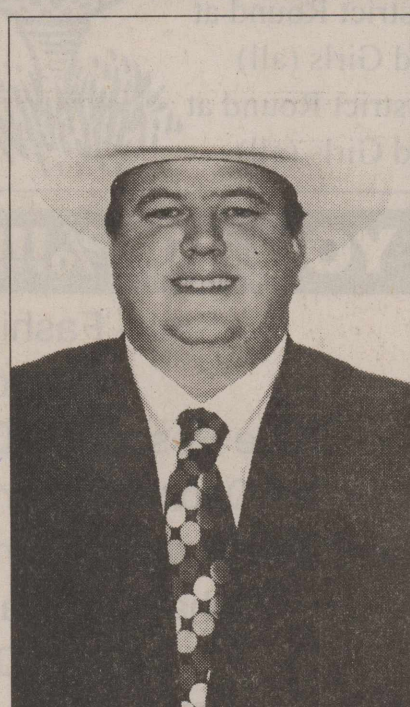
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Lions get second district win over Crane

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions defeated Crane 55-44 for their second district win on Jan. 22.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 15 13 17 - 55; Crane - 12 11 10 11 - 44.

Scoring: Steven Silva 11, Rylee Ramos 4, Justin Maldonado 22, Mark Tambunga 4 and Matt Turland 12. Also playing: Josh Smith, Gilbert Gomez, Randy Galindo and Tommy Longoria.

"This was a great win and moves us one step closer to our goal. We played well," said Coach Hollis Moore.

The Lions lost in a heart-breaker on Jan. 25 as Alpine defeated them 66-61 in overtime.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 15 17 17 - 66; Alpine - 9 18 15 17 - 66.

Scoring: Santos 7 (including one 3-point goal); Silva 12; Ramos 9; Maldonado 15; Tambunga 6; Turland 10 and Longoria 2. Also playing: Smith, Gomez and Galindo.

"We let one slip by that

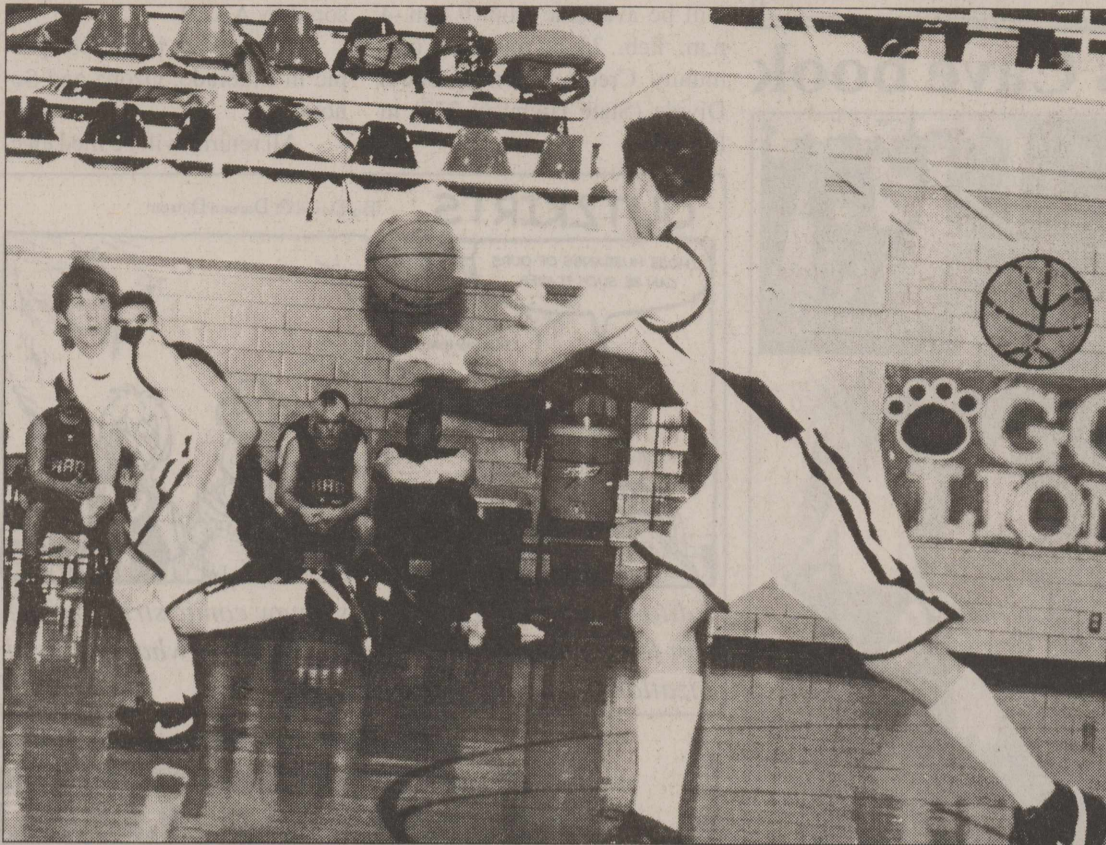


Photo by Joe Hernandez

RYLEE RAMOS (left) passes the ball to Matt Turland during the Ozona Lions game against Crane on Jan. 22. The Lions defeated the Golden Cranes 55-44. Turland had 12 points and Ramos scored 4.

we should have won. Alpine is a tough place to play in a very rowdy atmosphere. The boys played hard even though

we have been fighting of sickness all week. We have to keep working hard and get a win on the next one," Moore said.

The Lions are 15-7 overall and 2-3 in district play.

They will face Van Horn at 8 p.m. Friday at Van Horn.

Lady Lions struggle against Alpine, Crane

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions lost to Alpine, 48-27, on Jan. 25.

Score by quarter: Ozona - 7 6 5 9 - 27; Alpine - 15 5 14 14 - 48.

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 2; Melanie Miller 4; Celia Rivera 9 (including one 3-point goal); Alysha Lara 7; Alexa Cervantez 3 (a 3-point goal) and Morgan Glosson 2. Also playing: Melissa Miller and Vanessa Rodriguez.

The Lady Lions lost to Crane, 39-30, on Jan. 22.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 6 8 17 - 30; Crane - 11 10 9 9 - 39.

Scoring: B. Glosson 3 (a 3-point goal); Melanie Miller 8; V. Rodriguez 11; Rivera 6 (including a 3-point goal) and Cervantez 2. Also playing: Cristi Rodriguez, Lara, Melissa Miller and Chelsea Moore.

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

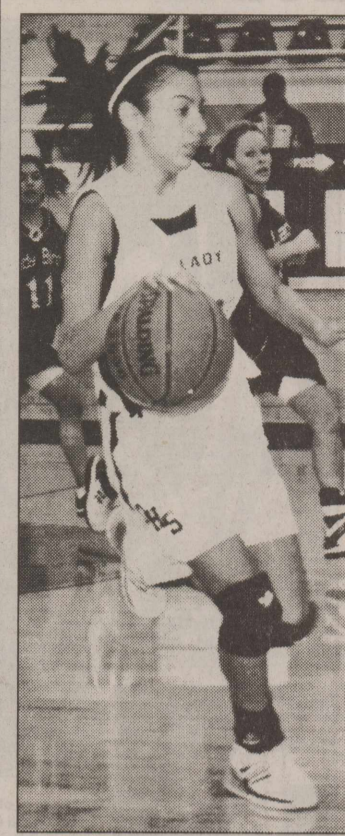


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VANESSA RODRIGUEZ looks for a teammate as she makes her way down the court against Crane on Jan. 22.

JV Lady Lions defeat Crane, fall to Alpine

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions defeated Crane 34-28 on Jan. 22.

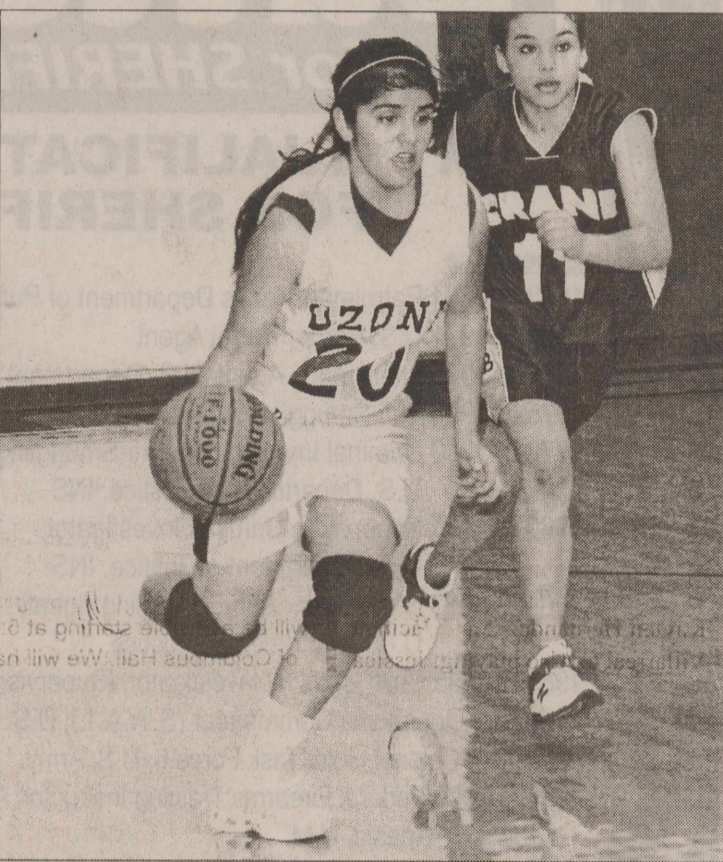
Scoring: Raelynn Arredondo 11; Kristen Mendoza 9; Jennifer Allen 6; Alex Macias 4 and Rebecca Ramos 4. Also playing: Makayla Badillo, Gabby Rodriguez, Kelsey Childress, Brenda Venegas, Alex Cruz, Clarissa Byciaga and Brandyn Tebbetts.

The JV Lady Lions lost a close match, 24-25, to Alpine on Jan. 25.

Scoring: Mendoza 6; Arredondo 6; Allen 5; Macias 3; Ramos 2 and Rodriguez 2.

The JV Lady Lions will take on Van Horn at 5 p.m. Friday at Van Horn.

Photo by Joe Hernandez
BRENDA VENEGAS hustles down the court during the JV Lady Lions game against Crane on Jan. 22.



JV Lions fall short to Alpine

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 12 13 12 - 49; Alpine - 14 7 15 15 - 51.

The JV Lions fell short to Alpine, 49-51, on Jan. 25.

Scoring: Abey Lara 8; Kyle Sewell 22; Bailey Badillo

4, Jose Aguilar 12 and Russell Komechak 3. Also playing: Richard Borrego.

The JV Lions play Van Horn at 5 p.m. Friday at Van Horn.

'Future Stars' basketball program enrolling girls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions Basketball Program is inviting all current fourth, fifth, and sixth grade girls to join the "Future Stars" Basketball Program.

Sign up will be Feb. 11, the first day of the program, at the OHS Davidson Gym.

The program will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday nights. The schedule is: Feb. 11 and 25; March 3, 7, 24 and 31; April 7, 14, 21 and 28 and May 5 and 12.

teach girls the fundamentals of basketball through drills and competitive activities.

Cost for the program is \$20 for all 10 days and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, call John Jackson at 392-5501 ext. 5220.

Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw Contest Feb. 17

The Ozona Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Free Throw Contest at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Ozona High School Davidson Gym.

The contest will be for students that are ages 10-14 boys and girls.

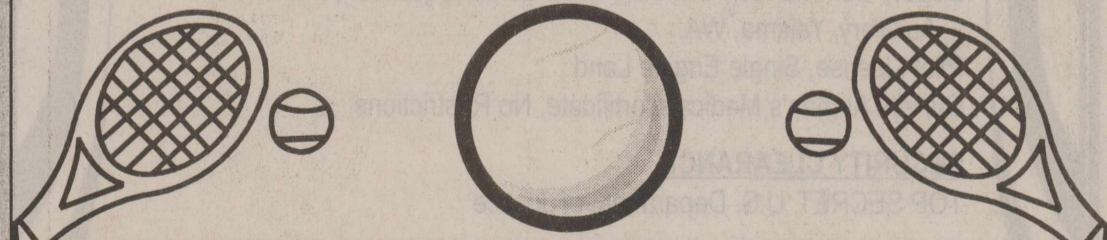
Contest sign up forms can be picked up the Ozona Intermediate and Ozona Middle School.

Contestants are able to sign up at the gym prior to the competition.

Contestants must be signed up or forms turned in before their age competition begins.

2008 Ozona High School Tennis Schedule

Jan. 30	West Texas Champ.	San Angelo	Varsity
Feb. 7-8	Lakeview Invitational	San Angelo	Varsity/JV
Feb. 14-16	Ozona Invitational	Ozona	Varsity/JV
Feb. 21	Central HS	San Angelo	Varsity
Feb. 29-March 1	Open		
March 7-8	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo	Varsity
March 14-15	State Team Tennis	Round Rock	Varsity
March 18	Reagan County Invit.	Big Lake	JV
March 20-21	Reagan County Invit.	Big Lake	Varsity
March 27-29	Mason Invitational	Mason	Varsity/JV
April 3-4	District Tournament	Big Lake	Varsity/JV
April 23-24	Regional Tournament	Abilene	Varsity
May 5-6	State Tournament	Austin-UT	Varsity



2008 Ozona High School Golf Schedule

- FEB. 15-16 - Ft. Stockton Invitational Boys "A"
- FEB. 22-23 - Ft. Stockton Invitational Girls
- FEB. 25 - Brownwood Invitational Boys "A" & Girls
- FEB. 27 - Crane Invitational Boys "B"
- MARCH 3 - Big Lake Invitational Boys "B" & Girls
- MARCH 7-8 - San Angelo Classic Boys "A"
- MARCH 10 - Sonora Invitational Girls
- MARCH 13 - Sonora Invitational Boys (A & B)
- MARCH 24 - Christoval Invitational at Bentwood Boys
- MARCH 25 - Ozona Invitational Girls
- MARCH 26 - Ozona Invitational Boys
- APRIL 2 - 1st 7-AA District Round at Ft. Stockton Boys and Girls (all)
- APRIL 7 - 2nd 7-AA District Round at Ft. Stockton Boys and Girls (all)



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Eighth Grade Lady Lions win Reagan County Tourney

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

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

The Lady Lions defeated Crane 21-16 for their only game in the tournament.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 5 11 3 - 21; Crane - 2 8 4 2 - 16.

Scoring: Alex Rodriguez 2; Adrienne Sanchez 4; Stacie Quiroz 8 and Maria Villarreal 8. Also playing: Natalie Hernandez, Nancy Rodriguez, Dalia Hernandez and Emalee Hamilton.

"The eighth grade team went to the winner's bracket of the tournament do to forfeit because of the weather. It was decided by losses against Iraan,

which was the team we were to play on Thursday night. We had the winning record against Iraan," said Coach Courtney Beck.

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions held on to defeat Crane, 28-23, on Jan. 21.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 10 5 6 - 28; Crane - 2 3 10 8 - 21.

Scoring: Kelbie Renfroe 1; Alex Rodriguez 7; Natalie Hernandez 2; Adrienne Sanchez 3; Stacie Quiroz 11; Maria Villarreal 2 and Nancey Rodriguez 2. Also playing: Gaby Gutierrez, Dalia Hernandez and Emalee Hamilton.

The Lady Lions are 11-2. They will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Big Lake.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

STACIE QUIROZ looks to score two points for the Eighth Grade Lady Lions against Crane on Jan. 21. Quiroz scored 11 points in the Lady Lions 28-23 victory. The team also placed first at the Reagan County Tournament this past weekend.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions lose to Crane, Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Reagan County, 11-23, in the Reagan County Tournament this past weekend.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 6 0 3 - 11; Reagan Co. - 6 2 7 8 - 23.

Scoring: Sabrina De La Garza 2; Cynthia Garcia 3; Elisa Trujillo 4 and Teslea Caperton 2. Also playing: Stephanie Cervantes, Sierra Trevino and Mayra Diaz.

"The seventh grade team went to the loser's bracket of the tournament do to forfeit because of the weather. It was decided by losses against Iraan, which was the team we were to play on Thursday night. Iraan had beat us both times we played them," said Coach Courtney Beck.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Crane, 14-22, on Jan. 21.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 6 2 6 - 14; Crane - 4 5 9 4 - 22.

Scoring: Sabrina De La Garza 2; Arleen Castillo 2; Cynthia Garcia 2 and Elisa Tambunga 6. Also playing: Trinity Collis, Italy Villarreal, Jessica Borrado and Katlyn Hernandez.

The Lady Lions are 4-6. They will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Big Lake.

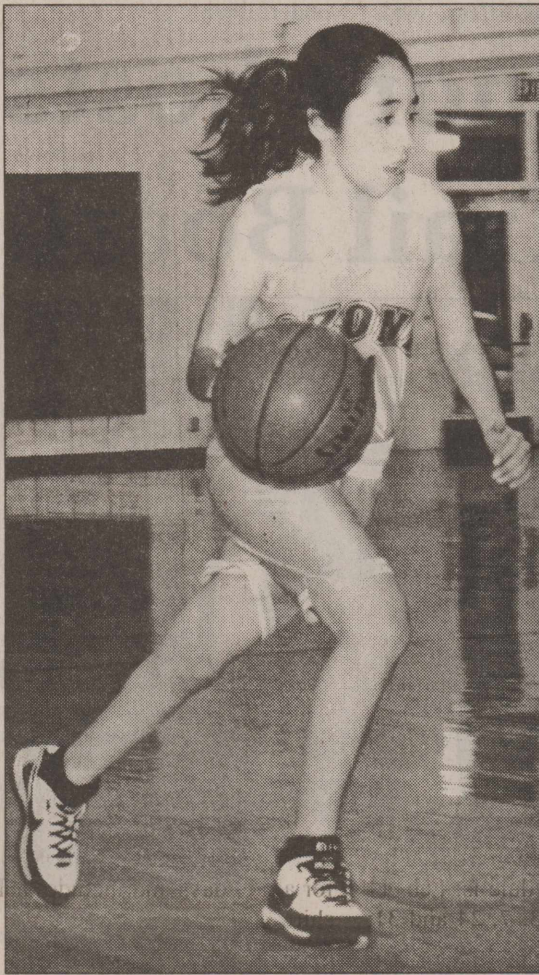


Photo by Joe Hernandez

ARLEEN CASTILLO drives the ball down the court for the Seventh Grade Lady Lions.

Eighth Grade Lions take third in tourney

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions took third place this past weekend in the Reagan County Tournament.

The Lions defeated Iraan 30-26 in their first game.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 8 4 10 - 30; Iraan - 6 0 8 12 - 26.

Scoring: Mark Gallardo 8; Ruben Galindo 14; Andy Trevino 4 and Austin Perez 4. Also playing: Kramer Hall, Steven Rubio, Alejandro Mendez, Luis Soto, Kent Fluth, Craig Fluth and Marty Moran

"We came out a bit slow and traded points back and forth in the first part of the first quarter, but we settled down and played some awesome defense holding Iraan scoreless for more than 10 minutes," said Coach John Esparza. "The second half we just could not hit a shot, but we were able to play some hard-nose defense and not let the lead slip away."

In their second game, the Lions defeated Crane 23-18.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 6 6 6 - 23; Crane - 6 0 2 10 - 18.

Scoring: Mendez 1; Gallardo 11; Galindo 5; Moran 1;

Trevino 3 and Perez 2. Also playing: Hall, Rubio, K. Fluth, Soto and C. Fluth.

"This was a great win for us. Crane was the only team to beat us in district play and the guys really wanted another shot at them," Esparza said. "We again used our defense to help get things started, but it was the ball movement and patience that allowed us to win. It was a good tournament and I proud of the way the guys handled themselves while we were there."

The Lions will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. Feb. 7 at the OMS Gym.

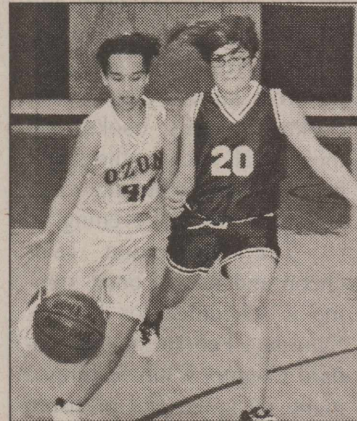


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JACINDA VILLARREAL tries to get around a Lady Golden Crane for the Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions 'B' Team falls to Crane

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team lost to Crane, 10-16.

Ozona - 2 8 - 10; Crane - 8 8 - 16.

Scoring: Trinity Collis 2; Kaylen Hernandez 2 and Jacinda Villarreal 6. Also playing: Jessica Borrado and Marley Tambunga.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Feb. 4 -
OHS Food Night,
7-10 p.m.

Feb. 5 -
OMS Food Night,
7-10 p.m.

Feb. 9 -
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Hamburger Combo 5.00 ea.

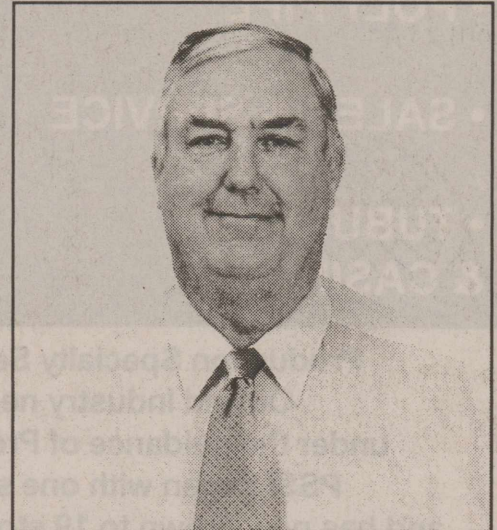
(Hamburger, Fries and Drink) will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 3rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We will have the Big Screen TV for anyone wanting to see the Super Bowl while they eat a Hamburger.

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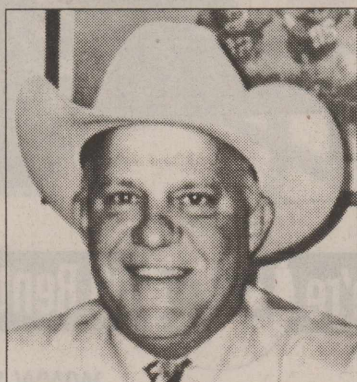
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Also featured at the celebration are Ann Thompson, widow of the late great Country/Western star Hank Thompson and James Peyton, internationally recognized chef, restaurant consultant, and cookbook author.

Two events are planned: A Champagne and Beer Reception and Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the ranch home of Jerry and Diana Baker. The gala reception will feature several recipes from James Peyton's four cookbooks. His books and those of all event authors will be available for purchase and signing during the evening.

The Celebration Luncheon and formal book signing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Menard Country Club features a menu designed and prepared by Chef Mike Hennessey and Sideoats Bakery and Café.

After lunch each author will address the diners and sign copies of their books. Books will be on sale at the Menard Country Club before and after the luncheon, beginning at 10:30 am.

Admission is by reservation only. Admission price is a suggested donation of \$50 per person for each event. A combination of one each for reception and luncheon is \$90 per person. Reservations are available through Marjorie May Russell at (325) 396-4621.

All proceeds benefit the building and operating funds for the Menard Public Library. All donations are tax deductible.

Conner receives Award of Merit

On Jan. 26, the Permian Basin District of Boy Scouts of America held its annual District Banquet in Ozona.

This year's District Award of Merit recipients were Melvin Conner from Ozona and Larry Trimble from Junction.

Their outstanding service to scouting and the community has helped to encourage all those around them.

Asking nothing in return for their service, these two gentlemen paved the way for others.

So it is with great pleasure that the Permian Basin bestow on them the District Award of Merit.

It was known from the beginning that neither one of these gentlemen where in the program for the recognition but rather for "the boys."

It is this great attitude that has made them both a success in scouting and a symbol of altruism.

It is due to volunteer hard work and time that Scouting is possible in the Permian Basin; so thank you to all the volunteers



Submitted photo
MELVIN CONNER receives the Permian Basin District's Award of Merit for his work with local Boy Scouts during their annual banquet on Jan. 26 at the Civic Center.

of the Permian Basin District for a job well done in 2007.

This year's 2008 District Banquet Chairmen was Linda Conner and her assistants, who

did a wonderful job in making the Permian Basin District Banquet possible.

Thank you so much for a wonderful job!

Historic Sonora hosts the Pecos Trail Board



By **KEITH GODWIN**
 Region Coordinator

SONORA, Texas - The year's first meeting for the new Board of the Texas Pecos Trail Region was kicked off by a warm welcome from the Honorable Mayor Gloria Lopez, and a tour of the renovated historic Sutton County Courthouse in Sonora on Jan. 15.

Sutton County Judge Carla Garner gave the 30-plus visitors attending the educational program tour an account of the restoration project for the Sutton County Courthouse, then the region's partners, board members and area wide civic leaders met for the popular networking luncheon, catered by Sutton County Steakhouse.

Sutton County is one of 22 counties that make up the Texas Pecos Trail Region, a non-profit program that supports communities in promoting preservation and heritage tourism as an important and wise investment in economic development.

Mary Ann Kay of Historic Sonora and Main Street Manager, introduced many of the local dignitaries like - Jim Polonis the City Manager, Max Howorth of SIDC, and one of the most valuable partners in historic preservation in Southwest Texas - Ms. Rosie Whitehead Jones.

After Betty Cash, the new TPTR Board Chair, enthusiastically thanked Sonora and Sutton



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TEXAS PECOS TRAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2008: Betty Cash, Shanon Biggerstaff, Sherry Phillips, Nancy Jenkins, Burr Williams, Ann Schneemann and Mary Ann Kay. The year's first meeting for the board was Jan. 15 in Sonora.

County for their support of the Pecos Trail Region program, she then introduced the new board members for 2008 that were in attendance before beginning the business portion of the board meeting: Vice Chair - Ann Schneemann from Big Lake; Past Chair - Shanon Biggerstaff of Ozona; Mary Ann Kay, Nancy Jenkins from Rocksprings, Sherry Phillips - Mayor of McCamey, and Burr Williams of Midland.

The Region's Coordinator Report given by Keith Godwin, revealed much of the progress and successes made in 2007, and the support for community projects and workshops planned in 2008.

Major programs for the future are the continued efforts to support the communities with their preservation projects for their historic and environmental destinations.

The Historic Old Sonora

Ice House Ranch Museum and Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary in Sonora, Mission Mary in Toyahvale, The Carmelite Monastery in Stanton, Del Rio's "oldest house," promotion of the 150th Anniversary of the Butterfield Overland Mail Stage; numerous tourism and preservation workshops and the much anticipated 20-plus pages of a full color Travel Guide for the Region top the list of the year's very full agenda.

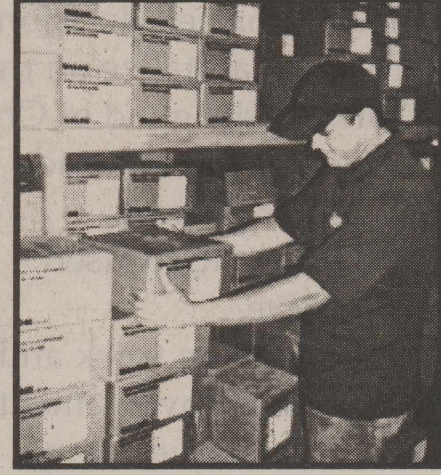
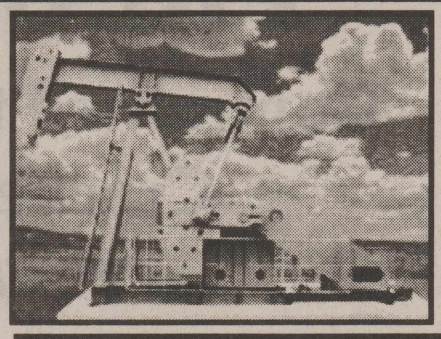
The next Board of Directors Meeting and Networking Luncheon will be March 13 in Fort Stockton.

For more information on the Texas Pecos Trail Region programs, traveling the region or on the area's activities, call the Region Coordinator, Keith Godwin at (325) 387-2927 or visit the resourceful website at www.texaspecostrail.com

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U.S. issuing passport alternative, applications available Friday

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Cards are expected to be available and mailed to applicants in spring 2008.

The passport card will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. The card may not be used to travel by air.

It will otherwise carry the rights and privileges of the U.S. passport book and will be adjudicated to the exact same standards.

The U.S. Department of State is issuing this passport card in response to the needs of border resident communities for a less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional passport book.

The card will have the same validity period as a passport book: 10 years for an adult, five for children 15 and younger.

For adults who already have a passport book, they may apply for the card as a passport renewal and pay only \$20. First-time applicants will pay \$45 for adult cards and \$35 for children.

A regular passport costs \$97 for adults and \$82 for children.

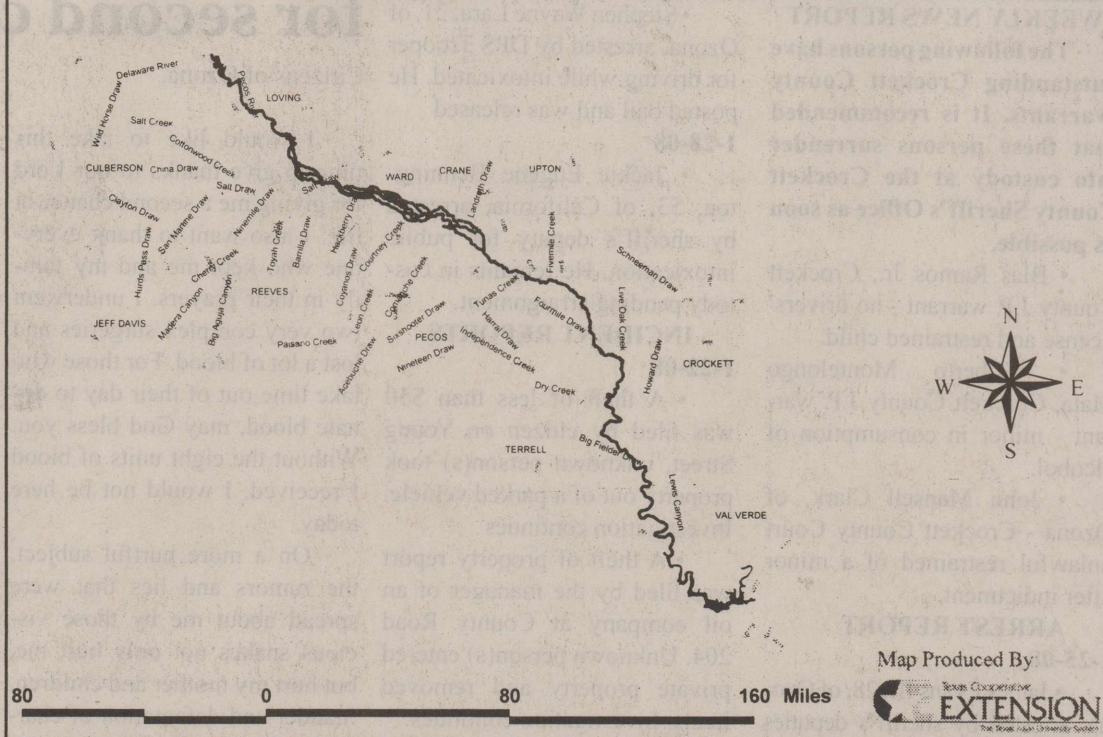
To facilitate the frequent travel of U.S. citizens living in border communities and to meet DHS's operational needs at land borders, the passport card will contain a vicinity-read radio frequency identification (RFID) chip. This chip will link the card to a stored record in secure government databases. There will be no personal information written to the RFID chip itself.

As of Thursday, Jan. 31, adults crossing U.S. borders by land or sea who don't already have passports must show both a government-issued I.D. card, such as a driver's license, and proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate.

Passport offices are located at the Sonora Post Office, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or at the main office in San Angelo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at 1 N. Abe St.

For more information, applications or forms, call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 or visit the U.S. Department of State at <http://travel.state.gov>.

Pecos River Basin



PECOS: Comments being taken through March 10

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He said landowner involvement is imperative for the success of the voluntary river management project.

Hatler encourages those who plan to attend any of the comment sessions to review one or both of the documents for background purposes beforehand. Comments can also be submitted on the project's Web site through March 10.

Byrns said a number of tasks are critical to identifying and evaluating potential problems and solutions. They include:

- Aerial photography, delineation and characterization - Dr. Charles Hart, Extension range specialist at Stephenville, leader.

- Historical water quality, irrigation delivery, rainfall, Red Bluff Lake levels and

groundwater monitoring - Mike Mecke, water resources specialist at Fort Stockton, leader.

- Aquatic life and habitat inventory, and identifying and characterizing volume and quality of tributaries and springs - Wayne Belzer of El Paso, specialist for International boundary and Water Commission, leader.

- Identify and characterize saline water sources entering the Pecos River, and simulate flow and salinity of the Pecos for evaluating river management options - Dr. Seiichi Miyamoto, professor of salinity management at El Paso's AgriLife Research Center, and Dr. Fasang Yuan, postdoctoral research associate at El Paso's Extension Center, leaders.

- Economic modeling of

Pecos River basin and assessment of saltcedar control activities - Bill Thompson, San Angelo-based Extension economist, leader.

Collaborators on the project include landowners, AgriLife Extension, Texas Soil and Water Conservation boards and districts, Texas AgriLife Research (formerly Texas Agricultural Experiment Station), Texas Water Resources Institute, and the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission.

Funding for the project is underwritten by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through the Environmental Protection Agency and grant money from the Clean Water Act.

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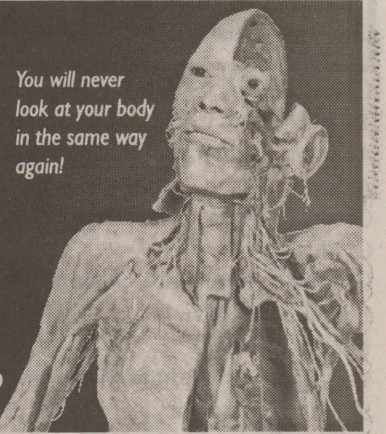
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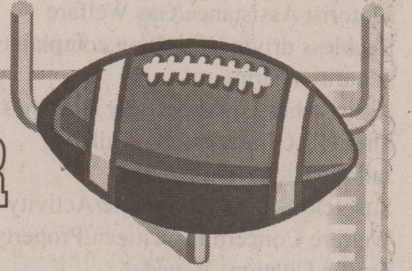
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Abandoned/impounded vehicles/property	1
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	13
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	8
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	27
Juvenile Complaints	4
Locked Vehicles	4
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	1
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	3
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	7
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	3
Security Alarms	1
Assist other Law or county Agencies	1
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	25
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	8
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	2
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	2
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	6

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.

ARREST REPORT

1-25-08
• James Evans III, 28, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputies on a U.S. Marshall's warrant for felon in possession of a firearm. He was transferred to Lubbock.

1-26-08
• Jesse Castillo Villarreal, 36, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated (felony) He posted bail and was released.

1-27-08
• Aldo Ivan Lujan, 31, of Presidio, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated - second. He posted bail and was released.

• Daniel Chavez, 18, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2oz and resisting arrest. He posted bail and was released.

• Stephen Wayne Lara, 21, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated. He posted bail and was released

1-28-08
• Jackie Eugene Bennington, 53, of California, arrested by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication. He remains in custody pending arraignment.

INCIDENT REPORTS

1-22-08
• A theft of less than \$50 was filed by citizen on Young Street, unknown person(s) took property out of a parked vehicle. Investigation continues

• A theft of property report was filed by the manager of an oil company at County Road 204. Unknown person(s) entered private property and removed items. Investigation continues.

1-24-08
• A criminal mischief report was filed by citizen on Avenue D. Known person intentionally damaged property. Investigation continues.

1-27-08
• A possession of marijuana under 2oz, and resisting arrest was filed by sheriff's deputy following a traffic stop at 500 block of 15th St. One subject was arrested at scene.

• A theft of more than \$1,500, but less than \$20,000 was filed by a company manager on Taylor box Road. Unknown person(s) entered property and removed oil equipment. Investigation continues.

Local woman grateful for second chance at life

Citizens of Ozona.

I would like to take this time to give thanks to our Lord for giving me a second chance at life. I also want to thank everyone who kept me and my family in their prayers. I underwent two very complex surgeries and lost a lot of blood. For those who take time out of their day to donate blood, may God bless you. Without the eight units of blood I received, I would not be here today.

On a more hurtful subject, the rumors and lies that were spread about me by those vicious snakes not only hurt me, but hurt my mother and children. Slander and defamation of character are not things that I take lightly, but even for you (and you

Letters to the Editor

know who you are) I will pray for you so that you can find more productive things to do with your time such as tend to your own families.

I would like to give a special thanks to everyone that visited and called me. You helped brighten each day. A very special thanks to Amanda Maldonado-Ortiz, Jill Owens, Sandra Borrego and Dora Pena for being here for me every day.

Sincerely,
Marissa Cordova
Ozona, Texas

Local EMS runs

JANUARY 22	JANUARY 26
• Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic	• Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic
JANUARY 23	JANUARY 27
• Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic	• Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic

Fire department runs

JANUARY 22	JANUARY 26
• 7:50 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, four miles west on Miller Lane assisted EMS with removal of injured. Two units and six fire fighters responded.	on County Road 204, Vaughn Field, 20 acres. Two units and four fire fighters responded.
JANUARY 23	JANUARY 27
• Motor vehicle accident at Interstate-10 and Taylor Box overpass, worked traffic control. Four units and five fire fighters responded.	• 4:17 p.m. - Grass fire seven miles west on State Highway 137, 600 acres. Nine Ozona units, two Big Lake units, three Barnhart units, three Eldorado units, three private water transports, rancher's blade, Crockett County blade, Crockett County water transport, private aircraft and 30 fire fighters responded.
JANUARY 27	
• 12:47 p.m. - Grass fire	

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New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Davidson -15- #166	Heart Land Drilling
New Tema Oil & Gas Co H	6100	Halle Black -3b- #1	Patterson Drilling A 161
New Final Natural Res	5500	Maggie Moore #1b	Patterson Drilling A 721

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New Highmount E&P Hdq	9750	Morris Brothers -C3- #2	Patterson Drilling A 39
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New O'Ryan Oil & Gas	5000	Wilson #8	Patterson Drilling A 42

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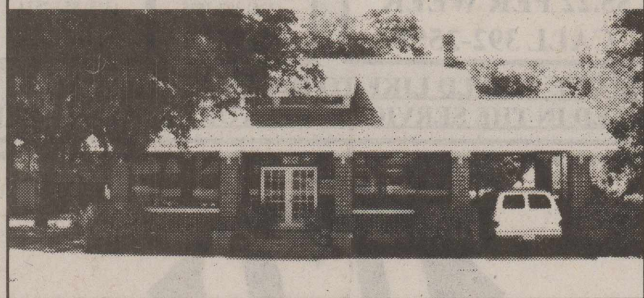
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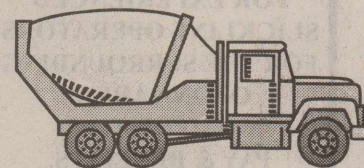
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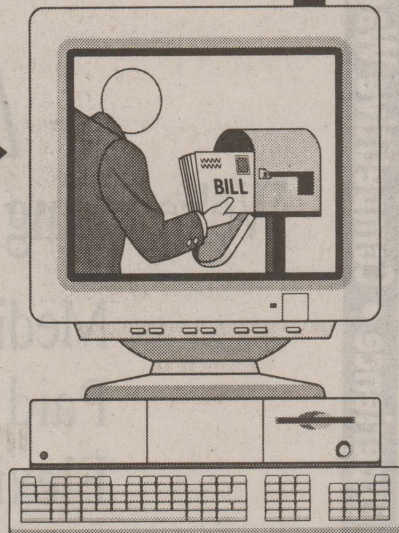
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