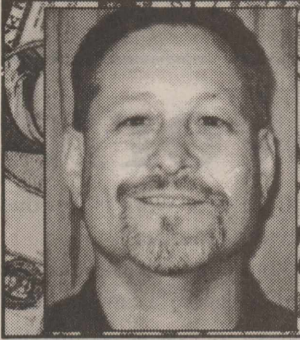


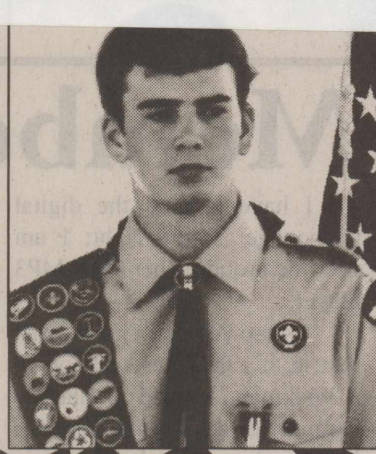
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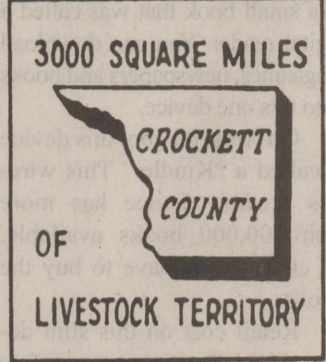
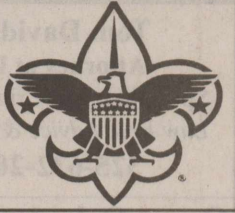
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Wilson White earns high honor

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School board to request call for bond election

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will vote to approve the holding of a bond election during tonight's, Feb. 20, regular meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

The board will also request the Crockett County Commissioners' Court to call the bond election. If approved, the election is scheduled for May 10.

The commissioners' next regular monthly meeting will be March 10.

Amount on the bond is \$10 million to build a new Pre-K through fifth grade campus at the site of the current Ozona Primary School, as well as make improvements at the Ozona High School Heritage Building.

Calling for a bond election has been an issue in the district since Jan. 2007, when a committee of school and community members was formed.

That committee's final vote was for a new primary school and a recommendation of a bond around \$7 to \$7.5 million to be paid off in 5 years or less.

The school board then attempted to call for a November

2007 bond election, but then determined more research was needed.

Since then, architect Douglas Koehne has conducted surveys and held meetings with all intermediate and primary school personnel.

Koehne also helped form a design committee of school officials, a board member, teachers and staff for a new pre-K through fifth campus.

At the January board meeting, Koehne presented three drawings of rooms for a possible new elementary school and drop-off and pick-up areas were pointed out in the drawings.

One drawing was chosen, which will be refined and presented to the board.

In the school's January newsletter, Superintendent Abe Gott said "with the district's enrollment declining, it is not financially responsible to maintain two (elementary) campuses."

The intermediate and primary campuses have a combined enrollment of 383 students.

Gott also said by combining schools, the district will save money in salaries due to several positions that can be eventually eliminated through attrition.

"Eventually, the district would realize a savings of over

\$100,000 per year due to the reduction of salaries," Gott said.

Bond money is also not subject to recapture by the state, which means the district will get to keep the money in Crockett County.

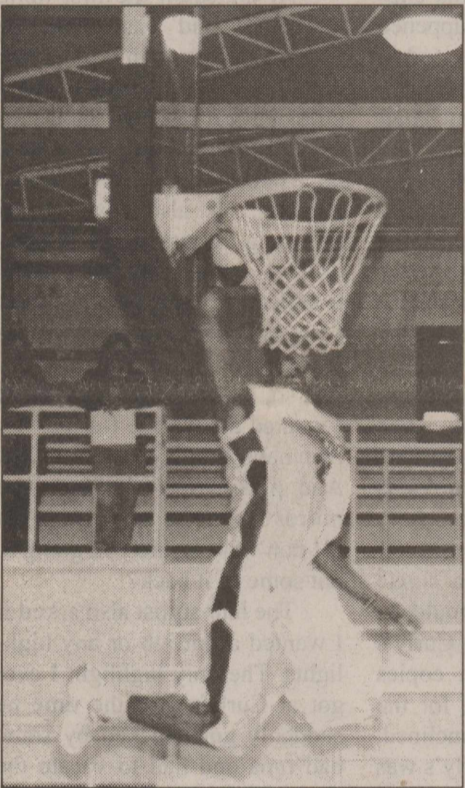
"All of CCCSD's schools are getting old. It is no secret that older schools require more maintenance. Although the intermediate school is the district's newest school, it was built in 1974 and, according to the original architect's plans, was engineered to last 30 years," Gott said.

The board will also meet in closed session to discuss employment contract extensions for campus principals, counselors,

athletic director, band director and technology director.

Also on the agenda:

- Letter of engagement for the district's financial audit for the year ending Aug. 31, 2008 with Eckert, Ingram, Tucker, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr, L.L.P.
- Board policy update #2.
- Local board policy update - FB (Local) - 504 Designation.
- Changes to local board policy FEB (Local).
- Board member resignation.
- Approval to accept bids for the sale of two charter buses.
- Approval to accept bids for the purchase of additional security cameras.



A SLAM DUNK

Harlem Ambassadors strut their stuff in Ozona

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

No matter what town they travel to, the Harlem Ambassadors bring along their positive message of staying in school, working hard and good will.

Along with this message, the group can also show off their unique basketball skills.

Five of the Ambassadors performed Monday night at the Ozona High School Davidson Gym. The performance was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with proceeds donated to the Crockett County EMS, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and the Ozona Community Center.

Each member of the Ambassadors individually showed off their talents, with Shan Mann and Jerome Dugar slam dunking, La Toya "Soup" Chalmers quick ball handling skills, "Lil T" Turner making her 3-point goals and "Juggling Jazz" Copeland performing his signature move of juggling three basketballs.

"I've always been a basketball player," Copeland said. "After college, I didn't want to give up my love of the game so I began pursuing options to play basketball for a living."

The Ambassadors are not shy about their performance in the show. Everyone, children and adults, get into the act.

During Monday's show, Father Rodney White danced with "Lil T," Jason Badillo and Asia Lara were the big winners in the children's games and even the owner of The Ozona Stockman pulled an Ambassadors' shorts down.

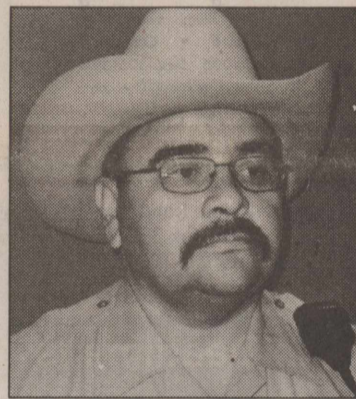
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SHAN MANN of the Harlem Ambassadors shows off his slam dunk style during the Ambassadors performance Monday night at the Davidson Gym. The game was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Photos by Joe Hernandez

Fierro promoted to Chief Deputy



FRED FIERRO

Submitted by the Crockett County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Shane Fenton has announced that sheriff's deputy Fred V. Fierro has been promoted to the position of Chief Deputy effective March 13.

Fierro, a 1975 graduate of Ozona High School, will become the second in command

at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

Fierro, who has lived in Ozona most of his life, joined the sheriff's office as a jailer in 1984 and became a deputy three years later.

In December 1997 Fierro was promoted to the position of sheriff's captain.

The Chief Deputy is a direct assistant to the sheriff and serves as the second in command of the sheriff's office and is responsible for overseeing all operations within the sheriff's office.

Fenton said Fierro's knowledge of the community, cooperative spirit and skills as are a valuable asset to the sheriff's office. Fierro's unique ability to deal with people and their individual problems is an example of community policing and helping others.

Early voting begins

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Early voting began Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Texas Primary Election. Early voting is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

While the ballot for U.S. President still lists six candidates, only Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are still in the race.

Texas is expected to be a make-or-break state for the two presidential candidates who are neck-and-neck in the running.

The Texas Democratic Party expects the Clinton-Obama cliffhanger to shatter its modern-day record for primary voters casting ballots, Chairman Boyd Richie said Friday in the Austin American-Statesman.

Not since 1988, when almost 1.8 million Texas Democrats established the record, has Texas played such a pivotal role in deciding the party's nominee. By comparison, 839,231 Democrats voted in the 2004 primary.

In the contested U.S. Senator's race, those running are Richard J. (Rick) Noriega, Gene Kelly, Ray McMurrey and Rhett R. Smith.

Local contested races on the

Democratic Party Primary Election ballot are incumbent Shane Fenton and Roy Glenn Sutton for Crockett County Sheriff, and incumbent Randy Branch and Wesley J. Bean for commissioner precinct 3.

Other local non-contested races are: District Attorney, 112th Judicial District, Laurie K. English; County Attorney, Jody Upham; County Tax Assessor-Collector, Rhonda Shaw and County Constable, Raymond P. (Bear) Borrego.

Statewide, there is a contested race for railroad between Dale Henry, Art Hall and Mark Thompson.

Other state contested races are Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 between Sam Houston and Baltasar D. Cruz; Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 between Susan Criss and Linda Reyna Yanez and Justice, 8th Court of Appeals District, Place 3, Unexpired Term between David C. Guaderrama and Guadalupe "Lupe" Rivera.

Early voting will continue through Feb. 29.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 26.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on March 4 Primary Election Day.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Members of the MP3 World

I have entered the digital music age. That's right; I am now the proud owner of an MP3 player.

In case you don't know what that is, it's the latest version of a Walkman. Instead of playing compact discs, or cassettes, this little gadget downloads songs from your computer.

Mine currently has 600 with room to spare. Scary, I know.

This little device, it can fit in your back pocket, is the latest technology to really make this 30-year-old feel over the hill.

As my husband and I were in the store looking at the two rows of player models, we both felt like we needed to have brought our nieces or at least someone under the age of 18, with us to help us pick out the best one.

There was one of these things that were no bigger than my thumb. I immediately knew that one was out due to the fact that I would lose it.

Like everything else out

there, these devices can range from Cadillac's to Kia's. Thankfully, the sales guy was our age, knowledgeable and led us into the direction of two Chevy-type, and priced, players.

As my husband and I walked out, we both discussed how we use to be able to keep up this type of technology.

I remember going from 8-tracks, to cassettes, my first cd player and now this. I even remember records. Who knows what the next digital music device will be.

So now I can send an email from my laptop computer, while talking on my cell phone with the Bluetooth in my ear, and then listen to my favorite music in the other ear from my small MP3 player.

With my eclectic taste in music, this MP3 player seemed the way to go. However, I couldn't believe this device had 600 songs on it and there was room to spare.

Not only that, but what am I going to do with all those cds I have?

All this seems a little overwhelming. I'm guessing this is how my parents felt, and still feel, when we bought our first home computer.

With technology people can work from home and not just from 9-5. Just ask me, I just took a phone call at my house for an article in the paper. I then typed it up and emailed it to myself at the office all while watching the finale of "American Gladiators" from my easy chair.

It's hard to escape technology. Almost every business relies on computers to make work easier. There's a wealth of information (and misinformation) that can be found online.

The teaching profession is moving away from paper records to electronic records for everything from grades and attendance to school lunches. But going paperless is a bit scary, especially if your work is lost due to network failure.

While shopping in a local music and bookstore, I came across a flat-screen device, about the size of a small book that was called a digital reader. You can download magazines, newspapers and books onto this one device.

On Amazon.com this device is called a "Kindle." This wireless reading device has more than 100,000 books available. Of course, you have to buy the books.

Retail cost on this slim device is \$400, but you get free two-day shipping. However, they are sold out due to heavy customer demand.

For the avid road traveler, there's the Garmin. This handy device will not only get you to your destination, but it will also get you back home.

Personally, give me a map and a hardcover book. I'm just not ready to take that leap yet, one new device at a time.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Curly's Clip Joint

I swear I'm going to get out the horse clippers and start cutting my own hair; what little there is left. For the first time in my life I went into one of those nationwide salons for a haircut and they wanted 15 bucks for something you're gonna cover with a ball cap anyway!

When I balked at the price I was advised that some men are routinely paying up to \$200 to dine on organic cuisine, receive a scalp treatment, a back facial and a haircut all at the same time at metrosexual barber shops. Not me, I don't know what a metrosexual is and I never spend more for a haircut than I can earn in a day.

From my first haircut until I left town Curly Fullmer cut my locks. (So named because "Curly" was bald as a cue ball.) Curly was our family barber, as highly respected as our family Doctor, only smarter and more reliable. He even made house calls! None of my dear departed

relatives went to heaven without one last trim from Curly.

Curly's one-room shop was attached to his house and his hours were whenever he was home. You didn't have to make an appointment, you just dropped by after school or after work. His shop smelled like Butch Wax and it wasn't filled with smelly shampoos or expensive "hair products". He never tried to sell you hair fertilizer to up your bill which came to a total of fifty cents. The only drawback was that Curly only gave one style of haircut, the kind new Army recruits get their first day on the job.

It seems that one-chair barber shops like Curly's are disappearing faster than Republicans in New York City. It's a sad commentary on today's society that in the Yellow Pages I can find more places to cut a dog's hair than I can my own.

In my day men went to the barber shop and women went to

the beauty parlor. Rich women went every week to read girly magazines, sit under a hood the size of a 55 gallon oil drum to gossip and complain about their husbands. It was a tradition.

Curly would drop his clippers if he saw what has happened to the haircutting business today. The same person might cut a man's hair and in the same chair and with the same clippers turn right around and cut a woman's! Preposterous! I take one look at today's unisex barber shops and long for the days when men were men and women were no place to be seen... at least in the barber shop. To top it all off, I understand that these modern day hair stylists expect a big tip when they're done. I guarantee that the only tip Curly ever got was to never bet on a slow horse.

In the clip joint I recently went to there was not a single magazine a real man would be interested in reading. In Curly's shop we found ancient copies of Sports Illustrated or, for the more intellectually inclined, Popular Mechanics. Curly's was the first place I ever saw a naked woman... between the covers of a National Geographic! After that shocking revelation my big brother and I timed our visits so

we'd have a longer wait in order to catch up on our geography. I also learned from Curly that the mop-topped Beetles were sent to America by the devil to put him out of business.

At the salon the first thing the stylist said was, "How do you like your hair?" I never thought about it before but I guess I like it just fine, thanks for asking! What do they mean how do I like it? Curly never asked me that. He also never asked how long I wanted my sideburns or if I wanted my nose hairs trimmed. Frankly, I never knew I had any sideburns and my nose is the only place I can grow any hair, so, please, leave it alone! If I wanted a pedicure I'd bite my own nails, thank you very much. And please don't hold up the mirror for me to approve. What if I don't like it, are you going to put some of it back?

The hair stylist also asked if I wanted a tint job or any highlights. The only highlight I ever got at Curly's was the time he suddenly got attacked by some bad tuna and had to vacate the shop in a hurry. One of the old guys waiting in the chairs finished cutting my hair. I must say it was easily the best haircut I ever got at Curly's clip joint!

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Reflecting the importance of Texas in the political landscape, U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama opened campaign offices here on Feb. 16.

Both candidates, who are competing for the Democratic presidential nomination, have begun airing campaign ads in many Texas markets.

And, the two are scheduled to engage in a Feb. 21 debate at the University of Texas. Admission for students, members of the university community and the public was by invitation only due to security restrictions.

VOTER EDUCATION DRIVE BEGINS

With the March 4 Texas primaries only days away, a May election on the horizon and the 2008 general election coming up in November, the move is on to increase the public knowledge about the right to vote.

Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson on Feb. 11 launched "VOTEXAS," a statewide voter education program funded through the federal Help Amer-

Democratic frontrunners set up camp in capital city

ica Vote Act of 2002.

Wilson, the state's chief elections officer, described the initiative as "Pretty much everything you could ever want to know about voting in Texas."

Information is available at VOTEXAS.org.

Early voting runs Feb. 19 to Feb. 29.

HEART SCREENING PROGRAM BEGINS

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 14 awarded a \$1 million contract to Championship Hearts Foundation to screen sixth-graders for heart conditions that can cause sudden and unforeseen death.

The Early Cardiovascular Detection Pilot Program, created in 2007 by Senate Bill 7, will screen about 12,750 students enrolled at public schools across Texas, beginning this month.

The contractor will select schools that are geographically and ethnically diverse, the Texas Education Agency said.

AG: WATCH OUT FOR REFUND SCAM

The Office of the Attorney General has received complaints from Texans who have received unsolicited electronic mail and telephone calls from purported IRS agents claiming that the taxpayers are eligible for "Bush refunds."

Scammers demand taxpayers' Social Security and bank

account numbers, claiming the IRS will use the information to directly deposit "rebate checks" into the taxpayers' accounts.

The IRS does not call or e-mail taxpayers unexpectedly to demand personal information for direct deposits, the AG's office said.

To report this kind of solicitation, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline, (800) 621-0508, or the Internal Revenue Service, (800) 829-1040.

WIMBERLEY PAYS 'ROBIN HOOD'

Wimberley Independent School District, about 35 miles southwest of Austin, made headlines across the state last fall when it refused to send its "Robin Hood" tax revenue share to Austin.

But the school district's board of trustees put the issue to a vote Feb. 14 and decided 6-1 to pay "under protest" about 15 percent of the \$2.4 million owed.

The Wimberley school district is considered property wealthy under state law, but school officials have maintained that the district could not afford to send the money.

CRIME LAB GRANTS ARE AWARDED

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 12 awarded grants totaling nearly \$900,000 to nine forensic crime

labs.

The money is awarded through the federal Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act fund and is distributed by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"Texas must provide law enforcement with the latest in forensic science technology in order to protect our citizens while ensuring our criminal justice system does not wrongfully convict the innocent," Perry said.

Receiving grants are Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Jefferson and Tarrant counties, and the cities of Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and Pasadena.

COMPTROLLER UPGRADES WEB SITE

Texas Comptroller Susan Comb's Web and graphic design teams have redesigned and re-organized the "Window on State Government" home page to make it more action-oriented, cleaner and easier to navigate.

The address for the page is www.window.state.tx.us.

Users are asked what they want to do - pay taxes, find a tax form, search for unclaimed property or locate other information - and a quick click takes the user to the right location.

A recent addition is "Where the Money Goes," a link to in-depth information about how the state spends taxpayer dollars.

USDA Rural Development Manager to speak at Feb. 28 Chamber luncheon

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

Looking to improve your existing business?

- Need new equipment?
- Starting a new business?
- Need funds for remodeling or repairs?

Get the answers to these and many more questions at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Visitor Center Conference Room.

Lunch will be catered by Tia's Café (chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, banana pudding, tea). Cost will be \$8.50 per person collected at door.

Guest speaker will be Randy Verner, USDA Rural Development Office Manager.

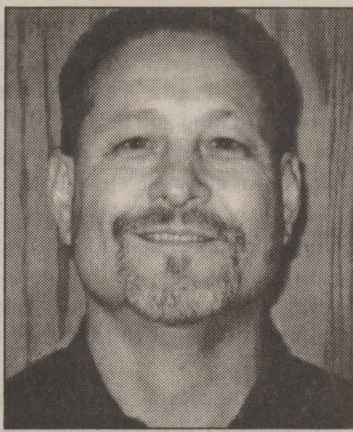
Verner will speak about:

- Business and industry guaranteed loans.
- Whose eligible to borrow: individuals; corporations, cooperatives, partnerships and other legal entities

Maximum available: \$10,000,000.

- Loan Purposes: business acquisitions, construction, expansion, repair, modernization or development costs, purchase equipment, machinery, start-up costs and working capital, processing and marketing facilities.

Verner moved to Ozona



RANDY VERNER

from Mt. Pleasant, Texas (born in Lubbock) where he and his family had resided since 1993.

He has more than 33 combined years of experience in construction, retail sales, sales/management of consumer products, personal insurance products, warehouse logistics, wholesale lumber / building products and mortgage loans.

He received his BBA from Texas A&M Commerce in 1986. His wife, Nanette, of 27 years is the Minister of Music/Education for First Baptist Church Ozona.

He has two sons, one still in college at the University of North Texas Denton.

He covers nine counties for the USDA and is a newly elected board member for the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Attendees must RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 26.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the Chamber at 392-3737.

Hannah Montana concert tickets to benefit Children's Miracle Network

Two tickets for the Sunday, March 9, Hannah Montana performance at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo will be auctioned off benefiting the Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Medical Center.

The online auction for tickets to the RodeoHouston performance of Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana is underway and the winning bid will be announced March 1 during the KIXY Cares for Kids radiothon on 94.7FM.

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Ener-tel Services, Inc., the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and the San Angelo Standard-Times have teamed together in support of the Children's Miracle Network.

To bid log on to: www.cmn-sanangelo.org and click on the Hannah Montana logo.

Listen in to 94.7 KIXY FM for updates on the bidding process and join us for the KIXY Cares for Kids Radiothon Feb. 28, 29 and March 1.



Photo by Melissa Perner

NINE-MONTH-OLD CALEB CONNER (left) is fascinated with dad's, Glenn Conner, keys during the Share the Love Baby Shower on Feb. 14 at the Civic Center. The Baby Shower was part of the new Unconditional Love Ministry that held an organizational meeting Monday night. For more informatin, call Linda Conner at 392-8125.

Blood Drive to be held Feb. 27

A United Blood Services Blood Drive will be held from 2-6 p.m. Feb. 27 in the parking lot of the Crockett County Civic Center.

To donate blood, a person must be 17 years of age older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have

not donated in the past 8 weeks (16 weeks for double red cell donors), are healthy and are not currently taking antibiotics.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Lue Morrow at 392-9963 or United Blood Services at 223-7500.

Sheffield Community Resource Council seeks local volunteers

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The Sheffield Community Resource Council is a group of caring volunteers who help the cadets at Sheffield Boot Camp with a variety of needs.

The council meets monthly at the boot camp and you are invited. Come see what we are

about. Anyone interested, can call Jane Harber, Community Relations Coordinator at (432) 836-4624 ext. 2215 or Brandon Asbill, SCRC President at (325) 226-3624.

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The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., March 3.

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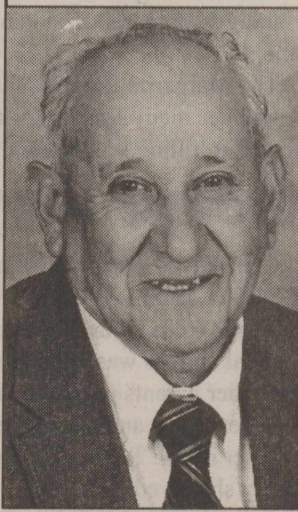
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Community Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 20

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friends For Hope, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Public meeting on the Pecos River Basin Watershed, 2-4 p.m. at the extension office.
- CCCCSD School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, Feb. 21

- OHS Baseball Teams in the Sonora Tournament.
- OHS Softball Team at the Crane Tournament.
- OHS Tennis Team at San Angelo Central.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Feb. 22

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Track Teams at Sonora.
- OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.
- OHS Softball Team at the Crane Tournament.
- Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley Employer Training Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, Feb. 23

- OHS Baseball Teams in the Sonora Tournament.
- OHS Softball Team at the Crane Tournament.
- OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, Feb. 25

- End of the Fourth Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Future Stars Girls Basketball, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

- OHS Softball Teams vs. Cornerstone, 5 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field.
- OHS Baseball Teams vs. Rocksprings, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field.
- Ozona Woman's League meeting, 6 p.m. at the Crockett Room.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center.
- Blood Drive, 2-6 p.m. at the Civic Center parking lot.

Happy Birthday!

- Feb. 20 - Ray Don Myers and Michael Maldonado
- Feb. 21 - Corey Galindo, C.J. Graves and Onecimo Ortiz
- Feb. 22 - Gloria Onate, Trinity Collis, Henry Delgado and Kabri Preddy
- Feb. 23 - Mary Capps, Tonya Bullard and Mary Jo Unger
- Feb. 24 - Billie Morris, Shana Granger, Jaylynn Tijerina and Jacob Moran
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Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

Saturday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Renee Padier, Karen and Bobby McDonald, Nell Wester, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Raul De La Rosa, Tracye Swindle and Tina Jarvis danced to National caller Gary Bible from Austin.

Gary's wife Linda joined in the square and danced with us. Gary always has new and exciting calls to teach us and everyone has a wonderful time dancing to him.

Nell Wester's son and daughter-in-law visited our dance and wore the traditional square dance clothes from Chile.

Concho Squares had a square at our dance and they retrieved their banner from us. Our Valentine Sweetheart for this year was Lucy Hinde.

We had four squares on the floor and if we had had one more couple there would have been five.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, caller Ed Hart from Bronte will call our dance.

Keep it square and happy dancing!



Submitted photos

MEMBERS OF THE CONCHO SQUARES retrieve their banner from the Levis and Lace Square Dancers during the Feb. 16 dance.



LUCY HINDE was chosen as the Levis and Lace Square Dancers 2008 Sweetheart at their Feb. 16 dance at the Senior Center.

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

Being our Valentine's Day week. At our party after the party, Maria Galindo, medical aide, brought us ice cream for a snack.

Lucy Hinde, Lucrecia Ramirez and Anna Yruegas have brought us bingo prizes. Christian Yruegas, son of Anna Yruegas, brought Valentine's as a gift and a snack.

Audrey Glynn brought Valentine cards, Anna Flores brought homemade cookies for our party. Marta prepared a style show for the residents. The ladies had beautiful gowns to model. They had a blast.

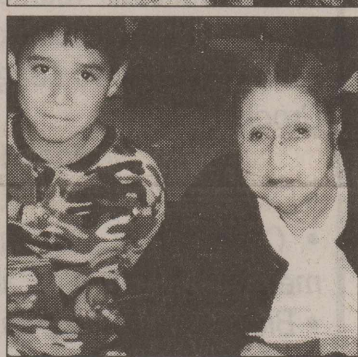
Oscar Kost and Gloria Sanchez were Valentine's Day King and Queen. They proudly wore a crown.

On Friday, we watched "Grumpy Old Men" and ate popcorn.



Submitted photos

TOP: (back row, left to right) Margie Dorris and Helen Stokes (front row, left to right) Lala Galindo, Valentine King, Oscar Kost and Valentine Queen Gloria Sanchez at the Care Center Valentine's Day Party.



LEFT: Christian Yruegas gives a Valentine's Day card to Catarina Cordova.

FEEDING SHEEP

We have had to feed because it is so dry and it is interesting to observe the different responses of the sheep when they see the old yellow feed truck approaching. Some will come running toward us while others just stand and watch, others will run away. A few come right up to the truck and even get in front of it. Those that stay close to the feed truck are the ones in the best shape. The ones that do not come to the feed truck are getting thinner and thinner and may even die. The different responses of those sheep remind me of something that we all face in life. What is our response to God and His Word? Do we come running or do we ignore and run away? I do not think there is anything more pitiful looking than a skinny, weak animal or anything any better looking than one that is in good shape and full of life. You can look at animals and tell, but we cannot see the soul of man. Our souls are fed when we read our Bibles, get involved in Bible studies and attend Church, (Psalm 55:4, 63:5, 107:8&9, 1 Timothy 4:6). Or we can run off and do things that will make us weaker and leaner in our souls, (Psalm 107:5, Luke 1:53). Let us draw near to the feed wagon of God, (Psalm 23, James 4:8).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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

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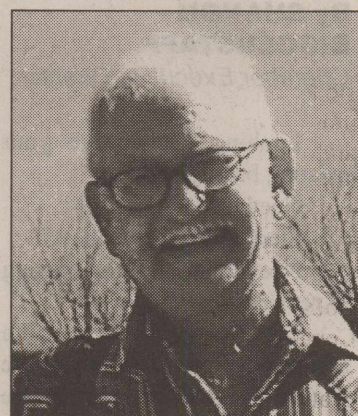
OBITUARIES

Manuel Fierro

Manuel Fierro, 74, of Ozona passed from this earth on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, after a courageous battle with lung and brain cancer. He was born on Oct. 31, 1934 to Maclovio and Angelita Fierro. Manuel owned and operated Fierro Brothers construction and Fierro Shell Service for many years. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maclovio and Angelita Fierro, brothers Chon and Ismael Fierro and two nieces Liz Fierro and Mary Jane Pesina.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosa Fierro, daughter Melissa Sanchez and husband Steve and his grandchildren Christen and Brandon of Midland. He is also survived by his brother Maclovio Fierro Jr. and his wife Anadelia of Ozona and their children Elda, Eric and Elsa and two sisters Francisca Reynolds of Fort Worth and Antonia



Trevino of San Juan. Manuel had 17 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Eric Fierro Sr., Eric Fierro Jr., Fred Fierro, Chon Fierro Jr., James Fierro, Albino Uregas, Hector De La Garza and Heriberto Fierro.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Manuel will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

Margarita Lopez Ramirez

Margarita Lopez Ramirez, 91, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, Feb. 15, 2008. She was born on Nov. 2, 1916 in Sanderson, Texas to Guadalupe and Francisca Lopez. Services were held at the First Baptist Church of Ozona on Monday, Feb. 18, with the Rev. John Collis officiated. Margarita Ramirez was a longtime resident of Ozona and a member of Templo Bautista Jerusalem.

Margarita married Basiliso Ramirez Jr. in 1956. She was a devoted housewife and an adored mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to be surrounded by her large family and her generosity and kind heart were an inspiration to all.

Margarita was preceded in death by her beloved husband Basiliso Ramirez Jr.; two sisters, Luz Salazar and Belia Lopez; three grandchildren, David Gonzales, Noemi Gonzales Talamantez, Baby Israel Gonzales and a great-grandchild David Gonzales Jr.

Margarita was blessed with a long, fulfilling life and a large, loving family.

Survivors include her son Lupe Gonzales Sr. and his wife Irene of Ozona, daughter Belia Mata and her husband Eliverio of Eldorado, son Arturo Gonzales Sr. and his wife Rocio of Ozona, daughter Clara Gonzales of Dallas, son Basiliso Ramirez III and his wife Debbie of Iraan and daughter Juanita Ramos and her husband Jessie of Ozona. Margarita is also survived by her 21 grandchildren: Lupe Gonzales Jr., Victoria Munoz, Israel Gonzales, Marcos Gonzales, Rosie Charles, David Borrego, Mae Borrego, Maggie Borrego, Arturo Gonzales Jr., Eloy Gonzales, Debra Trevino, Jazveth Gonzales, Anthony Gonzales, Yvette Gonzales, Jesse Gonzales Jr., Carol Campos, Laura Nigo, Lillie Mendoza, Austin Ramirez, Matthew Ramirez and Jessie Ramos and 30 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandchildren David Borrego, Israel Gonzales, Arturo Gonzales Jr., Jesse Gonzales Jr., Marcos Gonzales, Eloy Gonzales, Anthony Gonzales and great-grandchildren Artie Gonzales and Joseph Borrego.

Grandson Lupe Gonzales Jr. played a musical prelude and gave the eulogy. Funeral arrangements were made by Preddy Funeral Home.

The Margarita Ramirez family would like to thank the community and her many friends for their love and support throughout her long and fulfilling life. She will be dearly missed.

Celia Faye Houston

Celia Faye Houston Steward passed away in Spring Branch, Texas near San Antonio on Feb. 15, 2008. Celia was born Feb. 26, 1948 to Sam and Reba Houston in Ozona. She was born before Ozona had a hospital and, as was common then, was born at her parents' home. Both of her parents preceded her in death and Celia's wish was to be buried near them and where she grew up. She lived almost her entire life in her native Texas, spending her final years in the beautiful Hill Country she loved.

Celia leaves behind her husband, Jerry Steward, of Spring Branch as well as one sister, Sammie Fuller and husband Earlie of Conroe, Texas, and her brother, Ronnie Houston and wife Penny of The Woodlands, Texas. She also has two stepchildren, Keri Steward of Chattanooga, Tennessee and Scott Steward of San Antonio, Texas, two nephews, Scot Farmer of Rosharon Texas and Craig Farmer of Conroe, Texas and two nieces, Dana Cozby and husband Robert of Dallas and Tory Houston of Houston.

A graveside service was held at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona on Thursday, Feb. 21. Johnnie Perkins of the Ozona Church of Christ will officiate. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The American Cancer Society.

'Answers on Aging' program Feb. 28 at the Senior Center

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County.

AAA staff will be available to assist individuals from 10-11 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services?

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

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Home

Modifications), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elderly) and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Health & Human Services Information).

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Lindsey M. Elliott, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666.

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley.

Commissioner Tambunga attends 50th annual continuing education conference

COLLEGE STATION - Crockett County Commissioner Frank Tambunga joined more than 500 county judges and commissioners for the 50th annual County Judges and Commissioners' Continuing Education Conference and Educational Exposition at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center on Feb. 12-14.

"Receiving continuous education every year as a county commissioner is very important to me because the responsibilities as a commissioner are just as important," Tambunga said. "When making decisions for our county, I must have the knowledge and under-

standing to make sure the decision I make is the correct one. A bad decision will always cost the entire county, not just myself."

The conference was sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance, and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

Included in the program were workshops on inmate health care costs, homeland

security, environmental issues, employment law, as well as a presentation from the urban search and rescue team Texas Task Force I (TX-TF1). There were also workshops provided for Commissioners Court Advanced Curriculum certification, which allows commissioners court members to gain a more in-depth knowledge of their position.

"The most beneficial part of any conference I attend, especially this one, is receiving the most updated information in what the state has set for local county government, as well as learning about all the unfunded mandates and about any new

state programs that might benefit the county," Tambunga said. "By having a representative at the 50th annual V.G. Young Institute judges and commissioners conference, and at any other continuing education conference, reflects the dedication and commitment the member of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court have in their jobs as representatives of Crockett County and its citizens."

Commissioners court members who attended all of the sessions during the conference received 16 hours of credit. County judges who attended the conference received 4 hours of judicial education.

Sheffield Boot Camp to host wheelchair basketball game

The West Texas REHAB Center and cadets at Sheffield Boot Camp will compete in a Wheelchair Basketball Game Saturday, Feb. 23.

The game starts at 2 p.m. at Sheffield Boot Camp.

Larry Evans, director of home medical equipment at the West Texas Rehab Center in

San Angelo, and his team, will challenge Sheffield Boot Camp cadets in a wheelchair basketball game.

Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go to the Sheffield Community Resource Council, to be used for the benefit of the cadets incarcerated at the boot camp.

Tornado drill to be conducted during Severe Weather Awareness Week, Feb. 24-March 1

The National Weather Service (NWS) will conduct a tornado warning drill at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 27. The drill is being conducted as part of Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week, Feb. 24-March 1.

During the drill, the NWS in San Angelo will transmit a practice tornado warning through NOAA All Hazards Radio.

Some radio and TV stations, and emergency management offices may also relay this warning in the area. The warning will be cancelled at 9:45 a.m.

The warning will be issued for the following counties: Crockett, Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble and Mason.

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Tornado safety rules:

- In a home or building, move to a pre-designated shelter, such as a basement.
- If an underground shelter is not available, move to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy

piece of furniture. Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

- Avoid places with wide-span roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways or shopping malls.
- Stay away from windows.
- Get out of automobiles.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car, instead leave it immediately.
- If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch

or depression.

- Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes and should be abandoned.

Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs on an approaching tornado. Flying debris from tornadoes causes the most deaths and injuries.

For more information, visit the NWS at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt>.

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

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MEMBERS OF THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM show off their awards from the Port Aransas meet. The team placed first in the small schools division. Pictured are: (left to right) Ethan English, Puja Bhakta, Heather Thompson, Corey Kelley and Lane White.

Computer science team wins at Irion County, Port Aransas

By CATHY ENGLISH
Computer Science Coach

The Ozona High School Computer Science team has had an exciting couple of weeks.

On Jan. 26, we traveled with the rest of Ozona's UIL contestants to the Irion County Invitational meet in Mertzon.

This meet allowed us to compete with several other schools in our region. The team took a 45-minute written test, similar to the test we took in Lubbock the week before. It was a tricky test, filled with tracing and complicated loop structures.

This means that the students had to be very careful as they worked to keep up with changing values and numbers. When the tests were finally graded, it turned out to be a very close contest. Our team score was only two points different from Wall's team score.

After the judges double-checked the answer sheets, Ozona's team won the contest with a combined team total of 400 points compared to Wall's score of 398. Though it was a little too close for the coach's comfort, we were all excited to come out on top. The individual places for our team members were: Puja Bhakta in 1st place, Ethan English in 2nd place and Lane White in 6th place.

The following Friday, Feb. 1, found the team traveling to Port Aransas for our first programming contest of 2008. We left Ozona about 7:20 a.m. to travel over 350 miles in time to compete at 4 p.m.

This was the closest programming contest available so far this year, since the Lubbock contest had been cancelled in January. We survived the long journey in good fashion, enjoying an exciting ferry ride across to the island where Port Aransas is located.

We started the contest with another 45-minute written test.

This test was written by the same author that writes a large portion of our daily curriculum. It also has many of the same type of questions that we will see in our district UIL contest, making it especially good practice for the team.

After the written test, the teams took a short break for snacks and then began the two-hour programming contest. In this part, the teams were given eighteen different problems, ranging in difficulty from very easy to extremely hard. The easy programs were worth two points each, the medium difficulty programs were worth five points each and the hardest were worth nine points each.

This was slightly different than the UIL style of score keeping, but still gave an idea of the abilities of individual teams.

While the students were working on the programs, the judges and coaches began to grade the written tests. OHS teams were competing against schools from across the area, including 4A and 5A schools. There were also other state-qualifying teams from the 2A-sized districts. The teams were divided according to school-size with 1A, 2A, and 3A schools grouped into the small schools division, and the 4A and 5A schools in the large schools division.

As the scores were tallied, it became apparent that this would be another very close contest. Then to make it even more exciting, there were several ties in the individuals' scores.

Ethan English and Puja Bhakta ended up with the very same score. This meant that the judges then had to check the percentage of questions answered correctly. It turned out that the percentages were also tied. So, the judges then checked who missed the first question, but they both missed the same question. The judges were finally able to break the tie with the second missed question. No one in the judging room had ever seen

that happen before.

The Individual written results were Ethan English in 2nd place, Puja Bhakta in 3rd place and Lane White in 4th place. The combined team total was 548 points. The second place team in the contest was from another 2A school in Refugio. This team is one that Ozona sees frequently at the state UIL contest.

It is also coached by the man that wrote one of our textbooks that we use in class. Their team score was only ten points behind ours with a 538. It was too close for Mrs. English's comfort again.

With the written scores so close, it meant that the programming scores would be very important. The two hours seemed to fly by and drag by all at the same time. Finally, the countdown was given and the contest was over. Ozona's team had a score of 43 points and Refugio's team had 33 points, making Ozona High School the champions of the small schools division. It was an exciting moment!

Ozona High School also had a second team of only two members who were competing for practice. This second team of Corey Kelley and Heather Thompson was able to get a couple of programs running, which is a strong accomplishment for beginning programmers. They gained some excellent experience and went home knowing that they learned a lot about how programming contests work. Each week they continue to learn and grow in their programming skills.

Overall, it was an incredibly fun and productive trip. We learned a lot and will be able to use our experiences to prepare for the upcoming UIL contests. We would like to thank the citizens of Ozona and the faculty and student body of Ozona High School for all of your support as we work our way through this contest season. It is getting more and more exciting each week.

Wilson, Henderson win Ozona Tennis Invitational

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Stefan Wilson and Julia Henderson won gold medals at the Ozona Tennis Invitational held Feb. 14-15.

Julia won first in the varsity girls singles division. Also placing in the varsity division was Morgan Capps, third place girls singles; Alex Macias and Puja Bhakta, third place girls doubles; Kristin Mendoza and

Britni Mitchel, consolation girls doubles and Devon Diehl, third boys singles.

Also playing were: Taylor Newton and Corey Kelley in boys doubles and Ben Flores and Kyle Dean in boys singles.

Stefan won the JV Division in boys singles. Also placing in the JV Division was Jayce Logan, consolation boys singles.

Also playing were: Alma Elizondo, Austin Whitten and Sean Davis, all in the singles di-

vision and Layla Perez and Leandra Hernandez, girls doubles.

At the Feb. 21 Central High School Tournament in San Angelo, Julia Henderson placed second. Julia also placed first at the Lake View Tournament on Feb. 7-8 in San Angelo.

Also placing at the Lake View Tournament was Devon Diehl, third place boys singles and Stefan Wilson, consolation boys singles and Kyle Dean, second in JV boys singles.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JULIA HENDERSON won the gold medal in girls singles at the Ozona Tennis Tournament held Feb. 14-15. She also placed first in the Lake View Tournament and second in the Central High School Tournament.

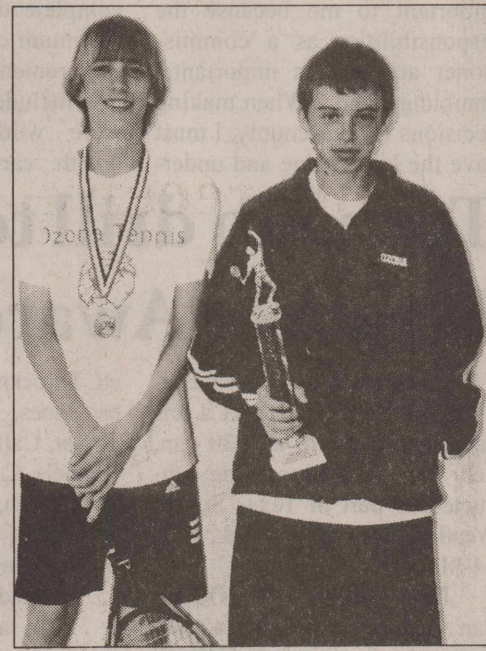
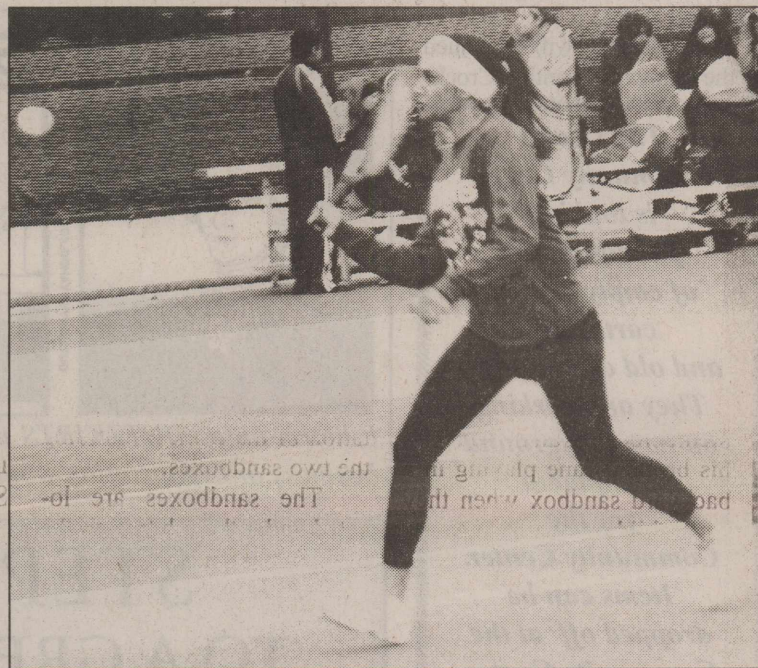


Photo by Joe Hernandez

STEFAN WILSON (r.) won the JV boys singles in the Ozona Tennis Tournament and Jayce Logan (l.) won consolation in JV boy's singles.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

ALEX MACIAS AND PUJA BHAKTA (r.) PLACED THIRD in the varsity girls doubles division at the Ozona Tennis Tournament held this past weekend.

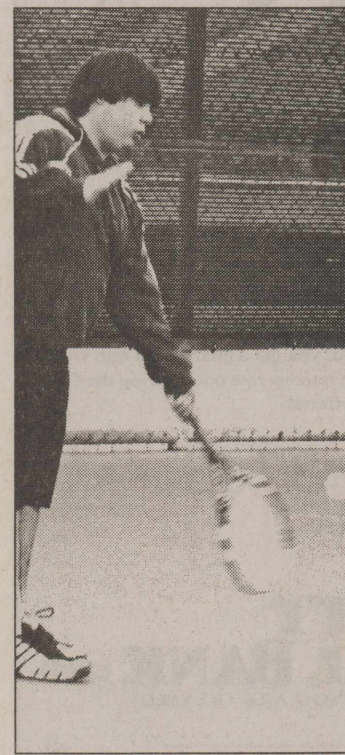


Photo by Joe Hernandez
DEVON DIEHL placed third in the varsity boys singles at the Ozona Tennis Tournament.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
KYLE DEAN REACHES FOR THE BALL as he competes in the varsity boys singles division in the Ozona Tennis Tournament.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Feb. 25 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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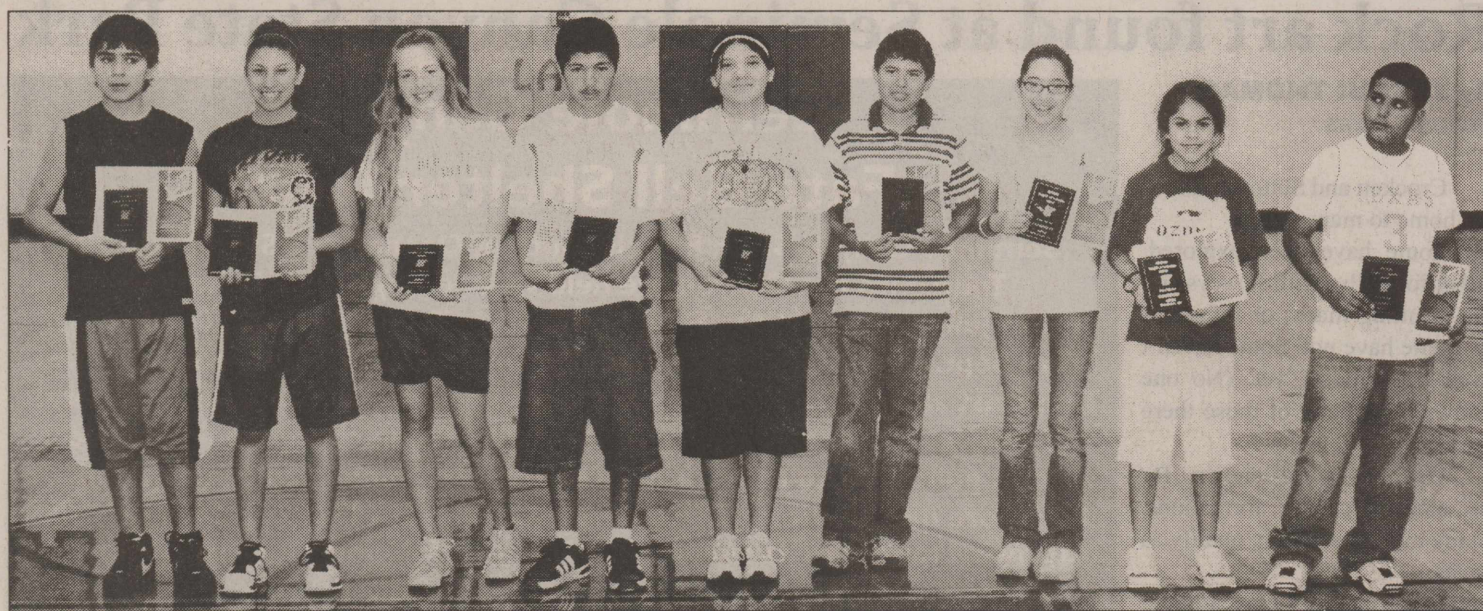


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THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS are: (l. to r.) 14 year-olds - Steven Rubio and Stacie Quiroz; 13 year-olds - Tesla Caperton and Saul Benson; 12 year-olds Amy Quiroz and Adam Gonzales; 11 year-old - Bethany Martinez and 10 year-olds Rikki Chavez and Jacob Talamantez.

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White receives Eagle Scout honor



Photo by Melissa Perner

WILSON WHITE (center) was bestowed the honor of Eagle Scout during a ceremony on Feb. 17 at Granny Miller Hall. White is pictured with fellow Boy Scouts and Troop Leaders: (left to right) Josh Smith, Nathan Knox, Ethan English, Duncan Knox, Taylor Newton, Linda Conner, Lane White and Melvin Conner.

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

When it came time for Wilson White to pick his Eagle Scout project, he remembered the fun he had with his brother Lane playing in a backyard sandbox when they were children.

From that memory, Wilson researched, collected donations and, with a little help from his fellow Boy Scouts, built two sandboxes at the Ozona Primary School for the Pre-K and PPCD classes.

After all his hard work, Wilson finally received his Eagle Scout badge during a ceremony on Feb. 17 at Granny Miller Hall.

"Being an Eagle Scout has always been a goal of mine," said the Ozona High School Junior.

During the ceremony, Wilson showed a slide presentation of his work in building the two sandboxes.

The sandboxes are located under the ash tree on the primary school playground. They have waterproof covers and can be moved if necessary.

Wilson also presented awards to his parents Jim and Vicky White, along with recognizing Martye Fluth, the primary school teacher who helped him with the idea, Ray Don Myers, maintenance and transportation supervisor

for the school district, Boy Scout Troop Leaders Melvin and Linda Conner and Triple C Hardware and Lumber for their donation of the sand.

Gary Vannoy read the Eagle Scout Challenge, while Lloyd Winkley gave the Eagle Scout Charge.

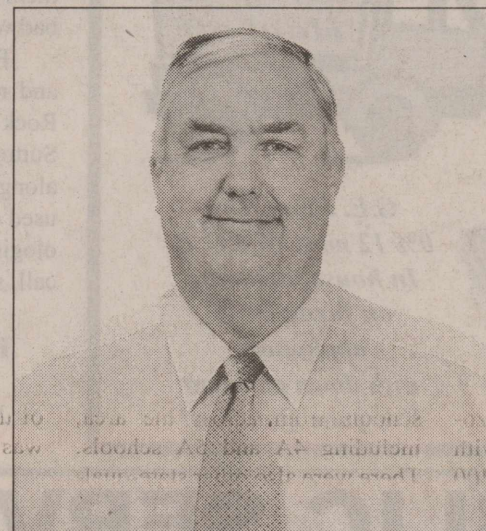
Melvin Conner also did Wilson's introduction as an Eagle Scout Candidate. Ozona Church of Christ Minister gave the invocation and David Porter gave the closing prayer.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 153 did the presentation of colors, with Senior Patrol Leader Josh Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Posting of Colors.



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Lions season ends with double loss

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions season came to an end last week after losing two games to the Crane Golden Cranes.

In the first game on Feb. 12, the final district game between the two teams, Ozona lost 64-52.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 16 10 22 - 52; Crane - 13 15 18 18 - 64.

Scoring: Josh Santos 7; Steven Silva 7; Rylee Ramos 4; Justin Maldonado 17; Mark

Tambunga 5; Matt Turland 6 and Randy Galindo 6, including one 3-point goal.

In the Feb. 15 game, a third-place playoff game, the Lions lost 63-56.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 21 15 9 11 - 56; Crane - 8 20 18 17 - 63.

Scoring: Santos 17, including two 3-point goals; Silva 12; Ramos 4; Maldonado 16; Tambunga 2 and Turland 5. Also playing: Josh Smith, Gilbert Gomez, Galindo, Tommy Longoria, Abey Lara and Kyle Sewell.

"This is not how I had envisioned the season to come to an end. Unfortunately, there had to be a winner and a loser and we came up a little short in the second half," said Coach Hollis Moore. "These seniors will be missed next year but should be proud because they kept themselves in a position to make the playoffs up to the last game, and that is all that anyone could ever hope for. There are a lot of teams around the state that would have loved to be in our position."

The Lions finish at 18-10 overall and 5-6 in district play.

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Rock art found at Seminole Canyon State Park

By **JACQUI THOMAS**
Sonora, Texas

Crockett and Sutton counties are home to many caves.

Some have been explored, either formally (with surveys and the resulting maps) or informally. Some have not. Some haven't even been found, yet. (No one knows how many of those there are).

One is world-renown for its elegant calcite formations. Many more just barely qualify as caves.

What makes a cave a cave? Who decides if a hole is a cave?

Ask members of the Texas Speleological Association, an internal organization of the National Speleological Society made up of Texas caving clubs and individual Texas cavers, and most will tell you if a feature goes back, in, or under 15-feet or more it's a cave.

Cave tour guides all over the United States joke about the often-asked question, "How much of this cave is underground?"

All caves are under ground. Or are they?

What about those openings in cliffs, the areas with rocky overhangs? They are not underground, really, but they are "under." And some qualify as caves, at least by Texas standards.

These are known as rock shelters. Often a shelter will be approached by a precarious trail snaking its way up its cliff, as game and goats have long known them as places to hunker down in bad weather.

People have used them, too, and not always in bad weather. Rock shelters in Crockett and Sutton counties, particularly along the Devil's River, were used extensively by what archaeologists and rock art specialists call, simply, Archaic people.

THE PEOPLE WHO CAME BEFORE

Archaic people who lived

south of here three- to four-thousand-years ago are often called "Lower Pecos Man."

These people left many signs of long-term use in their shelters.

Perishable items such as woven mats, baskets, pouches and fire sticks have been found, as have permanent features such as fire pits, either for cooking or for warming, and burnt rocks.

In the recent past, people living in this area have dug extensively into shelters looking for the more flashy artifacts, such as arrowheads and other items that would look good on a shelf.

One result of these hunts is the loss of information that would allow researchers to create a picture of what life was like for these people.

There are two big reasons for this loss: First, there is little that can be learned from an item once it is removed from the other articles around it, much as tearing a few chapters from a good novel makes it hard to understand, and easy to misinterpret, the rest of the book.

An excellent example of the other reason can be seen in the Fate Bell shelter at Seminole Canyon State Park where people searching for things to take home dug through floor mats woven from lechuguilla fibers, and pushed important but not easily recognizable items out of the way.

Searchers covered the floor with deeply dug pits that proba-

bly did not yield any of the types of things they were planning to find, but destroyed a lot of what was there.

In spite of these losses, archaeologists have been able to piece together a broad picture of how these Archaic people lived. Carbon dating has been useful in giving an idea of when these people were roaming the area south of Ozona.

One way the 3,000- to 4,000-year estimate was arrived at was by testing the fire residue on hearth stones, and by testing tiny samples of the paint used to draw on shelter walls.

This paint was made by using rocks to grind colored pebbles into a dust that was then mixed with something greasy, sometimes animal fat, to make a paste.

The paint was often applied with fingers or with brushes made from plants. Plant paint brushes, grinding stones, and lumps of paint have been found in shelters in the area.

NOT ALL ART IN GALLERIES

The shelters, and the paintings of people and animals—pictographs—in those shelters, have been analyzed and discussed by archaeologists and rock art aficionados for many years.

These folks agree that not all the shelters being used and painted were used as living spaces. Some have slanted floors that would have been impossible to use for any length of time.

Some are extremely difficult to approach.

People then, like people now, looked for comfort and convenience in their living spaces. There must have been some special reason to be uncomfortable.

Many of the pictographs of human-looking figures have wavy lines flying up from their heads. Some who study rock art have concluded that these particular paintings are symbols of shamans ("medicine men") sending their souls to search the spirit world.

Some believe all the pictographs found in the uncomfortable places were spiritual in nature, painted by and/or depicting the shamans during their searches.

Perhaps shamans sought information about locations of game, or where their group needed to go when the food ran out.

Perhaps the paintings were part of a young person's coming of age ceremony—no one knows for sure.

As one guide at Seminole Canyon used to say, "All we really know about these people is they wove floor mats out of lechuguilla and they liked to paint on the walls."

People continue to be fascinated by Archaic people and their paintings. We may never know for sure why the paintings exist or what they were for, and that's a very good reason to be fascinated.

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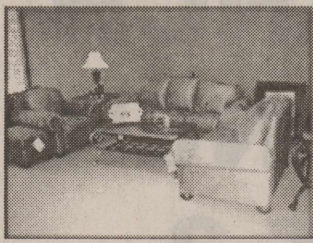
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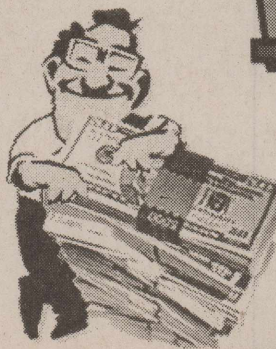
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- Property that has kept, stored or accumulated trash, unless the trash is entirely contained in closed receptacle.
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- Property that has allowed weeds to grow on a premises in a neighborhood if the weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment.
- A building that is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to safety, health or public welfare because of inadequate maintenance, unsanitary conditions, dilapidation, obsolescence, disaster, damage or abandonment or because it constitutes a fire hazard.

Clean up procedures:

- Written notice will be given to owner or person in charge of the property.
- The owner will then have 30 days to clean up the property.
- Failure to comply with the written notice can be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200. Failure to comply with the court order can result in another fine.

For more information, call the
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GAME: Ambassadors travel from September to May performing

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There was a basketball game between the Ambassadors and the members of the Knights of Columbus, EMS and Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and friends.

Roland De Hoyos and Michael Little performed with pushups for their air balls, while De Hoyos also did a take down of one of the Ambassadors during the "football" scene.

While all the five Ambassadors have their own talents, each player, along with all members of the Ambassadors organization, has to obtain their college degrees or be enrolled in pursuing their degree, Copeland said.

The group travels from September to May to any town or venue willing to host them.

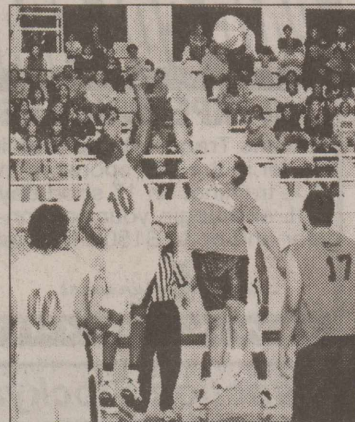
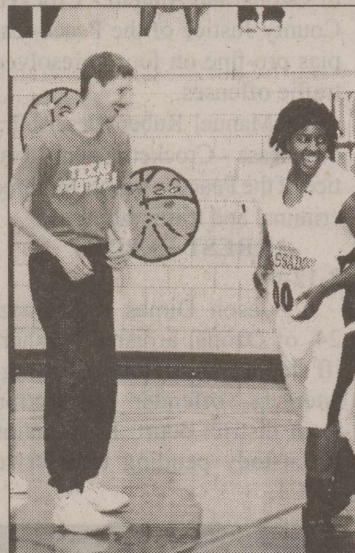
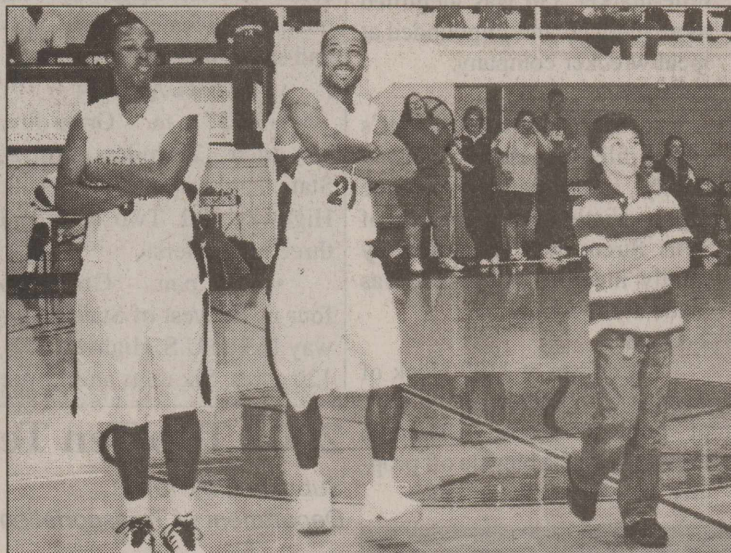
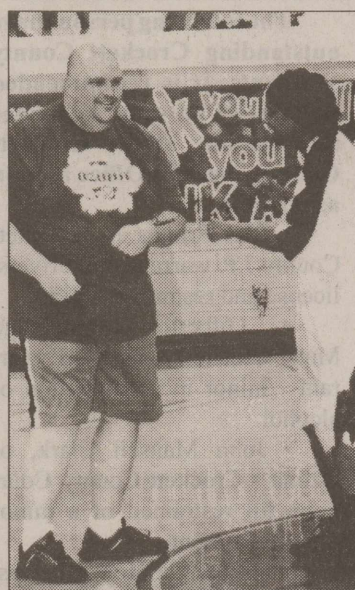
Copeland has been with the Ambassadors for seven years and said he enjoys spreading the organization's positive message to children.

All five Ambassadors stayed after their performance to sign autographs, take pictures and give hugs to the children that attended.

"For kids, this is an opportunity for them to be up close with someone famous," he said. "I think to put a smile on their face and let them know they can achieve anything if they set their mind to it."

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that came out and supported this event, especially the many people that volunteered: Wendy and Sam Justiss, Randy Herring, Juan Hernandez, Maria Perez, Valerie Sanchez, Karen Webb, Michelle Badillo, Irma Tambunga, Noah Tambunga, Emalee Hamilton, Veva Vargas, Jason Badillo, Tres Perez, members of the Knights of Columbus Basketball Team and members for the "Hometown Heroes" Basketball Team.

Also a special thanks to the local businesses that helped us out: Hitchin' Post, Hillcrest Motor Inn, Circle Bar TV and Motel, Ozona Fire Station, Bran-Dan's Roadside Grocery, Lori's Burger Shop and



HARLEM AMBASSADORS strut their stuff with (left to right) Asia Lara, Father Rodney White, Jason Badillo and Michael Little. Lou Carson tries to get the ball (bottom left) and Roland De Hoyos gets the tip-off (bottom right) for the Knights of Columbus.

Ozona Community Center Concession Stand Helpers. As always when planning these events advertising and pro-

moting such events are very important. We want to give a Special Thanks to Melissa Pernier and The Ozona Stockman and Bill and the

KHOS Local Radio Station. For more information on the Harlem Ambassadors, visit www.harlemambassadors.com.

Christian punk-pop band Hawk Nelson Feb. 27 in Sonora

The Christian punk-pop quartet Hawk Nelson will be performing Feb. 27 at the Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 North Crockett in Sonora.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. and will feature opening act Run Kid Run.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The show is fit for all ages.

Formed in Ontario, Canada in 2003, the group has been featured on NBC's Sunday Night Football, the NBC drama "American Dreams" and the 2005 film "Yours, Mine & Ours."

The recently released their sophomore LP, "Smile. It's the End of the World," which features the song "Friend Like That."

The group is comprised of front man Jason Dunn, bass player Daniel Biro, guitarist Jonathan Steingard and drummer Aaron "Squid" Tosti.

Their music can be found on Napster and iTunes.

Tickets are available at: www.hawknelson.tickets.musictoday.com, at Family Christian Stores in San Angelo or call (325) 374-5935.

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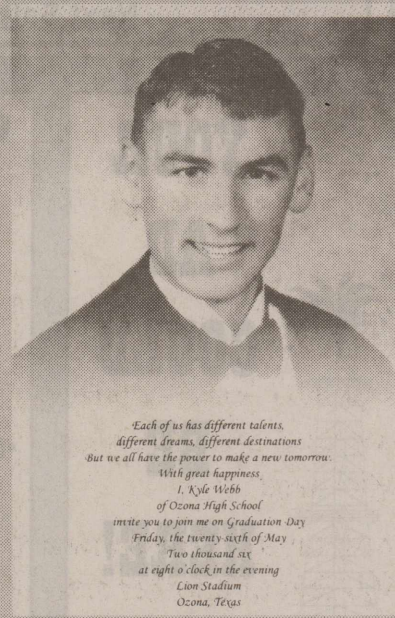
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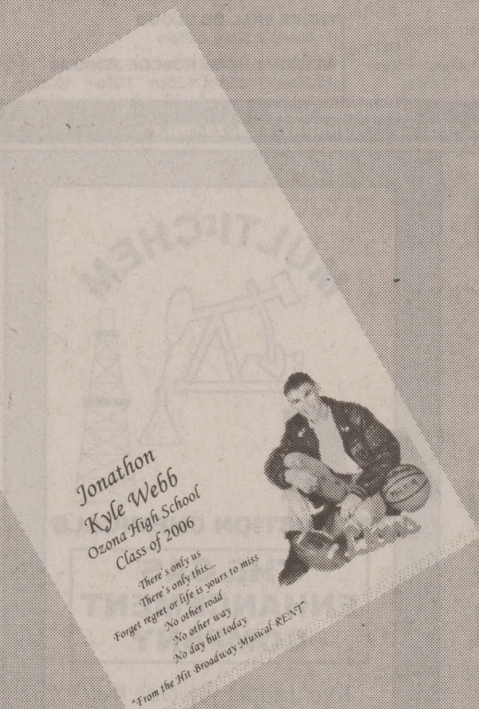
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Livestock Complaints	6
Animal control Impounded	Cats 2 Dogs 1 6
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	2
Courtesy Transports	1
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	16
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	12
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	3
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	5
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	8
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	3
Security Alarms	2
Assist other Law or county Agencies	1
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	27
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	17
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	2
Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries	1
Traffic Citations Issued	7
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozونا	8
Prisoners Housed in other counties	12

Friends For Hope today in Ozona

Friends For Hope Inc. will be stopping in Ozona today, 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) or visit www.friendsforhope.org.

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.

ARREST REPORT

2-12-08

- Jason Dimas Rodriguez, 24, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff deputy for a failure to register/sex offender conviction from district court. He remains in custody pending transfer to TDCJ.

2-14-08

- Darin Charles Albon, 34, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault causing bodily injury/family violence. He remains in custody pending trial/court.

2-18-08

- Francisco Cervantez, 66, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a warrant of public nuisance (property). He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace court, paid fine and was released.

INCIDENT REPORTS

2-12-08

- Crockett County Sheriff's Office filed an abandoned vehicle report. A vehicle on I-10 at mile-marker 330 was identified as abandoned and impounded at local wrecker company.

2-14-08

- Crockett County Sheriff's Office filed an assault causing bodily injury/family violence report. Victim at 1300 block of 13th Street was assaulted by family member. An arrest was made at the scene.

2-17-08

- A citizen at 1100 block of Avenue C in Ozona filed a theft of property report. Unknown Person(s) took a bicycle off property. Investigation continues.

Local EMS runs

FEBRUARY 11

- Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center.
- Transfer Transported patient to Shannon Medical Center.

FEBRUARY 15

- Local Run Transported patient to Family Health Clinic.

Fire department runs

fighters responded.

FEBRUARY 11

- 8:43 p.m. - Truck fire on Interstate-10 at mile-marker 343, out on arrival. Five units and 8 fire fighters.

FEBRUARY 12

- 10:40 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident around 35 miles south on State Highway 163, unable to locate. Three units and seven fire fighters.

FEBRUARY 14

- 12:27 p.m. - Grass fire, bar ditch 21 miles north at State Highway 137 and U.S. Highway 190. Two units and three firefighters.
- 3:30 p.m. - Grass fire four miles west of State Highway 163 on U.S. Highway 190, 120 acres. Six units and 11 fire

3:52 p.m. - Grass fire at the center median of mile-marker 345 on Interstate-10. A unit with two fire fighters.

FEBRUARY 15

- 8:23 a.m. - Grass fire at County Road 209 reported by Barnhart Fire Department. Cancel while in route, fire out. Two units and four firefighters.
- 9:05 a.m. - Cotton seed fire 5 miles east of State Highway 163 on U.S. Highway 190. Two units and four firefighters.
- 3:20 p.m. - Grass fire off of I-10 at mile marker 371. Fire went south into pasture, 100 acres. Four units and eight fire fighters.

2007 Top Ten Texas stolen vehicles

Submitted by Texas Department of Transportation

And vehicle theft costs Texans more money than any other crime - over \$900 million in 2006.

Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) personnel strongly encourage Texas drivers to practice vehicle crimes prevention. According to ABTPA Director Susan Sampson, "Auto thieves are looking for 'the easy take.' So it is more important than ever that drivers practice common sense and utilize practical prevention methods such as locking doors, taking keys, and hiding all items that may be desirable to a thief."

The Texas ABTPA, an office of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT), has funded law enforcement programs specializing in vehicle crimes investigation, recovery, prevention and prosecution since 1991.

Since then, Texas has realized a 42 percent reduction in the vehicle theft total and a 59 percent reduction in the vehicle theft rate based on the number of registered vehicles in the state.

Throughout the years, ABTPA has worked closely with local, state, and national agencies to reduce auto theft and burglary. Currently, ABTPA funds 30 grant programs, allowing over 150 law enforcement officers throughout Texas to focus exclusively on the resolution of vehicle crimes cases.

To locate and contact the ABTPA task force in your area regarding vehicle crimes, to arrange an interview, to acquire "Lock, Take, Hide" PSAs, or for more information on statistics and prevention, call Michelle Lanham or April Layton with ABTPA's RATT program at 800-CAR-WATCH.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released its final MVT19 report on the top vehicles reported stolen in Texas during 2007. The MVT19 report is compiled monthly by DPS and represents vehicle theft data entered into the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) by all Texas law enforcement agencies.

An error margin of + or - 5 percent is assumed for incorrect entries by agencies.

Based on the reports, as has been the case for many years, pickup trucks top the list of thieves' most common targets for the year.

The complete top ten list of most stolen passenger vehicles includes:

1. Ford Pickup
2. Chevrolet Pickup
3. Dodge Pickup
4. Honda Accord
5. Honda Civic
6. Chevrolet Tahoe
7. GMC Pickup
8. Ford Taurus
9. Toyota Camry
10. Ford Mustang

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to popular belief, the most stolen vehicles are several years old. Some are stolen and stripped for parts.

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#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.03-1.285
Fat ewes	35-47
Thin ewes	12-28
Bucks	28-40
Baby Tooth Ewes	60-72
Solid Mouth Ewes	37-48
Ewe & Lamb Pairs	\$33.50 few offered
Baby Tooth Angora Stocker nannies	45-52
Stocker Angora Muttons	50-70
Angora Kids	80-1.29
Angora Kids-shorn	92-1.22
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	10-30
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	40-56
Stocker Spanish nannies	55-74
Fat Spanish nannies	37-57
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.12
Fat Spanish billies	78-1.10
Fat yearlings	1.05-1.15
Fat Spanish kids	1.10-1.48
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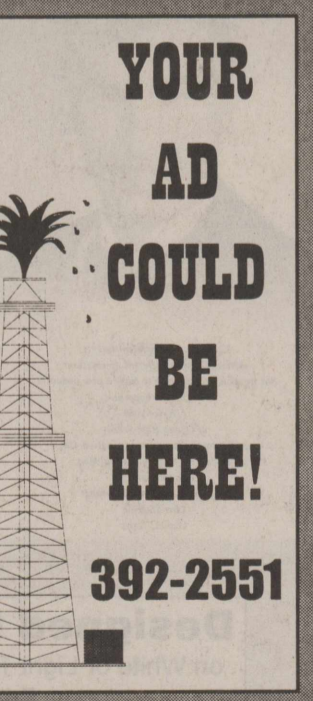
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE		
Endeavor Energy Res	13000	Hudspeth 47- #1	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Exl Petroleum Lp	11500	Universitycheri #3561	Robinson Drilling 10	W.O.O. 9654'
Harrison Interests	10500	John W Henderson III L- #70	Heart Land Drilling 8	Drig Ahead 210'
Encore Operating Lp	9400	J.L. Henderson Jr -A- #9-20	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead 8950'
New Approach Operating	9000	University 42-14 #2	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	J.R. Bailey Estate -B- #434	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8400	Scheuber -A- #12	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
Eog Resources/Mid	6000	Shannon Hospital -B4- #1	O'Ryan Drilling Lk 4	Drig Ahead 5410'
New Film Natural Res	5500	Baggett -B- #1-13b	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

Sutton County			CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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Highmount E&P Tx	10750	Thorp -16- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
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Highmount E&P Tx	7250	Canyon Ranch -207- #21b	Helmerich & Payne/S 305	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P Tx	7250	Kelly -125- #30	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead

Reagan County			CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE		
Mariner Energy	10000	Scott -178- #1	Big Dog Drilling 9	W.O.O. 9654'
New Pioneer Natural/Trv	10000	University 2-10a #6	Patterson UG/Midlan 472	Drig Ahead 2293'
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New Telesis Operating	9000	Rocker -B- #46- #3	Sand Dollar Drilling 22	Assigned
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE		
ConocoPhillips/Odes	12700	Alex Mitchell -J-#11	Helmerich & Payne/S 214	Drig Ahead
Encore Operating Lp	12600	Banner Estate #49 H	Nabors Drilling (O) 641	Drig Ahead
New Newfield Exploration	12000	Fouler -27- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead

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live within or relocate into the 22-county region within a reasonable commute distance to the office. Salary Range - \$30,000 - \$32,000 annually depending upon experience. The current status is that the position is funded by a grant from the Texas Historical Commission through August 31, 2008. Additional funding is anticipated, but not secured at this time. No guarantees of employment beyond grant period. Regional coordinator is an employee of the Texas Pecos Trail Region Board of Directors. Benefits - Insurance Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays Mileage reimbursement (must furnish own transportation) for business related travel. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted through March 7, 2008 or until filled. You must submit at least three references with contact information, as well as your current Driver's License number and issuing state with your resume. Resumes and cover letters should be mailed, hand delivered or e-mailed to: Teresa Caldwell Assistant State Coordinator Texas Heritage Tourism Program Texas Historical Commission P O Box 12276 (1304 Colorado Street) Austin, TX 78711 (78701) email: teresa.caldwell@thc.state.tx.us phone: 512/463-5755

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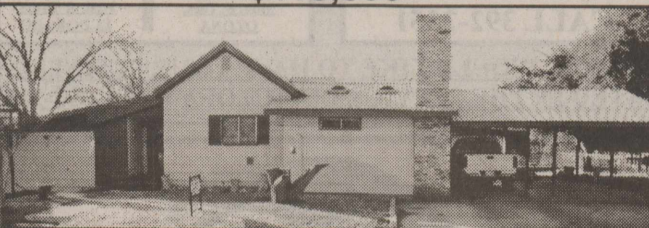
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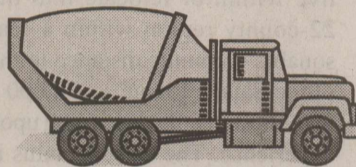
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