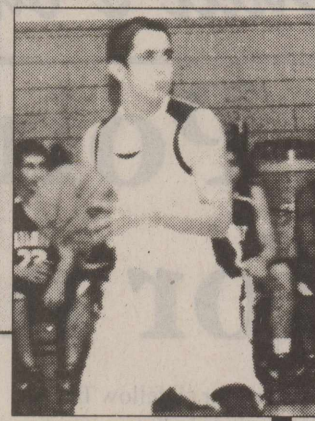


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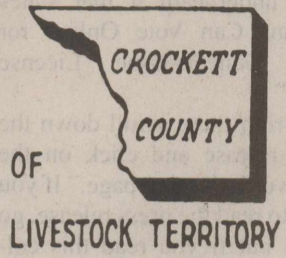


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Lions must win next two games for post-season berth

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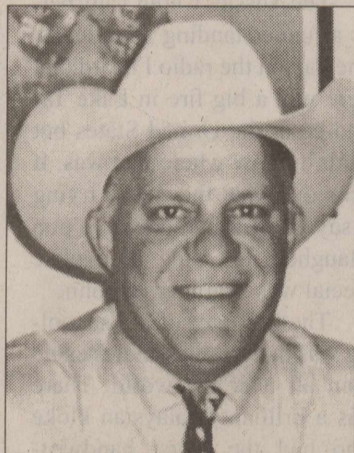
Q&A: Candidates running for Crockett County Sheriff

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I have served as the sheriff of Crockett County for the past 12 years and have worked at the sheriff's office in Crockett County for 21 years. I started as a jailer, was promoted to deputy in 1989 and elected Sheriff in 1997. I am a licensed peace officer and I hold an advanced certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. A person must be licensed by this agency to be a peace officer, constable, deputy or sheriff in this state.

I graduated from Ozona High School and I received my law enforcement training at the Concho Valley Law Enforcement Academy. I also hold a Master Certification as a county jailer. This is the highest level of certification that can be achieved as a State Certified Jailer. The Master Certification represents many hours of training and service.

I have been married to my wife Peri Leigh Fenton for 26 years and we have two children and one granddaughter. My son Koby recently graduated from Texas A&M University and now lives and works in Houston. My daughter Peyton and my granddaughter Shealeigh live in Abilene, Texas



SHANE FENTON
(Incumbent)

where Peyton attends Abilene Christian University.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I have 21 years of law enforcement experience in Crockett County working as a local peace officer. I have worked hard to meet the needs of the citizens and worked closely with our schools, churches and several organizations to accomplish a number of goals and projects important to them and to our community. I have worked in the county jail, on patrol as a deputy, and I possess experience in every facet of local law enforcement.

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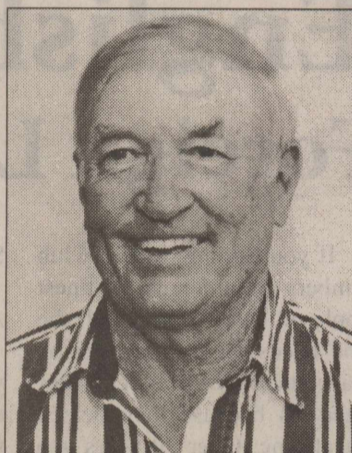
OCCUPATION: Retired Supervisory Special Agent, DOJ/INS

EDUCATION: Graduate of Ozona High School, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Law Enforcement at Laredo Junior College and Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice at Texas A&M International University

FAMILY: Married to Patricia for 32 years. We have four children, Mike Glenn, Glenda and Staci.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

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ROY GLENN SUTTON

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EXPERIENCE: Patrolman, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); U.S. Border Patrol Agent; Intel-

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RIVALRY ARE BACK

UIL places Ozona, Sonora in new District 4-AA

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

An old rivalry is back. The Ozona Lions will once again face the Sonora Broncos in a district game for the next two seasons.

The UIL announced the new district realignments on Feb. 1. Ozona was placed in the new District 4-AA which has Alpine, Reagan County, Crane, Kermit, Presidio and Sonora.

"It's always nice to have Sonora in the district. The kids always look forward to playing them," said Athletic Director Matt Gutierrez. "This is kind of what we were hoping. You can never expect anything in the UIL when they are doing realignment."

Also a new addition, Presidio, located about 260 miles from Ozona, dropped from Class 3A to 2A. The enrollment range for Class 2A was 200-429 students.

"I'm excited to stay with the schools we've been with. It's a competitive district and that is what we need," said Superintendent Abe Gott.

Presidio does not play football but the Lions and Lady Lions will have to face the Blue Devils and Lady Devils in cross country, basketball, track, baseball and softball.

Ozona's farthest town to travel to in their current district was Van Horn.

Van Horn dropped to Class 1A and was placed in a district with Iraan, Marfa, McCamey and Wink. Van Horn is around 230 miles one way from Ozona.

"Travel is basically the same. Presidio is a little bit further than Van Horn, so we will be leaving 30 minutes earlier," Gutierrez said.

However, travel to Van Horn was an easy route down Interstate-10.

To get to Presidio, buses will have to travel to Alpine, Marfa and then down a lonely 67 miles on U.S. Highway 67 to Presidio. Travel time, one

DISTRICT 4-AA

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Crane
Kermit
Ozona
Presidio *
Sonora
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way to Presidio, is estimated at four hours.

In football, the Lions longest road trips will be to Alpine (175 miles one way) and Kermit (180 miles).

"In football we will save some money traveling but it will be spent for the other sports," Gott said.

The first day of football conditioning, with no contact equipment except helmets for football, was set by the UIL as Aug. 4. The first day of contact was set at Aug. 8.

Football scrimmages may be held Aug. 16 and Aug. 21. The first game will be held Aug. 29.

Tentative non-district games scheduled are against Harper, Iraan, Wall, Brady and McCamey.

Other area realignment changes included 27 schools across the state dropping from Class 2A to 1A, including area schools Junction and Mason. Enrollment range for Class 1A was 199 and below.

Junction and Mason are now in the new District 29-A which also includes Christoval, Eldorado, Menard, Irion County and Rocksprings.

In Class 2A, Wall and Grape Creek will continue to be district rivals as they were aligned in the new District 7-AA with Ballinger, Coahoma, Colorado City and Tuscola Jim Ned.

Also in Class 2A, Bangs, Brady, Coleman, Comanche, Dublin, Early and San Saba now make up the new District 8-AA.

For more information, visit www.uil.texas.edu.

Early Voting: Feb. 19-Feb. 29

Primary Election Date: March 4

Next week: Commissioner Precinct 3 Candidates



Allie and Murphey Black crowned champions at Fort Worth



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ALLIE BLACK (far right) won Reserve Champion Finewool at the 2008 Fort Worth Stock Show. Also pictured: (left to right) Cassidy Wilkinson, Macie McCollum, Kelbie Renfroe and Murphey Black.

By SUSIE BISHOP
County FCS-Agent

Crockett County 4-Hers participate in the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo last week.

Allie Black placed 1st in the Finewool middle weight class, 10th in the Finewool Cross middle weight class and 4th with her heavy weight Hair Sheep.

Allie's 1st place Finewool middle weight lamb went on to win Reserve Champion Finewool.

Murphey Black placed 1st in the Finewool Heavy weight class, 1st in the Finewool Cross middle weight class, and 1st with his middle weight Hair Sheep.

Murphey's 1st place middle weight Finewool Cross went on to win Reserve Champion Finewool Cross.

Kelbie Renfroe placed 3rd with her Finewool heavy weight lamb, and 7th with her heavy weight Finewool Cross.

This week 4-Hers will head to the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Keep up the hard work Crockett County.



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MURPHEY BLACK (far right) won Reserve Champion Finewool Cross at the 2008 Fort Worth Stock Show. Also pictured: (left to right) Macie McCollum, Cassidy Wilkinson, Kelbie Renfroe and Allie Black.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Point, click to vote for new license plate

It's time for all fellow Texans to exercise their right to vote - for a new state license plate.

Yes, as citizens take time to vote for a new president, we as Texans can take this week and vote for a new state license plate.

The Texas Department of Transportation is conducting a weeklong vote at <http://www.txdot.gov> that could decide whether Texans keep the current plate or choose one of four new, fancier designs.

The new plate will come out in 2009.

Whatever Texans choose, the new plates will add a seventh digit because the state is running out of six-digit combinations, said Rebecca Davio, TxDOT's director of vehicles, title and registration.

By law, the Texas Transportation Commission

must approve the state's general-issue plate. TxDOT officials believe commissioners will pick the plate that Texans endorse.

The four new choices are:

- **New Texas.** This red, white and blue plate features a composite of skylines from several Texas cities at the bottom and the word "Texas" in black script at the top.
- **Traditional Texas.** This plate features blue highlights and a stark, white background with a gold Texas star at the bottom and a bold, red "Texas" in capital letters at the top.
- **Lone Star Texas.** A white star stands out in the top left corner along with wide brushes of red and blue against a large Texas sky. A low-lying mountain range runs along the bottom.
- **Natural Texas.** The plate is covered with wildflowers.

For the purposes of the vote, TxDOT named the current plate "My Texas."

The state's plate design hasn't changed much over the years.

For most of the 20th century, Texas stuck with black-and-white plates, followed by blue and white in the 1970s. In 1986, they became red, white and blue.

Except for the occasional appearance of a small Texas flag in the 1990s and today's design that features a space shuttle and a cowboy, there's been little in the way of splashy graphics.

After reading about this, I logged on to the www.txdot.gov site and voted.

It was easier than the regular voting we get to do on March 4.

When the web site comes up, look down for the headline

"News" and then click on the story underneath it that states "Texans Can Vote Online for New General-Issue License Plate."

From there scroll down the press release and click on the blue words "voting page." If you want to read the press release, go ahead but if you read this column then you read the release.

Next, a screen with the pictures of the choices pops up.

You can then click on the one you like and hit submit. The next page tells you what design has received the most votes so far.

The neat part is you can click on the home page, and go through the process again. I voted for "Natural Texas" 10 times.

Final results will be released by TxDOT at noon on Monday, Feb. 11, when the voting closes.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

English As A Foreign Language

If you ask me, Rotary Club members are amongst the finest people on earth. Besides all the good deeds they do the reason I have such a deep affection for Rotary is because they helped educate me. Over 30 years ago Rotary International made me a Rotary Graduate Fellow, enabling me to pick any university in the world in which to study as a postgraduate. All expenses paid. For a destitute young man who had never been out of the country this was a very big deal.

As a result of studying about all the animal breeds in college I'd always wanted to go to that part of Great Britain where most of the important farm animal breeds were developed. So I selected what I thought was a university in the United Kingdom and a month later I got a letter from Rotary informing me that I'd been accepted and was all set to attend the University of New England, in Armidale, New

South Wales.

Which I later learned was in Australia, not England!

You know how some things you think are terrible at the time end up being among the best things that ever happened to you? Well, this was one of those times.

In addition to the school year Rotary would have paid for six months of language training if I needed it but since I'd be going to another English speaking country I figured I didn't need it. Boy, was I ever wrong. In retrospect I needed at least three years of language training to prepare for Australia. For the first two months my wife and I were there I hardly understood a word. I asked for a napkin at a fancy banquet and everyone thought it was hilarious that I wanted a babies diaper to wipe my face. I asked who they were rooting for at a cricket match and offended everyone.

The Aussies weren't any better at understanding Americans. One day on the radio I heard that there was a big fire in Lake Tahoe in the United States but I didn't know where that was. It turns out what they were trying to say was Lake Tahoe. In a pub I laughed that their blue plate special was veal Farmer John.

The best part of my schooling was that my classmates came from all over the world. There was a brilliant Malaysian bloke who had the worst handwriting I'd ever seen. It turns out he was trying to learn how to write with his right hand because left-handed people in Malaysia were frowned upon. Another brilliant student, this one from India, surprisingly failed an essay test because his pencil broke and no one sharpened it for him. (He was from a higher caste and was above such things.)

One Malaysian friend in Australia had been to America on a Rotary youth exchange while still a young boy. He lived with several families while in the U.S., including one ranch family who raised a variety of livestock. This was difficult because my urban friend was not used to being around animals.

He could speak some English but that's not what his hosts appeared to be talking. He thought a cow pie was something you ate and was relieved when somebody "let the cat out of the bag." He wondered why anyone would have put it in there to begin with. My friend was frightened the entire time he was on the ranch and his hosts never understood why until years later when he recalled a phone conversation he'd had with his parents back in Malaysia. He called up his parents and begged them to come and get him.

"But why?" the Malaysian parents asked. "Aren't your hosts nice people?"

"Yes, very nice. I just need to get out of here before they sell me."

"Sell you? What on earth are you talking about?" asked his parents.

"They buy and sell their children here," the youngster shockingly replied.

"What?" his parents yelled in tandem. "Whatever gave you that idea?"

"Because I heard them say they're selling some of their kids next week at the auction and if they get enough money for them they might buy a Billy."

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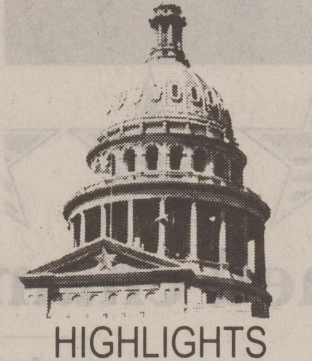
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas Education Agency announced Jan. 25 its plans to add security measures in administering the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Random test monitoring, seating charts and scrambling the order of field test items on exams are among more than a dozen steps to be taken this school year, said Education Commissioner Robert Scott.

Some steps are supposed to make TAKS tests more resistant to cheating.

Other steps are designed to provide more information that can be used in investigations if allegations of testing irregularities arise.

One measure, for example, is to ask students in grades 9, 10 and 11, prior to taking tests, to sign a statement promising not to cheat.

TAKS measures reading at grades 3 through 9; writing at grades 4 and 7; English language arts at grades 10 and 11; math-

Education agency to initiate TAKS anti-cheating measures

ematics at grades 3 through 11; science at grades 5, 10 and 11; and social studies at grades 8, 10 and 11.

Satisfactory performance on TAKS at grade 11 is a prerequisite to a high school diploma.

PANEL TO FOCUS ON ACCOUNTABILITY

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick jointly appointed members to the Select Committee on Public School Accountability.

SB 1031, passed last year during the 80th session of the Texas Legislature, required the creation of the select committee.

SB 1031 also changed the state's method of assessing high school student performance by moving from high-stakes exit-level tests to end-of-course examinations.

Committee appointees, who will study the issues and work on ways to achieve the goal of SB 1031, are: Math teacher Susan Lewis, Northside Independent School District, San Antonio; Principal Dalia Benavides, South Elementary School, Midland Independent School District; Superintendent David Splitke, Lackland Independent School District, San Antonio; Superintendent Thomas Randle, Lamar Consolidated Indepen-

dent School District, Rosenberg; and Deputy Superintendent Beto Gonzalez, Brownsville Independent School District.

Also, Ron Steinhart, former CEO, Bank One Commercial Banking Group; Salem Abraham, president and owner, Abraham Trading Co.; Sandy Kress, Commission for College Ready Texas; and Larry Kellner, chairman and CEO, Continental Airlines.

And, Rep. Rob Eissler, co-chair; Sen. Florence Shapiro, co-chair; Education Commissioner Robert Scott; Higher Education Commissioner Raymund A. Paredes; Rep. Diane Patrick; and Sen. Tommy Williams.

CENSUS BALLPARKS NO. OF VOTERS

The U.S. Census Bureau on Jan. 31 released its annual estimates of the voting-age population in each state, so the Federal Election Commission gets a clearer picture.

Figures do not reflect citizenship status or voting eligibility.

Estimates for Texas are:

- Total number of residents, 23,904,380;
- Total population age 18 and older, 17,281,014;
- Percentage of population age 18 and older, 72.3.

In 2004 in Texas, 687,615

voters, or 4.27 percent of the voting age population, voted in the March Republican primary; 839,231 or 5.22 percent of the voting age population turned out for the March Democratic primary.

VOTER STATUS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Texas Secretary of State's new "Online Voter Central" allows voters to check their registration status from their computers.

Texans who registered to vote using their driver license can check their status by supplying their driver license number and date of birth, or they can enter their Voter Unique Identifier, a code on their voter registration card, to check voting status and find polling locations.

Feb. 4 was the deadline to register to vote in the March 4 primary elections.

GOV ISSUES DISASTER PROCLAMATION

Gov. Rick Perry issued a state disaster proclamation for 152 counties in response to wildfires.

The Jan. 30 proclamation allows affected counties to be eligible for state assistance.

Perry urged Texans to be extra cautious as conditions across the state remain favorable for wildfires to develop.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

This week we will offer something new here at the Senior Center. We will be staying after hours on Thursday, Feb. 7. The building will be open from 6-9 p.m. Joe and Tina Moran have volunteered to keep the building open. You can play pool, work on puzzles, play dominoes, watch TV (videos or DVDs), read books, magazines, use the computers (we have four and two are on the Internet), drink coffee and enjoy the fellowship. You can bring the game of your choice and bring a friend.

We have the neatest oval, wooden table that Betty and Bob Hartley set up here to work puzzles. It beats using a square table and looks very nice. We all thank you, Betty and Bob.

I am sorry to write that a strong supporter of the Senior Center passed away. Filiberto Sanchez died Jan. 31 and we send our condolences to his wife Armenta and all of his family. Filiberto will be sorely missed. He was so friendly and always parted with "God bless you" and

it was straight from his heart. Dilly Dockery celebrated his 80th birthday Saturday at the Senior Center. She enjoyed seeing her family and many friends who came to celebrate with her. Congratulations to you Dilly Dockery and we wish you many more birthdays.

Lyndon and Laurie English just returned from a wonderful few days in New York City. They saw all the sights and even remembered the puzzle people by bringing them a new puzzle to put together. Thank you both.

If you happen to have extra 2008 calendars we are needing some to take to the people who are shut in. If you bring them to the Senior Center we will deliver them with their meals.

There is still no word as to when the Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here in February. These people help those with their utilities.

Last week, I wrote about Tom Seaton using the pool tables here at the Senior Center. When I asked if he saw his name in the paper he said yes, but asked me to use his name as "Texas T."

Lupe Martinez and I trav-

eled to San Angelo to attend the Concho Valley Chapter Activity Professionals quarterly meeting on Friday. Attending this meeting earned 6 CEUs.

We still have 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.

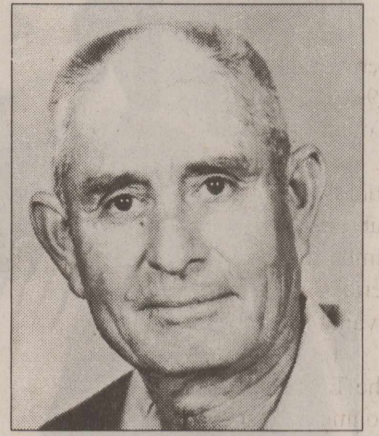
Come and "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel energized for the day. Marolyn Bean, Brenda Newton and Betty Fields are faithful about coming. This week Norma Carson and Janet Moore joined the group.

Monday and Thursday is bridge players day at 1:30 p.m. These ladies come in all smiles, bringing snacks and enjoy each other's company. Playing last week were Sandy Bebee, Dorothy Friend, Celia West, Charlotte Harrell, Liz Williams, Katherine Russell, Jean Odom and Eileen Childress.

OBITUARIES

Filiberto Sanchez

Filiberto Sanchez, 80, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008. He was born on Feb. 4, 1927 in Port Arthur to Ventura and Teresa Sanchez. Services were held Monday, Feb. 4, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by Preddy Funeral Home. Filiberto worked as a janitor for Ozona schools for seven years. Later he honed his skills as a carpenter and worked with his brothers, Jesus and Jose in the carpentry business.



He was an active member of OLPH Catholic Church where he was Hall Director for over 21 years, the Cursillistas where he was a Professor of the Cursillo Movement for over 15 years. Also, he was a Knight of Columbus for over 40 years, St. Joseph Society, and Las Comunidades de Base.

Filiberto enjoyed sharing his wisdom with others. Daily he would go to his ranch to feed his goats which he jokingly called his "muchachos." Filiberto and Armenta worked together to clear the land, build a house and barns.

Filiberto married Armenta Martinez on May 25, 1950. They would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this year.

Filiberto was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jesus C. Sanchez.

Survivors include his wife, Armenta Sanchez of Ozona; his daughter, Jill, and son-in-law, Randy De Hoyos of Cedar Park, Texas; one stepson, Joe Martinez and daughter-in-law, Sharon of Lubbock, Texas; five grandchildren, Hector De La Garza III and wife, Bertha of Glendale, Ariz.,

Coby De La Garza of Cedar Park, Texas, Joe Martinez Jr. and wife, Christi of Grand Prairie, Texas, Lisa Franks and husband, Jason, of Arlington, Texas and Joshua Martinez of Lubbock and four great-grandchildren, Hector De La Garza IV and Kristina De La Garza of Glendale, Jensen Franks and Jaelyn Franks of Arlington. His siblings knew him as "Guero." Those surviving are three brothers, Jose C. Sanchez and wife, Teresa, of Ozona, Adam C. Sanchez and wife, Isabel of Colton, Calif., Valdemar C. Sanchez and wife, Dolores of Pearsall, Texas; five sisters, Socorro Cantu and husband Raul of San Antonio, Oralia Rojas of Fontana, Calif., Sister Eva Sanchez of Mexico City, Mexico, Maria Elena Sanchez of Wharton, Texas, Maria de la Luz Martin and husband, Robert of Pomona, Calif. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were nephews: Robert Flores, Oscar Flores, Shayne Fuentes, Donald Higginbottom, Mario Cantu, David Cantu and Timmy Sanchez. Honorary pallbearers were Cursillistas and Knights of Columbus Council #8572.

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director



MARGIE DAVIS (right) gets some help with her bubble gum blowing from Ryan Ramos at the Crockett County Care Center.

As we approach the new month, love is in the air. His love endures forever. It amazes me and we are so overwhelmed with it.

Everything we do, our volunteers who always help out and our great staff and administrator dedicating their time and efforts. They back up our activities all the way.

Anna Yruegas donated Valentine bingo prizes.

We had a bubble gum blowing bubbles contest. Residents participating. We had some winners. They won a prize and enjoyed chewing gum and remembering their childhood days blowing bubbles.

Saturday we had a beautiful and wonderful day. We celebrated with the Dockery family and friends for Mrs. Dilly's birthday.

We got tips from Mrs. Dilly on how to stay so young looking. She says just be happy and smile a lot.

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Card of Thanks
Thank you for all the prayers and the blessings. Eddie is doing well.
Eddie, Helen, Diane, Alva & Oscar and the rest of the family.

Card of Thanks
We would like to give our sincere thanks to Dr. Sims and staff and Dr. Anderson and nurses at Shannon Medical Center. Also, a big thanks to Rick and Johanna De Hoyos for being there at a moment's notice. Next, thanks to all our friends and family for the prayers, phone calls, food, cards and for being there in our time of need. We are blessed to have such a supportive community. May God bless you all and keep you in His care.
The Filiberto C. Sanchez Family

Card of Thanks
To all the folks who helped with the grass fire January 27, 2008, on the Double T Ranch pasture adjacent to State Highway 137, eight miles NW of Ozona, a Big THANK YOU!!! Your prompt response, unselfish teamwork, and determination while dealing with unfavorable conditions contained the blaze to a relatively small area with minimal damage. Thanks especially for using the gates and not the fence cutters.
Sincerely, Art Roane Double T Ranch

Card of Thanks
I would like to take an opportunity to express our gratitude from the Mitchell family to all the individuals who came to our aid during the recent fire at the Lazy 2 Ranch. During the fire, things were very hectic and I am afraid that we may have overlooked someone's efforts to come along side of us to protect the ranch. A very special thank you to the men and women of the Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona Volunteer Fire Departments for their efforts in containing the fire. We would also like to thank the Sutton County, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation for their efforts to keep everyone safe on the roads. Thanks to these companies for sending their equipment and employees to our aid; High Mount Oil Gas Co., Smith Brothers, Texas Energy, Meador Construction, Location Builders and the Glover Co. It was very humbling to have so many friends and neighbors who came to help Wylie and Austin during the days following the fire. We are very blessed to have each of you in our lives.
Lisa Mitchell

THE LITTLE BEGGAR BOYS

I have run into them in most of the foreign countries that I have been in and they follow you down the street asking for money. They will hold out their hand and say, "Give me money!" I have encountered some that were very polite and humble but others that were very rude, demanding and insulting. I stop and take time to tell them about Jesus and how much He loves them and I also go on to tell them that it pleases Him when we try to work for money and not beg. I will give them some little task, pay them well, and thank them. The Bible says that man was created to work, for example, in the garden of Eden, Adam was to cultivate the ground, (Genesis 2:15). Making a living may not always be easy, (Genesis 3:19). The Bible goes on to say we are to work and so is our sons and daughters, (Exodus 20:9&10). We will be rewarded according to how we have worked, (Psalm 62:12). Sluggards, (people who refuse to work) are to go without food, (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Paul chastised some Christians for not working and just gossiping, (2 Thessalonians 3:11). He also encouraged Christians to lead quiet lives and work so they would not have to go around bumming off of others, (2 Thessalonians 3:12).
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>
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<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>
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<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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Alternative to landfill permit discussed

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

An alternative to a landfill permit was discussed during a Jan. 29 special meeting of the Crockett County Commissioners Court.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the county could purchase a tub grinder to turn the leaves and limbs collected into compost material. The compost can then be available for the public to use.

If the county goes this route, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality would not require the county to obtain a Class IV landfill permit for the

collection of leaves and limbs at the recycling center.

Several examples of tub grinders were presented by County Road Maintenance Superintendent Eddie Moore. Prices for the grinders ranged from \$130,000 to \$260,000 with life expectancy to be around 10 years.

Cost to obtain the permit could take two and a half years and cost the county up to \$250,000, plus the additional cost of having to hire an engineering firm to help obtain the permit.

Right now, the county is hauling off the leaves and limbs at the mercy of communities in the area

in taking them, Moore said.

"It looks like we are going to have to end up paying for something," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga. "We might just have to go out there and look up for bids on our own tub grinder."

The possibility of approving the advertising for bids on a tub grinder is expected to come at the next commissioners meeting on Monday, Feb. 11.

"We just don't want to buy anything, we need to buy something that will fit our needs," Deaton said. "This will suffice our needs if we do this right."

The commissioners also approved Chase McPhaul as the new Crockett County Extension-Ag Agent, as per approval from the Texas Extension Office.

McPhaul, 24, is originally from Big Lake. He attended Howard College in Big Spring and graduated from Texas Tech University.

The final plat for Erby Chandler Industrial Subdivision #4 was also approved by the commissioners.

The commissioners' next monthly meeting will be at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the courthouse annex.

E-mail The Stockman at publisher@ozonastockman.com


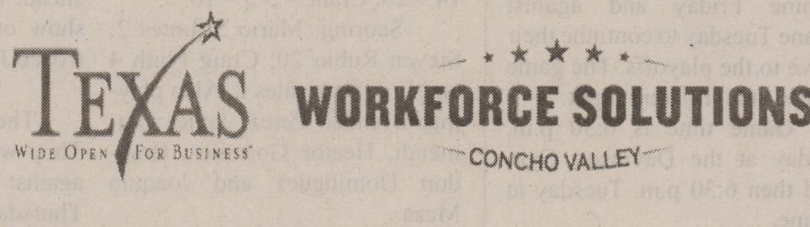


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Chamber of Commerce February Activities

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has partnered with several agencies in an effort to educate the community and local businesses about available services. All three meetings will be hosted at the Visitor Center Conference Center located at 505 15th Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.: a public meeting giving local citizens and business owners an opportunity to hear and ask questions about services provided to Crockett Crockett. Shannon Cantrell of the Office of the Governor of Economic Development and Tourism will visit Ozona to share available services as well as take questions. Shannon Cantrell will discuss, 1) creative ways to market a rural airport, 2) provide examples of effective websites marketing airports of similar size of Ozona, 3) Skills Development Program, and 4) Enterprise Zone Program. Chandra Eggemeyer of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will discuss, 1) TDA loan programs available to ag and non-ag related businesses, 2) the now combined Go Texas and Texas Yes program which provides funding to businesses producing Texas made products and funding to promote local events, 3) community business and retention expansion plan and 4) funding available for local businesses for infrastructure (sewer, water, utilities). **For more information, call 392-3737.**

Friday, Feb. 22, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Workforce Solutions, Concho Valley C.A.R.E.S. and the Ozona Chamber are inviting local employers to attend an Employer Training Luncheon. **There is no cost for the lunch but attendees MUST RSVP at 653-2321 ext. 1247 or 392-3737.** Legal questions will be answered about "Substance Abuse in the Workplace." How to legally approach the issue, is it legal to randomly test employees, effective methods to reduce substance abuse in the workplace.

Thursday, Feb. 28 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Chamber membership educational luncheon, catered by Tia's Café, \$8.50 per person. Guests are welcome, all attendees **MUST RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 393-3737.** Randy Verner, USDA Rural Development Manager will speak about business and industry guaranteed loans. He will discuss whose eligible and how much is available. Purpose of these loans are to assist businesses with acquisitions, construction, expansion, repair, modernization or development costs, to purchase equipment or machinery, start-up costs and working capital.

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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

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electronically that day. An appointment is necessary. To make an appointment, or for more information, call Patsy at 853-2574.

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Lions take two steps closer to playoffs

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

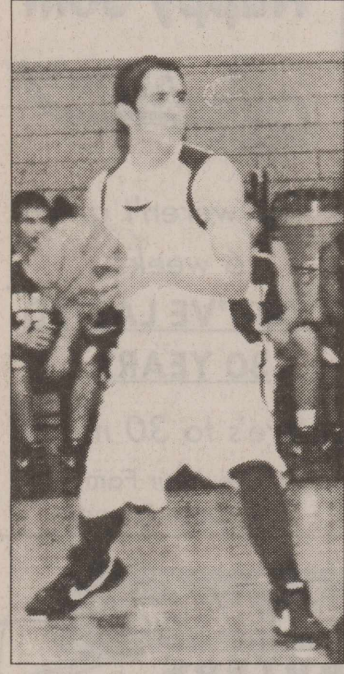


Photo by Joe Hernandez
TOMMY LONGORIA looks to a varsity Lion teammate in their 55-51 win over Kermit.

The Ozona Lions improved their playoff hopes last week with district victories over Kermit and Van Horn.

The Lions defeated Van Horn 55-51 on Feb. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 11 21 15 - 55; Van Horn - 6 14 10 21 - 51.

Scoring: Josh Santos 9, Steven Silva 10, Rylee Ramos 11, Justin Maldonado 9, Mark Tambunga 7, Matt Turland 7 and Tommy Longoria 2. Also playing: Josh Smith and Gilbert Gomez.

"This game brings us one step closer to our goal of making the playoffs. It was obvious that we had spent four hours on a bus because of our slow start, but the kids came out in the third and fourth and took care of business. We let them hit a couple of 3's late in the game to bring it close but never lost control of the game," said Coach Hollis Moore.

The Lions defeated Kermit 58-52 on Jan. 29.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 13 11 21 - 58; Kermit - 7 13 10 22 - 52.

Scoring: Santos 7; Silva 13; Ramos 8; Maldonado 18; Tambunga 3 and Turland 9. Also playing: Smith, Gomez and Longoria.

"This was a big win for us to knock off the second place team in our district, we played well through out the game and never let them close beyond six points," Moore said.

The Lions are 17-7 overall and 4-3 in district play.

The Lions must win against Alpine Friday and against Crane Tuesday to continue their drive to the playoffs. The game is also senior parent night.

Game time is 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gym and then 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Crane.

Eighth Grade Lions 'team effort' stops Iraan

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions defeated Iraan 31-16 on Jan. 28.

Score by quarters: Ozona 9 8 5 - 31; Iraan - 2 4 6 4 - 16.

Scoring: Mark Gallardo 7; Ruben Galindo 7; Andy Trevino 8; Alejandro Mendez 6; Kent

Fluth 2 and Luis Soto 1. Also playing: Kramer Hall, Steven Rubio, Erik Carrizales, Adreil Zamarripa, Austin Perez and Marty Moran

"This was one of our most complete games all year. We played tough defense all night, did a great job blocking out and not allowing them many second shot opportunities. It was a com-

plete team effort. I am so proud of the way we were able to finish the game the way we started, with solid defense and great ball movement," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions are 9-2 overall and 7-1 in district play. They will play against Reagan County in their final game at 5 p.m. Thursday at the OMS Gym.

Eighth Grade Lions 'B' Team stomp Crane

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions "B" Team defeated Crane 28-10 on Jan. 21.

Score by quarters: Ozona 14 14 - 28; Crane - 5 5 - 10.

Scoring: Mario Sifuentes 2; Steven Rubio 20; Craig Fluth 4 and Erik Carrizales 2. Also playing: Brendan Perez, Javier Otamendi, Hector Gonzales, Brandon Dominguez and Joaquin Meza.

"These young men played hard and have really come together as a team. They were able to play some outstanding defense which led to fast break opportunities, and they were able to control the clock when they were ahead. They really put on a great show of basketball skills," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions are 3-0 overall. They will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. Thursday at the OMS Gym.

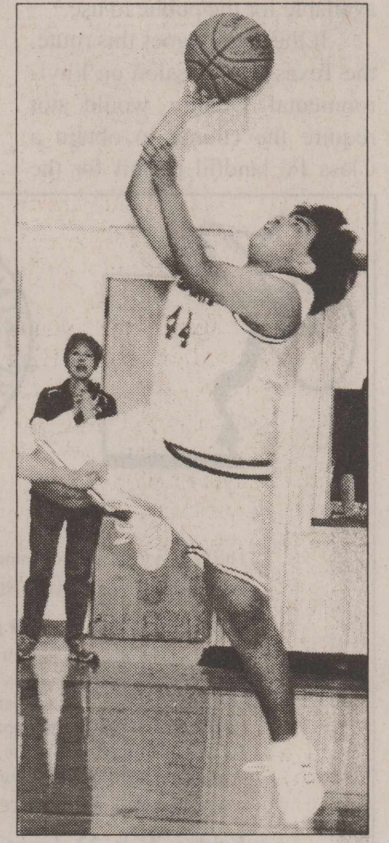


Photo by Joe Hernandez
BRANDON DOMINGUEZ goes up for a lay-up to score two points for the seventh grade Lions. No other information on the game was available at deadline.

Lady Lions get district win over Van Horn

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions defeated Van Horn, 50-36, on Feb. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 12 15 10 - 50; Van Horn - 2 8 9 17 - 36.

Scoring: Cristi Rodriguez 2; Melanie Miller 9; Vanessa Rodriguez 2; Celia Rivera 17; Alysha Lara 11; Alexa Cervantez 8 and Melissa Miller 1. Also playing: Brandi Glosson and Morgan Brandon.

"We played really well and never let up. We shot well from the floor with Celia Rivera going 8 for 8 from inside the 3-point line. That was fabulous and I hope that it will build some confidence for the team," said Coach John Jackson.

The Lady Lions lost to Kermit, 39-73, on Jan. 29.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 6 16 13 - 39; Kermit - 18 17 22 16 - 73.

Scoring: C. Rodriguez 2; Melanie Miller 8; V. Rodriguez 4; Rivera 7; Lara 12 and Cervantez 6. Also playing: B. Glosson, M. Glosson and Melissa Miller.

"We got off to a real slow start, but played a close game in the second half. They only out-scored us by nine points compared to 25 points in the first half," Jackson said. "We just need to realize that we can play with anybody if we match the other team's intensity and cut down on the turnovers."

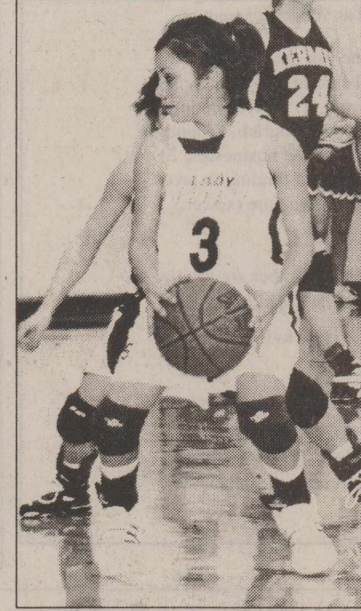


Photo by Joe Hernandez
CRISTI RODRIGUEZ looks to pass to a varsity Lion teammate in their game against Kermit.



CUATRO JONES passes the ball to a teammate in the seventh grade Lions game against Iraan.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions slam dunk Iraan

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Iraan 23-16 on Jan. 28.

Score by quarters: Ozona

- 6 4 5 8 - 23; Iraan - 6 2 3 5 - 16.

Scoring: Alex Rodriguez 2; Adrienne Sanchez 6; Stacie Quiroz 10; Maria Villarreal 2; Nancy Rodriguez 3 and Emalee Hamilton 2. Also playing: Kel-

bie Renfro, Natalie Hernandez and Dalia Hernandez.

The Lady Lions are 12-2. They will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. Thursday at Big Lake.

JV Lions fall short to Kermit, Van Horn

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions lost to Van Horn, 34-42, on Feb. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 9 5 13 - 34; Van Horn - 14 5 12 11 - 42.

Scoring: Abey Lara 18; Kyle

Sewell 5; Bailey Badillo 2; Russel Komechak 2; Jose Aguilar 6 and Eric Talamantez 1.

The JV Lions also lost to Kermit 68-35 on Jan. 29.

The JV Lions will play against Alpine at 5 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gym and Crane at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Crane.

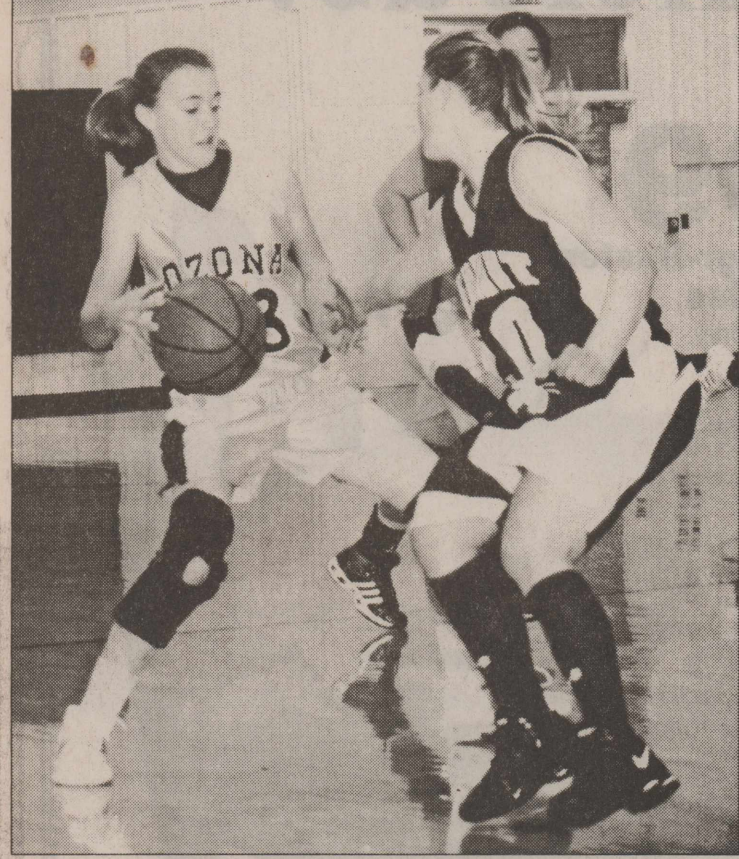
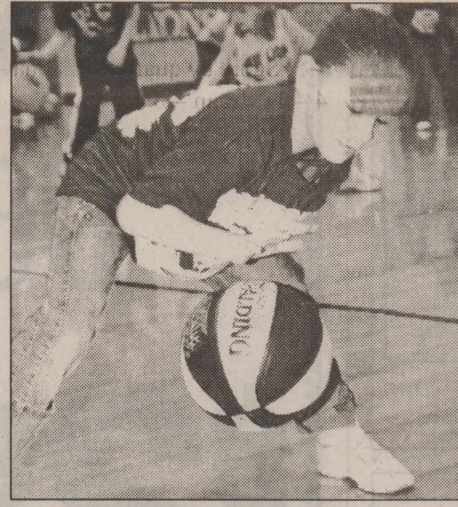
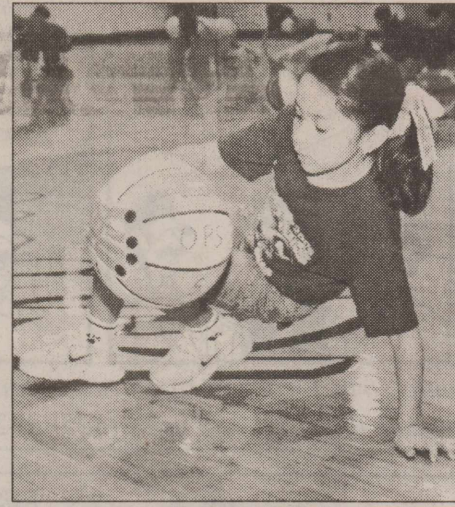


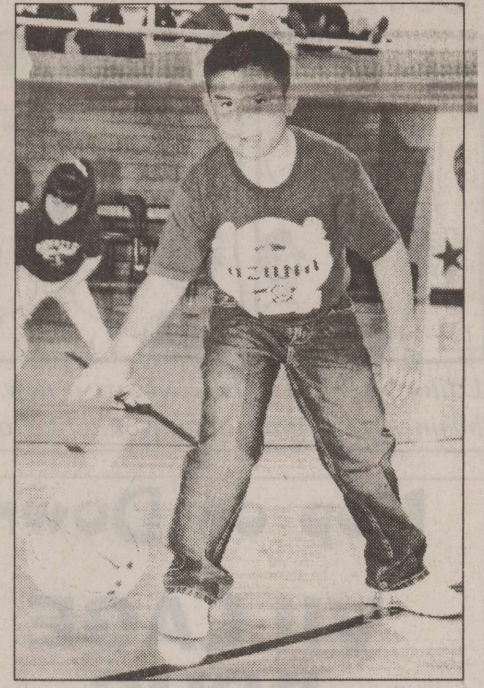
Photo by Joe Hernandez
JENNIFER ALLEN maneuvers the ball while avoiding a Kermit Lady Yellowjacket in their Jan. 29 game. No other information on the game was available at deadline.



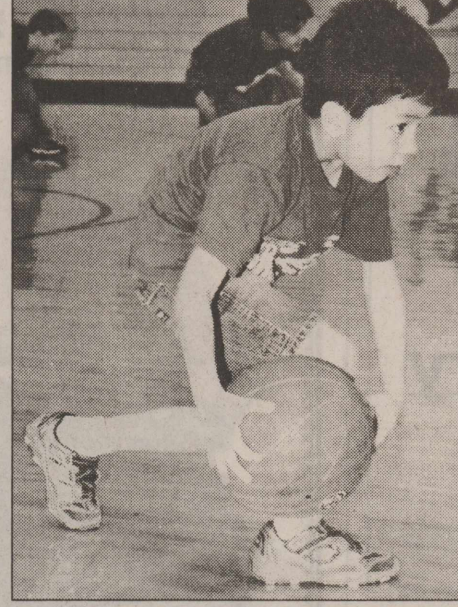
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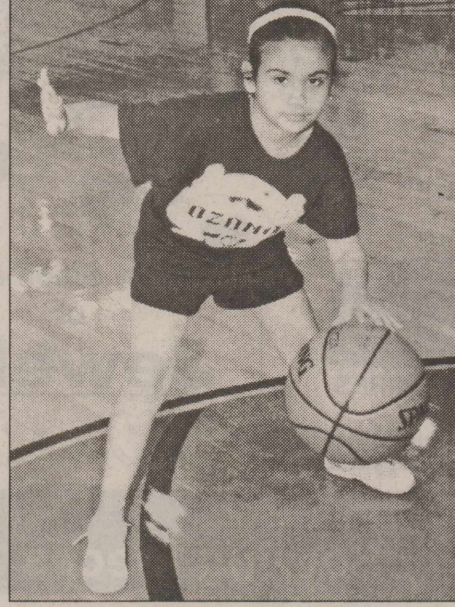
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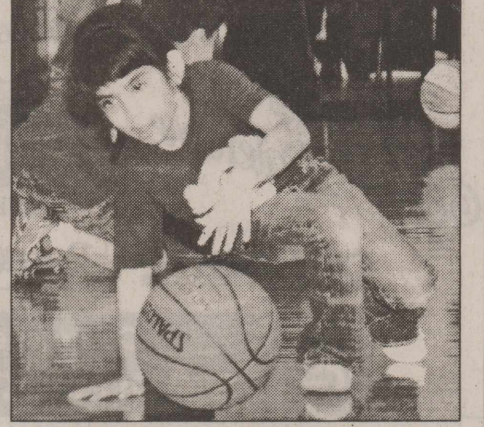
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Second grade dribblers entertain the crowd during half time of the varsity Lion's game on January 29. Photos by Joe Hernandez

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Computer science team wins big at Lubbock

By CATHY ENGLISH
Computer Science Teacher

The Ozona High School Computer Science team had a very exciting and successful trip to Lubbock on Jan. 18 and 19.

The team took four members for this trip: Puja Bhakta, Ethan English, Heather Thompson and Lane White.

This was our first opportunity to compete at Lubbock Coronado High School, where the students took a 45 minute multiple choice computer test.

This particular test was developed by a different author than the usual UIL-based tests the students use in practice. This gave everyone a chance to try out some different strategies and skills as they traced through the problems in the test.

Once again, the young people showed that Ozona High School students are champions! When the test results were announced, our students held 1st place through 4th place.

This meant that our team won the computer science contest, scoring high enough to beat 4A and 5A schools.

Individually, our students placed as follows: Ethan English - 1st, Lane White - 2nd, Puja Bhakta - 3rd and Heather Thompson 4th.

While at the meet, the students also competed in several other contests, winning individual honors in many of those.

Puja Bhakta competed in the 12th grade contests, placing



Submitted photo

MEMBERS OF THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM (left to right) Coach Cathy English, Puja Bhakta, Heather Thompson, Ethan English and Lane White placed first as a team and finished in the top four as individuals at the Lubbock meet on Jan. 18 and 19.

3rd in Calculator, 6th in Number Sense and 7th in Mathematics.

Ethan English competed in the 11th grade contests, placing 5th in Mathematics and 6th in Number Sense.

Later that afternoon, the students were scheduled to compete at a programming contest at Texas Tech University.

However, at the last minute, this contest was cancelled due to technical problems at the university. It was disappointing, but our students handled the change in plans with true sportsmanship, representing our community in

fine fashion.

Overall, it was a great time of competition and friendship.

The team had fun both competing and traveling together. We all enjoyed the exciting game of water-volleyball in the heated pool at the hotel. It was a great place to warm up after the frigid Lubbock weather!

We appreciate all the support we receive from our faculty and friends as well as the community, and we look forward to even more exciting contests as we continue representing Ozona High School!

"Future Stars" basketball program enrolling girls

The Ozona Lady Lions Basketball Program would like to invite all current fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls to join the "Future Stars Basketball 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. Sign up will be Monday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

The program is geared to teach your daughter the funda-

mentals of basketball through drills and competitive activities.

Cost for the 10-day program is \$20, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information, call Coach 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 on Sunday Feb. 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Ozona High School Davidson Gym.

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

Contest sign up forms can be picked up the Ozona Intermediate & 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.

Seventh Grade Ladies beaten

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Iraan 12-27 on Jan. 28.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 2 0 6 - 12; Iraan - 8 13 9 6 - 27.

Scoring: Sabrina De La Garza 5; Elisa Trujillo 2; Teslea Caperton 2 and Mayra Diaz 3. Also playing: Myra Rios, Stephanie Cervantes, Cynthia Garcia and Sierra Trevino.

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

Seventh Grade Lady Lions 'B' fall to Iraan

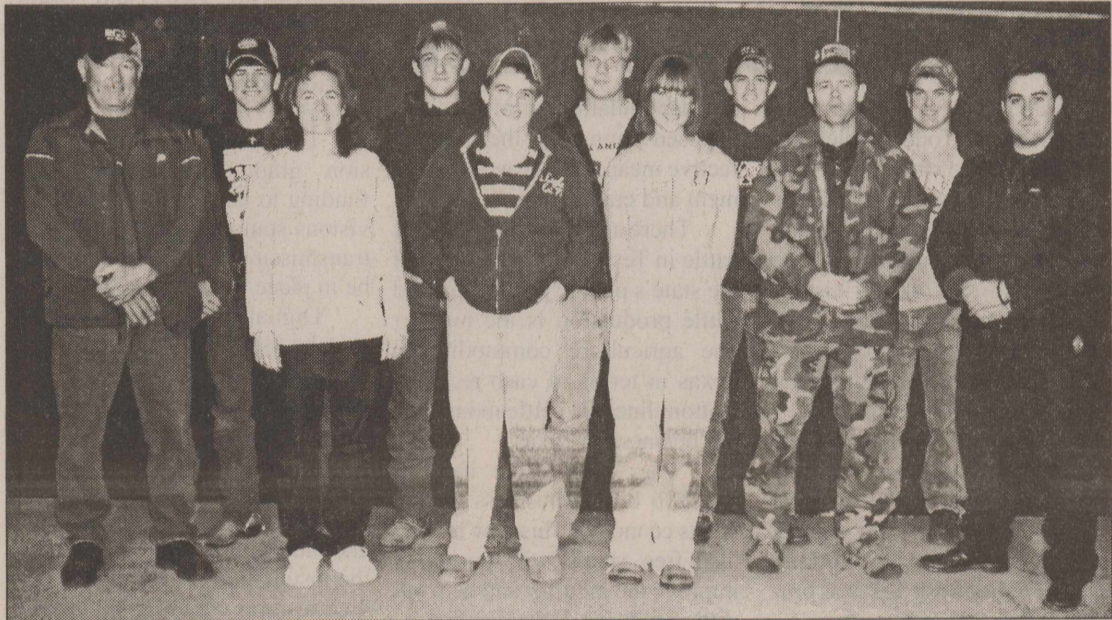
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The Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team fell short to Iraan, losing by one point, 11-12, on Jan. 28.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 4 - 11; Iraan - 8 4 - 12.

Scoring: Alex Lozano 6; Jacinda Villarreal 3 and Kaylen Hernandez 2. Also playing: Trinity Collis, Jessica Borrego and Marley Tambunga.

The Lady Lions are 1-7-1. They will play their final game against Reagan County at 5 p.m. Thursday at Big Lake.



Submitted photo

MEMBERS OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H SMALL BORE RIFLE TEAM are (left to right) Roy Glenn Sutton, instructor, Russel Komechak, Ann Stapper, adult volunteer, Matthew Komechak, Taylor Newton, Latham Ducote, Laura Stapper, Ethan English, Ben H. English, instructor, Danny Anderson and Ryan Dalton, instructor. This is a demanding discipline of shooting that has the teenaged competitor firing bolt action .22 rifles with iron sights at a target which is 50 feet away. The bulls for this target is .008 inch wide. That is no misprint. The entire target is only 1.393 inches in diameter. The individual shooter fires 10 rounds for scoring in the prone position, 10 rounds in the kneeling position and 10 rounds in the offhand (standing) position. There is not a lot of room for error, and it calls for focus and concentration every moment while on the firing line. Proper firearms safety is paramount at all times, and the quickest way to be removed from the firing line is any violation of those rules. All three instructors are veterans of the United States Marine Corps and hold assorted police and military rifle instructor ratings. The team meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the 4-H County Barn next to the Crockett County Convention Center. We encourage any high school student, girl or boy, who is interested in being a part of our team to please come and join us. That same offer is extended to anyone else in the community that wants to stop by and visit, be an adult volunteer, or just observe what we are all about. Interested individuals can also call Ben H. English at 325-392-3878 for more information.

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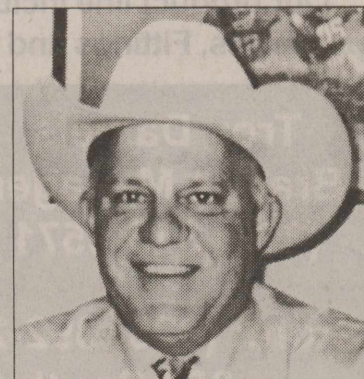
By organizing local training seminars for our officers and inviting area officers to attend, we not only saved local taxpayer's money but generated funds for Crockett County businesses from these area agencies.

I will continue to look for ways to be fiscally responsible while at the same time providing the citizens of Crockett County with the highest level of professional law enforcement.

It is a fact that even within a limited budget, creative thinking can save taxpayer dollars and still provide the necessary elements of professional results.

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OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS extinguish a grass fire on the Lazy 2 Ranch south of Ozona on the Crockett and Sutton County line on Jan. 28. About 1,200 acres burned. Multiple fire departments responded, as well county and state officials and local businesses.

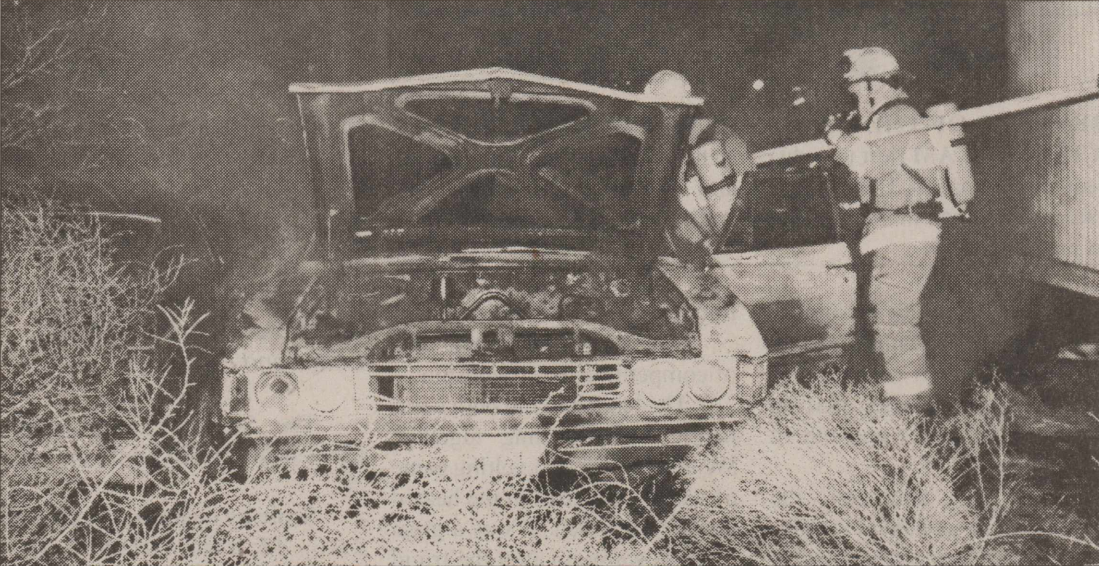


Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS extinguish a car fire on Pecos Street Monday night. A man was taken into custody the Crockett County Sheriff's Office for allegedly starting the fire. The fire fighters and the sheriff's deputy found the man laying on top of the burning car when they arrived on scene.

USDA Rural Development currently taking applications for rural infrastructure loans, grants

WASHINGTON - USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Thomas C. Dorr today invited applications for six programs to help small towns and rural residents finance infrastructure improvements.

"These loans, grants and loan/grant combinations will help communities provide essential services and maintain the infrastructure necessary for businesses and residents to enjoy a high quality of life in rural areas," Dorr said.

The six programs under which applications are being accepted are:

- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program
- Public Television Digital Conversion Grant Program
- Community Connect Grant Program
- High Energy Cost Grant Program
- Revolving Fund Grant Program
- Household Water Well Grant Program

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant program was created to improve access to education and medical services through the use of technology.

The Digital Public Television grant program provides funding to help rural public television stations install the digital transmission equipment that must be in place by Feb. 17, 2009.

Digital Public TV grants also may be used for engineering and environmental studies associated with the transition to digital television.

The Community Connect Grant Program provides grants to telecommunications providers and municipalities to finance the installation of broadband service in rural communities where broadband is least likely to be available.

The High Energy Cost Grant Program provides grants for the acquisition, construction or improvement of energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities in communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average.

The Revolving Fund Grant Program provides funds to non-profit entities for loans to finance predevelopment costs for water and wastewater projects, or for short-term capital projects that are not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water systems.

The Household Water Well System Grant Program helps individuals finance the cost of household water wells.

Funds can be used to upgrade or replace water well systems and to increase the awareness of substandard drinking water systems in communities.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Public TV Digital Conversion Grant Program, Community Connect Grant Program, High Cost Energy Program and Revolving Fund Grant Program - March 28, 2008

- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan & Grant Program - April 14, 2008

- Household Water Well Grant Program - May 31, 2008

For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the Jan. 28, 2008, Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested nearly \$91 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

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For more information, visit a USDA Rural Development office or the USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has received notice from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Texas has been declared brucellosis-free. This news means for the first time in the 74-year history of the brucellosis program, all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have simultaneously achieved Class Free status.

"Today is a landmark day for the nation's number one cattle state. I commend the Texas cattle industry and the Texas Animal Health Commission for working together to establish Texas as brucellosis-free," Staples said.

For nearly five decades, Texas cattle producers have battled brucellosis, a bacterial disease that poses no threat to food safety, but can cause decreased milk production, weight loss, infertility, loss of young and lameness in cattle. There is no known treatment for brucellosis.

and depopulation of infected and exposed animals is the only effective means of disease containment and eradication.

There are 14 million head of cattle in Texas, more than half of the state's people population and cattle production is the number one agriculture commodity in Texas in terms of cash receipts. Bottom line, the cattle industry is big business in Texas.

"The Texas cattle industry is a \$16 billion business for the Texas economy. This new brucellosis-free status will positively improve the industry and help our cattle producers," Staples said.

This is historic news but the work is not over. Brucellosis-free status is based on a state finding no known brucellosis in cattle for 12 months. A state's status can change if brucellosis is found in more than one herd of cattle in a brucellosis-free state within a two-year period.

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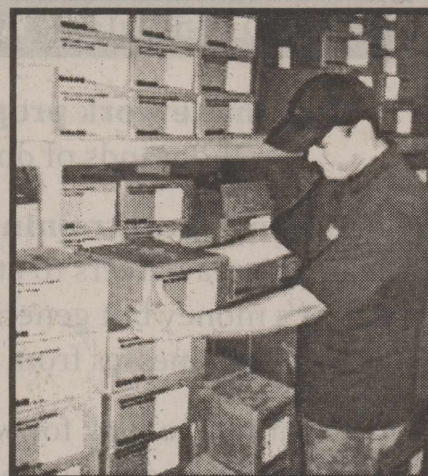
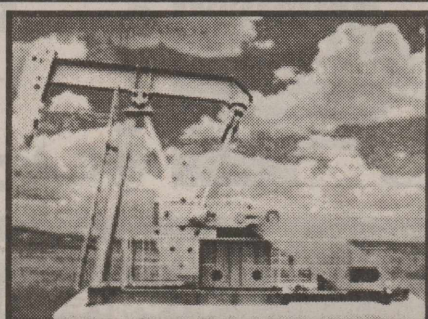
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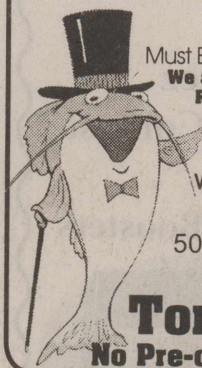
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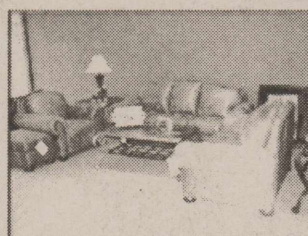


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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Q&A: Candidates running for Crockett County Sheriff

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I hold an Advanced Certification as a Peace Officer, a Master Certification as a County Jailer and a Special Investigators Certification. I also possess over 1,600 hours of continuing education training in Law Enforcement.

During my 21 years that I have served the citizens of Crockett County I have worked with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and I have the experience necessary to understand the importance of multi-jurisdictional law enforcement issues. This experience affords me the knowledge to manage the coordination of multi-agency operations. This experience has been utilized in illegal drug cases where we depend on outside agencies for assistance.

I currently serve as First Vice-President of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. This association is one of the oldest law enforcement organizations in the state. As First Vice-President, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Association, I am involved in state-wide efforts to advance law enforcement training. The development and presentation of new laws to the State Legislature is also an important role of the association. I am poised to be President of this organization in July 2008.

As sheriff of Crockett County I have developed and implemented a computerized records management system within the sheriff's office. This system allows the cross referencing of law enforcement activity through jail records, criminal reports, traffic citations and radio dispatch activity. The intergraded records system is updated on a daily basis. The system also allows deputies the ability to access past criminal reports, arrests and law enforcement activity.

I have also overseen the installation and activation of a new computerized fingerprint system that provides an immediate connection with the Texas Department of Public Safety and national law enforcement agencies criminal records.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

I am responsible for the total operation of the sheriff's office and county jail. The more effective and efficient the sheriff's office is, the better the service to the

citizens of Crockett County. The first and most important thing to be accomplished is the response of my office to the concerns of the citizens. Many Crockett County citizens have expressed their concern about violence and drugs. Often the two run hand in hand and the violence is a result of drug activity. Since my reelection in 2005, the Sheriff's office, under my direction, has made 95 drug related arrests, 115 assault related arrests and 100 DWI arrests. When re-elected, my attention will continue to be placed on drugs and violence in an effort to decrease these illegal activities.

My office continues to work in cramped conditions and the capacity of the Crockett County Jail continues to be examined and reduced by the Texas Jail Commission. The citizens of Crockett County desperately need a new county jail and office space needs updated. I have an established relationship with the jail commission as well as our jail inspectors. I will continue to work hard to keep our jail compliant with state requirements while at the same time working closely with the Crockett County Commissioners to best resolve the problems we face with an aging facility.

I believe that the education and professional development of the employees of the sheriff's office is critical. State Law requires that all jailers, deputies and the sheriff receive professional training in mandated areas on an annual basis. The obtaining of new and innovative knowledge and skills is essential for my staff to improve the level of service provided to the citizens of Crockett County. Federal and State laws change on an annual basis and some laws change more often based on court rulings. This information must be disseminated among the jailers and deputies to assure proper action on their part.

WHAT IS LIKELY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

The immediate issue is the need for a new Crockett County Jail with adequate facilities to house inmates and reduce the expenditure of county funds to other counties for the housing of inmates. Currently, to make a re-

port or file a complaint, a citizen must pass through the locked portion of the jail in order to meet with a deputy. There are no waiting areas, visitation facilities or interview rooms.

Inmates are being housed out of Crockett County and thousands of our tax dollars are going to other counties. The constant need to transport inmates to another agency, pick them up for court, and then return them is expensive and inconvenient. Valuable patrol time is lost when deputies are transporting inmates from one place to another. A new jail facility will keep tax dollars in Crockett County and allow deputies more patrol time to serve citizens. Because inmates have to be housed in other counties, our citizens must travel out of Ozona to visit their love ones in jail and this is another inconvenience for our citizens. Each and every citizen of Crockett County will be better served by the construction of a new facility. This will allow the sheriff's office the ability to provide professional service to all.

Other issues that must be considered are Homeland Security and drug trafficking. The federal government and the State of Texas will continue to place more and more responsibility on local law enforcement relating to Homeland Security. As these duties and requirements are determined, the sheriff's office will be required to take action. More emphasis will be placed on the movement of cargo on the interstate highway system, especially hazardous chemicals, as well as planning for national and/or local disasters, emergency preparedness training, interoperable radio communications and joint training of federal and local law enforcement. Additionally, more emphasis must be given to the problem of illegal drugs and the abuse of prescription drugs. The education of our children in the dangers of drug abuse must continue to be a priority. Citizen support and assistance must be enlisted and utilized and active enforcement must continue.

As you can see, my office is faced with numerous critical issues every day. I have worked hard as your sheriff on these issues and many more in the last 12 years. I will continue to serve all Crockett County citizens in an honest, fair, straightforward manner.

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ligence Agent, DOJ/INS; Anti-Smuggling Agent, DOJ/INS; Criminal Investigator, DOJ/INS; Supervisory Criminal Investigator, DOJ/INS; Supervisory Special Agent, DOJ/INS; Supervisory Special Agent (Chief Criminal Investigator) DOJ/INS; Special Operations Group Commander, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), DOJ/INS; Colonel, Joint Task Force 6, U.S. Army, Temporary Duty Assignment, Advanced Training Firearms Instructor, FLETC.

MILITARY SERVICE:
USMC & USAF: Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), Life Member and The American Legion, Member.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

There are many things I would like to change if I am fortunate enough to be elected Sheriff of Crockett County. Three of the things I would like to accomplish would include:

1. I will make certain that the streets of Ozona are patrolled 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. That will be a priority for all the officers in my department including myself. Special emphasis will be during the evening and night hours, weekends and holiday periods. We will be patrolling the county roads, main roads, side streets, motel and convenience store parking areas, business buildings, and areas that have had problems with criminal activity and for which the public has expressed concern. This will be a high profile style patrol and the deputies will act on any suspicious activity or infraction that is observed or reported. This would also include any traffic violations. Most persons involved in criminal activity do not walk to and from the place where their criminal activity is committed, rather they most likely use a vehicle to transport themselves. Hopefully, being mindful of this will help the department use different tactics and will see a decrease in such behavior thus improving the quality of life in our community.

2. If a person makes a complaint or voices a concern, that complaint or concern will be acted upon accordingly in a timely manner. The citizens of this community pay hard-earned tax dollars for the service and protection of the county sheriff's office. They should get their money's worth. I feel strongly enough about this to say that if a citizen requests a deputy and no one shows up, their next phone call should be directed to me, even if it is 2 a.m. in the morning. I can assure them that the request will be, responded to, even if I have to get up out of bed and re-

spond to it myself. Nothing less should be expected from a peace officer in the State of Texas.

3. I would like to institute a change in the way the DARE officer status is handled in this county. In the past, this job has been performed by a deputy who was trying to work shift work and handle associated duties, on top of trying to be a DARE officer. Often, we would get an officer in and within a short period of time that person would leave to work for another department. My thinking is that we should use someone who usually works a day shift in the department and has long-standing ties in the community. I do not leave myself out as being a candidate for such duties. The DARE program has been shown to be very effective time and again, and we are wasting a precious opportunity to reach, help, and give guidance to at-risk kids. Be assured that we have a very real drug and alcohol problem in this community. The misuse of drugs and alcohol destroys families and their finances. It is also a root cause of crime across our country and we all should strive to combat this blight on our county. In summation, I want all the people of Crockett County to know that I will do everything humanly possible to make them proud of our sheriff's office. Together we can make Ozona a better place to live and I need your help and trust to do that.

WHAT IS LIKELY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

There is far more than just one significant issue facing the sheriff's office in the coming years. Some of these include the drug and alcohol problem that continues to plague our community, especially in light of the recent influx of methamphetamine drugs that are hitting communities, both small and large, across the State of Texas. We are seeing rapid growth in our community as a result of the oil and natural gas boom that we are currently experiencing. Additional challenges are those concerning the growing trend of many of our old ranches being subdivided thus creating new land owners in our county. All of these changes in our county dictate a need in the near future for more officers in the sheriff's department.

However, you specifically asked about the possibility of a new jail. In my opinion, this is a perfect example of how the lack of prior planning and preparation can lead to problems and even a state of crisis. In speaking with various fellow citizens and community leaders and having listened to their concerns on

building a new jail my questions concerning the possibility of a new jail are as follows:

1. Will it be cost effective?
2. Where would we build the new jail?

3. Does the county have land to build on or do we need to buy land for a new jail?

4. How large will this jail need to be in order to carry us into the future?

5. What will be the cost of the new jail?

6. Will property taxes increase to pay for the new jail?

7. How long will it take to pay for the new jail?

8. Are we talking about building a new jail now or in the near future?

9. Are there other options available?

In my opinion, these questions must be addressed prior to building a new jail.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

One thing that keeps coming up time and again is these unfounded rumors about how everyone at the sheriff's office, including the jailers, are going to lose their jobs if I am elected. To this I only have one question: Just who exactly has heard me say this first hand? My response is that no one has ever heard me say this because I have never uttered these words or anything remotely akin to them.

To set the record straight, let me now go on record as saying:

All the current personnel who work with the sheriff's office will have an opportunity to continue working, if they want to. Let me say however, that each person will have a personal interview with me so there will be no misunderstanding as to their duties and be ready to go to work and join me in making Ozona a better place to live. That old saying, "A day's pay for a day's work" is what I am going to expect from everyone. No longer will only certain people in the department be shouldering a large part of the load. If an officer is not up to the task they will need to find work elsewhere. I want personnel who will support me, uphold the law and do the right thing according to their sworn duties, both on the job and in their personal lives. If anyone should be expected to obey the law at all times and all circumstances it should be a peace officer. I will not stand for anything less.

In closing, let me again say that if I am elected to this office, I will do everything humanly possible to do justice to the office I hold. The people of this community should expect no less and they certainly deserve no less. I ask for your support, your thoughts, your suggestions, and your prayers. I will need them all.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	12
Civil Complaints	1
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	12
Juvenile Complaints	6
Locked Vehicles	7
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	9
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	4
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	9
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	1
Security Alarms	1
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	24
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	5
State/County Road Calls	2
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	3
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	3
Utility Services/complaints	2
Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries	1
Traffic Citations Issued	9
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	11
Prisoners Housed in other counties	14

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.
- Kindal De Hoyos Porras, of Ozona/San Angelo - Crockett County Justice of the Peace - capias pro-fine on four unresolved traffic offenses.
- Manuel Ruben Beseril Jr., of Odessa - Crockett County Justice of the Peace warrants for three criminal and traffic offenses.
- Eric Augustine Williams, of Ozona - Crockett County Court - evading arrest.
- Molly Ann Munoz, of Ozona - Crockett County Court - motion to revoke/driving while intoxicated

ARREST REPORT

- 1-31-08**
 - Javier Heriberto Barraza, 22, of El Paso, transferred from El Paso by Crockett County Constable with a warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. He pled guilty in county court and was released on probation.
 - 2-2-08**
 - Velma Nora Huerta, 46, arrested by DPS Trooper for public intoxication, he pled guilty in Justice of the Peace Court, paid fine and was released.
 - Ramon Garcia, 43, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated, he posted bail

and was released.

2-3-08
 • Bobbie Lynn Darling, 20, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for minor in consumption of alcohol and possession of controlled substance in a correctional facility, she remains in custody.

• Alex Estalfo Rodriguez, 19, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for consumption of alcohol by minor. He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace Court, paid fine and was released.

• Rocky Matthew Munoz, 18, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and intent to impair evidence. He remains in custody.

2-4-08
 • Michael Scott Harlan, 38, of Austin, was transferred from Travis County by sheriff's deputy with a Crockett County Court warrant of failure to appear/driving while intoxicated and failure to appear/driving while license suspended.

INCIDENT REPORTS

1-29-08
 • Sheriff's office filed an abandoned vehicle report. A vehicle on State Highway 137 north was left abandoned and vehicle was impounded at local wrecker company.

2-3-08
 • Sheriff's office filed a possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, evading arrest and tampering with evidence and possession of a control substance in correctional facility reports. While responding to a vehicle occupied with persons waving a handgun report, a vehicle matching description was stopped at 1300 block of Avenue A. Three subjects were arrested at scene and 1 fled the scene to avoid arrest. Warrant was issued for suspect.

Friends For Hope today in Ozona

Friends For Hope Inc. will be stopping in Ozona today, Feb. 6, and Feb. 20 to offer their services and seek volunteers. They will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church. Friends For Hope Inc. is a non-profit organization that assists in helping domestic violence and sexual assault victims. They provide many services to help clients in becoming survivors. Some of these services are a 24-hour hotline, accompaniment for victims to appointments,

emergency shelter, counseling services, support groups for children and adults, public awareness and education, teen and children programs, programs for school and civic organizations, legal advocacy and an exchange center and supervised visitation. The organization is currently looking for volunteers in Ozona who would be willing to be an advocate for Friends For Hope Inc. For more information, call 1-888-440-HOPE (4673) for visit www.friendsforhope.org.

Local EMS runs

- JANUARY 28**
- Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center.
 - Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center.
- JANUARY 31**
- Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic.
- FEBRUARY 1**
- Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center
- FEBRUARY 2**
- Local Run Transported patient to intercept with Air Med1.
 - Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center.

Fire department runs

- JANUARY 28**
- 1:15 p.m. - Mutual aid to the Sonora Fire Department for a grass fire at the Lazy 2 Ranch area. About 1,200 acres burned. Eight units and 14 fire fighters.
- JANUARY 29**
- 5:05 p.m. - Grass fire two miles north on County Road 204. A small fire started by electric lines. Five units and eight fire fighters.
 - 5:21 p.m. - Grass fire at the Oglesby Ranch off of U.S. Highway 190 East in Schleicher County, mutual aid to Eldorado Fire Department. Five units and 10 fire fighters.
- FEBRUARY 1**
- 5:39 p.m. - Mutual aid to Big Lake Fire Department for a grass fire on Chicho Lane, cancel by Big lake prior to arrival. Three units and four fire fighters.
- FEBRUARY 2**
- 10:25 a.m. - Fuel Spill in 100 block of Avenue F. A unit with two fire fighters.
- 1:15 p.m. - Grass fire reported northeast of county, found to be a control burn in Schleicher County. Two units and four fire fighters.
 - 2:50 p.m. - Grass fire reported off service road I-10 east, also found to be the control burn in Schleicher County. Two units and five fire fighters.
- FEBRUARY 3**
- 1:52 p.m. - Grass fire on Terrace Drive, small fire. Three units and eight fire fighters.
- FEBRUARY 4**
- 2:21 p.m. - Mutual aid to the Eldorado Fire Department on a reported 3,000 acre fire. Four units and seven fire fighters.
 - 7:43 p.m. - Grass fire near structure and two vehicles, Pecos Street. Three units and 11 fire fighters.
 - 9:18 p.m. - Grass fire behind Davidson Gym, out on arrival. Four units and eight fire fighters.

Sheriff Fenton issues appeal to citizens to fight against crime

Submitted by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office

78741 www.txsheriffs.org.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," Fenton said. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

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"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," Fenton said.

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 Feb. 4, 2008

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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	37-50
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.05
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Harrison Interests	10500	John W. Henderson III 1-1-#70	Heart Land Drilling 8	Drig Ahead 3015'
Encore Operating Lp	9400	J.L. Henderson Jr. A-69-20	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Assigned
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	9400	McMullan-A-#15	Patterson Drilling A-38	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	University 42-15-#1	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Highmount E&P Tx	9250	Ward-114-#24	Patterson Drilling A-105	Drig Ahead
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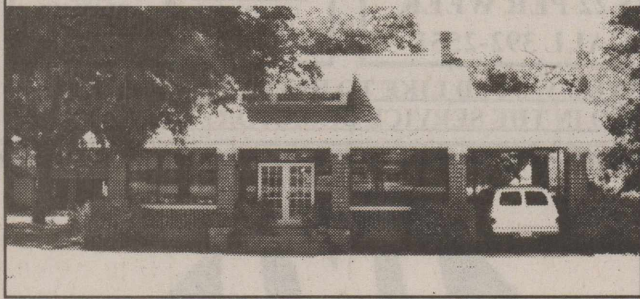
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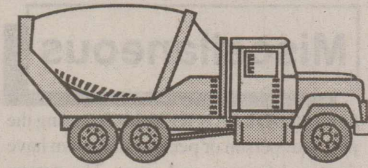
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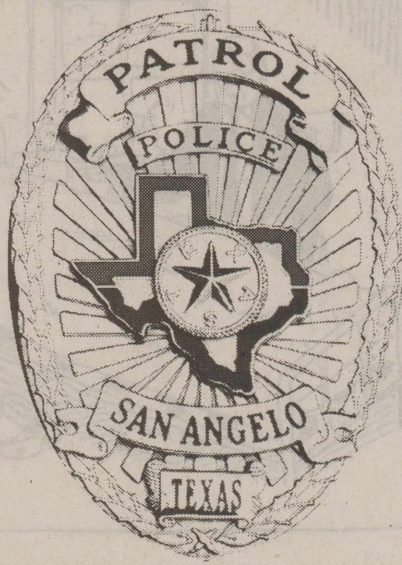
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