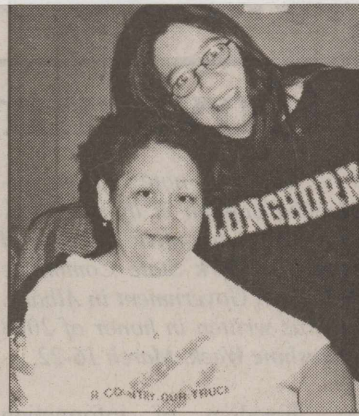


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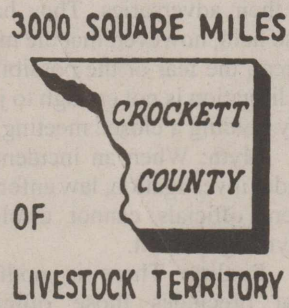
Happy Easter Sunday, March 23



THE GIFT OF LIFE

Daughter gives mother a second chance

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Grass fires continue to plague area

Bush grants federal aid for scorched Texas counties

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Area volunteer fire fighters spent this weekend battling more grass fire blazes.

Around 850 acres burned Friday and Saturday at a grass fire off of Lancaster Hill near Sheffield. Ozona received mutual aid help from Sonora, Sheffield, Iraan and local companies with water haul trucks.

Fire fighters cleared the scene around 2 a.m. Saturday morning, and then were called back out later that day. The fire was extinguished at 7:40 p.m. Saturday.

"We're all tired," said Fire Chief Bob Falkner. "We spent a lot of times hunting non-existent fires due to the amount of smoke."

The first that Ozona was called out to was in Val Verde County. As of Monday, 6,000 acres had burned 29 miles north of Comstock, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Other large fires over the weekend included one in Pecos County, 27 miles southeast of Fort Stockton, where 35,000 acres burned. In Reagan County, fire fighters fought on 14 miles northwest of Barnhart that took

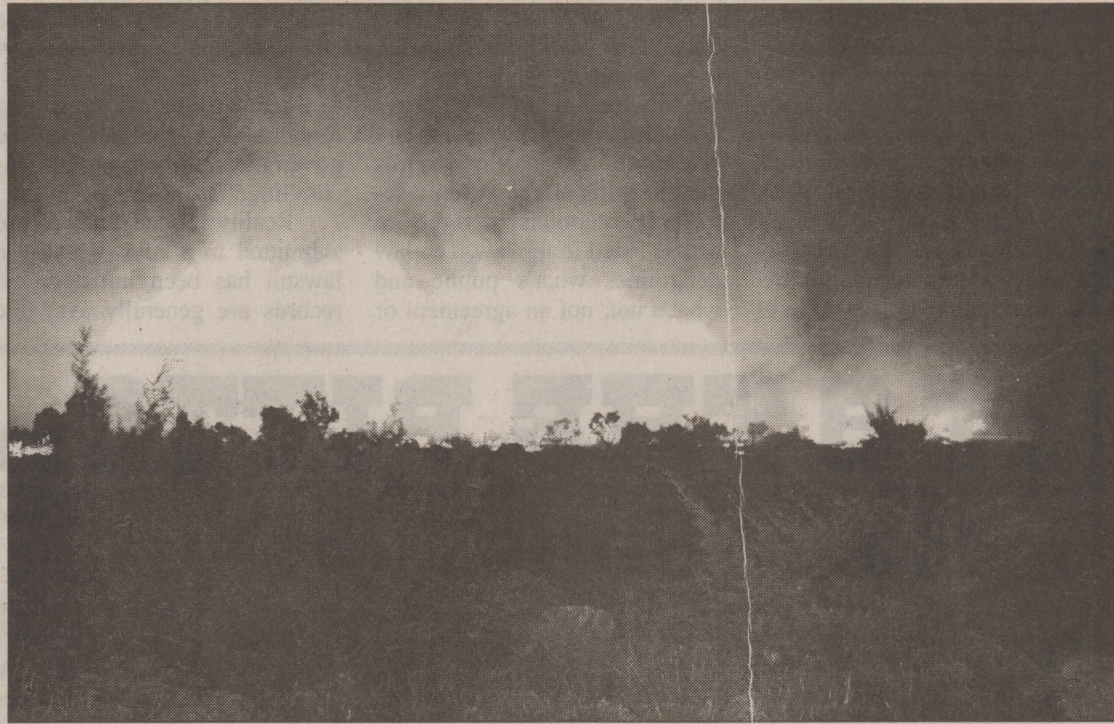


Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

A GRASS FIRE ON LANCASTER HILL near Sheffield burned around 850 acres on Friday and Saturday. As of Monday, Ozona Volunteer Fire Fighters have responded to nearly 100 calls, with the majority of the calls being grass fires due to the hot, dry and windy weather.

up 2,000 acres and in Irion County a grass fire burned 400 acres five miles east of Barnhart.

"It's about as bad as we thought it would be," said Lewis Kearney, a Texas Forest Service

spokesman.

The second week of March also has a history of producing large and devastating fires in Texas, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Officials said near record-high temperatures, strong winds, low humidity and dry, brittle grasses across the state were ingredients for devastating wildfires.

Please see FIRE page 5

County Wide Easter Egg Hunt Sunday

The Knights of Columbus in Ozona will be hosting their annual County Wide Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at the Fairgrounds Park east of town.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be for boys and girls up to 10 years old.

"We hope we have a nice day, so that people can attend the Easter Egg Hunt and make it a family afternoon at the park. If we have bad weather the Knights

will set up in their Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of Besente and Martinez Street and hand out the Easter Eggs," said Frank Tambunga. "If possible we will have the Easter Bunny join us, so please make plans to come and enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt."

The Knights will accept Easter eggs (real or candy) or money donations for prizes.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827.

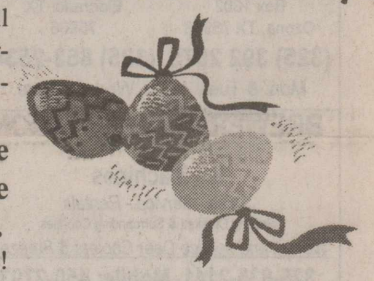


Stockman to close for Good Friday

The Ozona Stockman will close Friday, March 21, in observance of the Good Friday and Easter Holiday.

DEADLINE for the March 26 edition will be NOON Monday, March 24.

Have a safe and Happy Easter!



Murphey Black crowned champ at Houston

Chelsea Moore wins first place with fine wool cross

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County 4-Hers traveled last week to compete in the Houston Livestock Show.

Murphey Black won Champion Fine Wool Lamb at the Houston Livestock Show last week.

Also placing in the fine wool lambs were: Allie Black, sixth, and Taylor Newton, 15th,, both in the lightweight class.

In the Fine Wool Cross Lamb classes, Chelsea Moore placed first in the lightweight class.

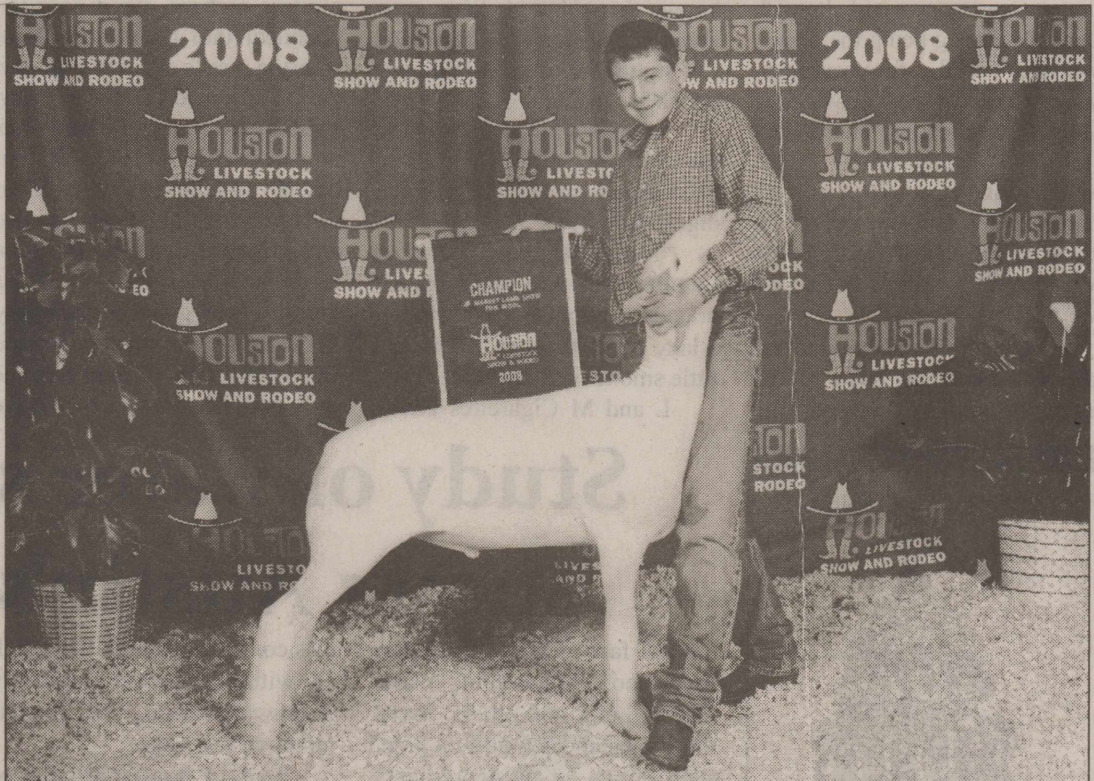
In the Medium Wool Lambs, Kelbie Renfroe placed sixth with her medium weight lamb.

In the Market Goats, Murphey Black placed third in the light heavy weight class; Rusel Komechak placed 10th in Class 2 of the medium weights and Allie Black placed 10th in Class 3 of the medium weights.

Also participating in the stock show were: Abby Newton and Matthew Komechak.

Photos courtesy of Barker Photography and the Houston Livestock Show

TOP: MURPHEY BLACK won Champion Fine Wool Lamb last week at the Houston Livestock Show. **BOTTOM: CHELSEA MOORE** won first place with her Fine Wool Cross Lamb.



UTAH MAN KILLED SUNDAY IN ACCIDENT



Submitted photo

OZONA and SONORA FIRE FIGHTERS work the scene of a fatal vehicle accident on Sunday at mile-marker 383 on Interstate-10. An 26-year-old Utah man was killed in the rollover accident.

Three others injured, one air lifted to San Angelo

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Memorial Hospital in Sonora. Moore was driving the 1998 Mitsubishi Montero Sport, when one of the passengers distracted him, causing the vehicle to drift to the center median, the report stated.

A 26-year-old Utah man was killed Sunday in a one-vehicle accident on Interstate-10.

Zach Dobson, an independent contractor from Utah, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace John Wilson of Sutton County, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety. His body was taken to Kerrville Funeral Home.

Dwayne Meek, 21, of Arizona, was air lifted to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, where he is listed in serious condition with possible internal injuries, the report stated.

Also injured are Ian Moore, 18, of Arizona and Michael Burke, 18, also of Arizona. Both of these men are listed in stable condition at Lillian M. Hudspeth

Moore then overcorrected the vehicle causing it roll five times in the barrow ditch, the report stated.

Everyone in the vehicle was wearing seatbelts, the report stated. The accident occurred around 4:10 p.m., two miles into the Sutton County line at mile-marker 383.

Ozona and Sonora volunteer fire fighters had to use the Jaws of Life to try and extract one man from the vehicle.

Responding were the Texas Department of Public Safety, Sonora EMS, Crockett County Sheriff's Department and Sutton County Sheriff's Department.

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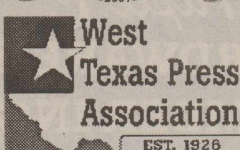
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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Government Secrecy: Myths vs. Reality

Editor's note: The following column is by Robert J. Freeman, executive director of the New York State Committee on Open Government in Albany. It was written in honor of 2008 Sunshine Week, March 16-22.

Freedom of information laws differ from one state to another, and now, from one country to another. But there are likely similarities among them that enable us to offer a few general observations.

I deal with the New York Freedom of Information Law (known widely here as "FOIL"), and I'm troubled by a variety of common beliefs that have grown into myths which simply are not true. The problem in part is that many Americans tend to follow like sheep, and when we hear the same kind of comments over and over again, too many of us begin to believe them. One of my continuing goals involves waking up the public, government officials, and yes, even reporters, and trying to ensure that they avoid falling into the traps created by myths relating to government's ability to keep secrets.

Although my experience involves the law in New York, my guess is that much of the following would apply in a variety of

jurisdictions.

Myth: Characterizing a record as "draft", a "work in progress" or "unofficial" enables a government agency to automatically deny access to the record.

Reality: FOIL pertains to all government agency records and defines the term "record" to include any information, in any physical form whatsoever, kept, held, filed, produced or reproduced with or for a government agency. Often drafts or works in progress include statistical and factual information that is available to the public. When a record comes into the possession of an agency, whether it is deemed "official" or "accepted" is irrelevant; it is subject to rights conferred by FOIL. Also, minutes of meetings must be made available, even if they haven't been approved.

Myth: Stamping or marking a record "confidential" enables the government to withhold it.

Reality: Under the New York FOIL, marking or agreeing to keep a record "confidential" is meaningless. In brief, FOIL says that all government records are accessible, unless the records may be withheld based on a series of exceptions to rights of access listed in the law. The law determines what's public and what's not, not an agreement or

claim of confidentiality.

Myth: Personnel records are confidential and discussions involving personnel matters can be discussed in closed or "executive" sessions of government bodies.

Reality: The word "personnel" cannot be found in either the FOIL or the Open Meetings Law. Although some aspects of personnel records pertaining to government officers or employees may be withheld, others are accessible under FOIL, particularly those that relate to their duties, such as salary, overtime, attendance, disciplinary action, etc. Similarly, personnel matters involving policy or the allocation of public money (i.e., whether to create or eliminate a position) must be discussed in public. Only when an issue focuses on a particular person in relation to one or more among a series of qualifiers (i.e., a discussion of a specific individual's performance) would there be a basis for going into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Myth: Records involving litigation are confidential and government officials cannot discuss litigation.

Reality: When records are submitted to a court because a lawsuit has been initiated, the records are generally available

from the court. With respect to meetings of government bodies, the courts have held that a closed meeting may be held by those bodies to discuss their litigation strategy in private, so as not to divulge their strategy to their adversaries. They have also held, however, that the mere threat, the fear or the possibility of litigation is not enough to justify holding a closed meeting.

Myth: When an incident is under investigation, law enforcement officials cannot disclose anything about it.

Reality: There is nothing that precludes those officials from speaking, and they do when there may be an advantage. Further, FOIL usually requires that a variety of details relating to the incident be made public, unless disclosure would interfere with an investigation or deprive a person of a right to a fair trial, for example.

Remember: When you hear or read statements from a government official indicating that the matter can't be disclosed because it's a personnel matter, it's in litigation, it's under investigation, or because it's confidential, often what they're really saying is that they don't want to disclose, even though they can or, in some circumstances, they must.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Hazardous To Our Health

Far away and long ago... back when I was a kid, life was a lot more dangerous. We lived in imminent danger at all times because we ate red meat, sprayed with DDT, climbed on unsafe ladders, sat too close to the television and bathed in the sun. How we even conceived is a mystery because many of our mothers smoked and drank more than two cups of caffeinated coffee per day.

We went looking for trouble in our convertibles with the tops down, wearing no seat belts with the only air bag being the driver. We didn't read safety warnings, wear helmets or seat belts or have OSHA to protect us. There were far fewer orange safety cones and our medicine bottles weren't rendered impossible to open with child safety caps. We didn't do a risk/reward analysis before we left the house every day.

Against all odds we ate bacon and beef and lived to tell about it. For breakfast we put

sugar on our Sugar Pops, Frost-ed Flakes and Sugar Crisp. If we still didn't get enough sugar in our diets we'd supplement with Milk Duds, Twinkies and Hershey's Kisses. Now Doctors now tell us that all that sugar we ate as kids will kill us and I'm sure someday it may. My generation ushered in the fast food generation; we were practically weaned on Pizza Hut, Burger King, Wendy's, McDonalds and yet we somehow survived. It's a miracle really. If we'd have known then what we know now about the dangers of fast food I'm sure more of us would have perished long ago.

Adults won't admit it but in the 1950's cigarettes were advertised as aids to calm nerves and digestion.

"More Doctors smoked Camels than any other brand" bragged a popular ad. In another a lady begged a man "to blow a little smoke her way."

L and M Cigarettes adver-

tised that they were "just what the Doctor ordered."

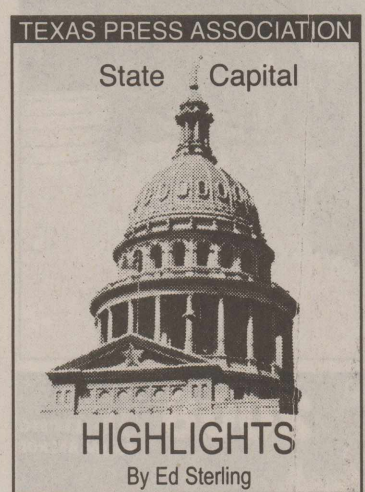
This may cause some teenagers to give up the sport but skateboarding was first popularized when I was a kid. Only we didn't have any safety devices like knee pads, helmets or fancy skateboards. Instead we took roller skates apart and screwed the wheels on a plank of plywood and went careening down hills and lived to tell about it.

I remember sniffing glue for hours as we put models of cars, airplanes and submarines together and yet I don't think my brain is addled. I played Little League for years without any protective devices and I still speak in the proper octave. One of my first jobs was spraying weeds in a citrus orchard. We'd pour the chemical into the tank without wearing masks and spray all day. How I survived I'll never know. People who could afford a power mower pushed their luck by not having an automatic shutoff on it. Nor did their chain saws have anti-kickback devices. Yet most of us have use of all 20 of our digits. I was given a chemistry set one Christmas that contained jars of all sorts of acid and the only casualty was the expensive

surface of my Mom's dining room table. Against all odds, and in a world fraught with danger, most of us made it. Maybe we should be called the Luckiest Generation because in many ways we were.

As children we huddled under desks during drills in case the Russians nuked us. Forty percent of us truly believed that we'd perish in a global nuclear disaster. Some people dug up their yards and installed bomb shelters. Our government detonated over 1,000 nuclear devices, including 300 of them above the ground. People used to take their lawn chairs out into the Nevada desert to watch the mushroom cloud. And yet not only did we survive, we flourished. The year I was born (1951) the average life expectancy was 68.2 years. If I hold up my end of the bargain as a male I can expect to live past 72 years. Despite all the unsafe things we did we are somehow living longer. Still, scientists and bureaucrats are trying to get rid of everything that is dangerous so that some day we may all live to be 140, drooling in some warehouse for the aged where there will probably be a sign warning us not to run or skateboard in the hall.

Study of water supplies shows Austin's is OK



AUSTIN - With the U.S. population at 303 million and growing, whatever finds its way into the water supply is increasing.

Say you take a prescription medication, the part of it that your body does not use passes naturally. This residue continues through a sewer line or septic system, eventually ending up in the city water supply.

The Associated Press did a five-month study to learn the pharmaceutical content in the water supplies of selected cities across the nation. The AP reported the results, and those results were widely published.

Surprisingly, the tapwater here in your capital city came up negative when tested for pharmaceuticals. The city tapwater in Albuquerque, N.M., also tested negative, and so did the tapwater in Virginia Beach, Va.

The rest of the cities tested

did not fare as well. Think San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and others. Sixty-three substances found included such things as antidepressants, cholesterol inhibitors and sex hormones.

Now, changing the subject from water to air: Austin, of course, is the Travis County seat, and it turns out the air in Travis County does not meet the Environmental Protection Agency's new air quality standards for ozone.

Travis isn't alone: other counties the EPA identified as not meeting air standards include Bexar, Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Harrison, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Johnson, Montgomery, Orange, Parker, Rockwall, Smith and Tarrant.

Gov. Rick Perry on March 12 called the EPA standards a "moving target" that in effect restrict commerce.

But Perry lauded a March 3 editorial in the Wall Street Journal hailing the Lone Star State's economic strength despite the national economic slowdown.

SXSW HITS AUSTIN

Continuing on the subject of commerce, your capital city

was consumed March 7 through 16 with the annual South By Southwest music, film and interactive festivals.

Tens of thousands of people came to hear bands ranging from the famous to the barely known from across America and around the world.

They purchased "SXSW" wristbands that worked like a passport to all the clubs they could squeeze into.

Austin's welcome guests bunked at hotels, ate heartily at cafes and bistros and shopped euphorically, even with the cost of gasoline, milk, wheat and corn inching skyward.

EMPLOYERS TO RECEIVE TAX BREAK

The Texas Workforce Commission announced a plan to give about 370,000 employers a break from paying unemployment insurance tax.

Employers who had a payroll in 2007 and paid all taxes on time will qualify to receive the break, which will come in the form of a surplus tax credit.

Qualified employers will receive the surplus tax credit after their first quarter 2008 tax returns are filed and taxes are paid.

The tax credit is expected

to total about \$90 million. That would average about \$243 per employer.

"Thanks to our healthy economy and low unemployment rate last year, the state collected more money for the unemployment trust fund than we need, which is why I'm directing the state to bring that tax to a screeching halt for this year."

Gov. Perry explained in a March 10 news release.

PAUKEN NAMED COMMISSION CHAIR

Gov. Perry appointed Dallas attorney Tom Pauken as chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission for a term to expire Feb. 1, 2013.

Pauken served as chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, 1994 to 1997.

PRESIDENT DECLARES DISASTER

David Paulson, head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that the president has declared an emergency exists in the state of Texas and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local response efforts in the area struck by wildfires beginning on March 14, and continuing.

Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District VIII news

By **CHARLOTTE HARRELL**
Texas Garden Clubs Inc.

District VIII of Texas Garden Clubs Inc. held its spring convention in Del Rio March 7-8. Members of the Cactus Thorn Garden Club and the Mignonette Garden Club, both of Del Rio, hosted a fine convention attended by 54 garden club members, representing garden clubs in Abilene, Breckenridge, Coleman, Colorado City, Del Rio, Ozona, San Angelo and Stamford. Representing the Ozona Garden Club were Marolyn Bean, Lana Chandler, Charlotte Harrell, Pamela Maresch and Jerri Lynn Pierce.

Friday evening featured a delicious Mexican buffet at the Ramada Inn. The Borderline Singers, a local folk band, provided much appreciated entertainment. A silent auction offered many lovely items to the highest bidders. Artistic Photography by Emile donated many fine prints to the auction.

Saturday morning the day began with a flag presentation by Girl Scouts of Del Rio and a warm welcome by Del Rio Mayor Efrain Valdez. A Country Store was open for shopping during all breaks. After the business meeting and a fine lunch, three floral designers of the El Crespon Club de Jardineria y Diseno de Ciudad Acuna explained five of their delightful prize-winning floral designs. All Saturday activities were held at the beautiful San Felipe Country Club adjacent to San Felipe Creek. Before lunch, many members strolled along the creek banks to observe the

beauty of the area.

For the first time in several years, District VIII selected a candidate for Texas Garden Club Woman of the Year. Three clubs had nominees, and the judging committee, led by Moira Graham of Del Rio, selected Doris Purcell of Abilene. Mrs. Purcell has been active in garden club work from the 1960s to the present.

The District VIII nominating committee, chaired by Pamela Maresch of Ozona Garden Club, made recommendations for 2009-2011 state officers: Carol Looney of the Breckenridge Garden Club, Trustee; Charlotte Harrell of the Ozona Garden Club, State Officer (exact position will be determined by the State Nominating Committee) and Pamela Maresch of the Ozona Garden Club, District VIII Director. The members present unanimously approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Awards Chairman Marolyn Bean of the Ozona Garden Club presided over the awards ceremony. This year the Ozona Garden Club won the highest number of points of any club in the district for its many accomplishments. Ozona Garden Club received a Second Place award for its President's Report by Jerri Lynn Pierce. Ozona Garden Club had the greatest number of members in attendance, other than the host clubs and, therefore, was awarded \$25 by District VIII. The Abilene Garden Club was awarded \$50 for having the greatest membership increase of any club in our district - 10 new members since last summer!

'Answers on Aging' program March 27 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. March 27 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 Sup-

port (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.

Ozona Garden Club News

By **CHARLOTTE HARRELL**
Ozona Garden Club

Ozona Garden Club held its March 10 meeting at the home of Jerri Lynn Pierce with 15 members present. Hostesses Jeannine Henderson, Pamela Maresch and Jerri Lynn Pierce served refreshments.

Marolyn Bean, Lana Chandler, Charlotte Harrell, Pamela Maresch and Jerri Lynn Pierce who all attended the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District VIII spring convention in Del Rio held March 7-8, gave the club members a report of its events.

The Ozona Garden Club received the highest number of points (54) and awards of any club in District VIII. Ozona Garden Club was awarded \$25 for having the largest attendance at the convention, excepting the hosts clubs of Del Rio.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

Thursday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Tracye Swindle, JoAnn Babbitt, and Jim Couch danced at the Care Center.

Caller Tracey Dowell, from McCauley, Texas, will call at our dance on March 22. The dance will be at the Senior Building at 8 p.m., everyone is welcome.

We have decided to postpone lessons until after the festival due to all of the time it takes to get this thing going.

We will announce the date of lessons after the festival is over.

For more information about lessons, and our dance schedule, call Carol Adcock at 392-2912 or Tina Jarvis at 392-9547. Keep it square and happy dancing!

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Club President Jerri Lynn Pierce reported that our plans for improving Live Oak Park are progressing with our contractor.

The Flower Show committee presented a design program with samples of three of the categories for our flower show to be held Tuesday, April 15, at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Flower Show schedules were given to members, which indicated the various assignments for all members.

Nancy Forehand conducted the monthly plant auction, raising \$92 for the garden club.

Members attending were: Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Alice Brewer, Lana Chandler, Arlene Clayton, Nancy Forehand, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Camille Jones, Pamela Maresch, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Celia West and Esther Williams.

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Community Calendar

- Monday, March 17-Friday, March 21**
- Spring Break for Ozona Schools.
- Wednesday, March 19**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, March 20**
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County Invitational at Big Lake.
 - OHS Baseball Team vs. Van Horn, 7 p.m. at Van Horn.
- Friday, March 21**
- Good Friday - Stockman offices closed.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County Invitational at Big Lake.
- Saturday, March 22**
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 8 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sunday, March 23**
- Easter Sunday.
 - County Wide Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Park.
- Monday, March 24**
- Bad Weather Day - no classes for Ozona Schools.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Lions Golf Team at the Christoval Invitational at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.
 - Future Stars Girls Basketball Program, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Tuesday, March 25**
- Lady Lions Golf Invitational at Ozona Country Club.
 - OHS Softball vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
 - OHS Baseball vs. Kermit, 7 p.m. at Kermit.
- Wednesday, March 26**
- Lions Golf Invitational at Ozona Country Club.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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- March 17** - Zelma Johnigan
- March 19** - Mike Preddy, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jady Poindexter
- March 20** - Cesar Villarreal
- March 21** - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores
- March 22** - Abel Rodriguez, Stella Rodriguez, Sevastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jean-ine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley
- March 23** - Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Sabastion De La Cruz and Tyra Branch
- March 24** - Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Angela Moore and Austin Borrego
- March 25** - Cynthia Hokit, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

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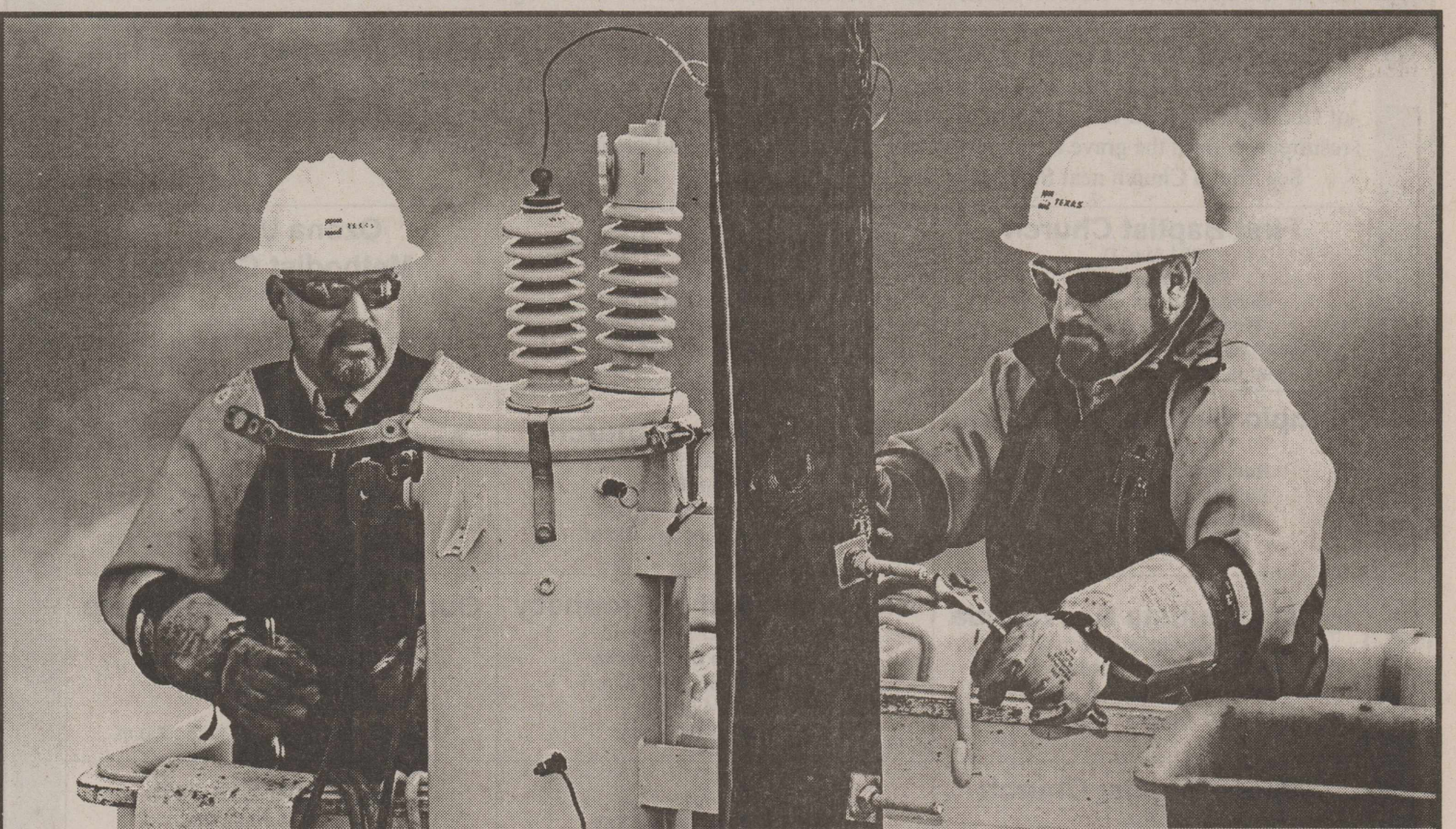
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
 Senior Center Director

The weather is still questionable this last part of March. At this point, we are all wanting and praying for moisture in some form. It is so dry we will be grateful for rain or snow.

Betty and Bob Hartley are still not here. The last I heard is that they are still doing tests. We miss them both and look forward to their return.

The St. Patrick's Senior Bingo Social was March 13. Everyone who attended had a great time and they are saying that the food delicious.

Our good friend Bill Williams passed away this past week and buried here in Ozona this past Saturday. We will forever miss Bill and remember that he was always so nice even when he did not feel well. Our condolences go out to Rosalind, Estelle and all of his family.

Monday, Judith Jones came by to say hello. Judith moved to Dallas several months ago from

Ozona and she was in town for a visit. It was good seeing her.

New Sound will be here at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 20, for ear hearing checks. Several of you already have an appointment to see the hearing tech.

Crockett County Senior Center will be closed Friday, March 21, for Good Friday. However, Helping Hands will be open and will serve lunch.

Senior Airman Logan K. English will be returning from a tour of Iraq this week. He has been in North Carolina for about three weeks and it is a comfort knowing he is in the USA. It will be wonderful to see him safe and sound in Ozona. Logan is my oldest grandson and this grandmother is very proud of him and his courage.

Keep in mind that there are several things to do here at the Senior Center. We are always working a puzzle, we have a pool table, books and magazines to read, square dancing, bridge, TV, VCR and a DVD

player. The coffee pot is on and there is always someone to visit with. We also have printers and computers for the public to use.

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

Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies come in all smiles, bringing snacks and enjoy each others company. Playing bridge last week were: Celia West, Charlotte Harrell, Liz Williams, Jean Odom, Marilyn Cox, Dorothy Friend and Eileen Childress.

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

Monthly diabetes support group meeting March 27

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27.

This support group is a good continuation for all who have attended any part of the "Do Well, Be Well" with diabetes class but is open to anyone.

Various topics and activities

are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program March 28

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 28 at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending food money wisely. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons.

However, in order to receive a food box, participants must pre-register. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Care Center Chatter

By **MARTA DE LA GARZA**
 Activity Director

It has certainly been busy here with Elsa and Anna gone last week. Our residents sure do miss Elsa and are ready to play bingo and other activities with her. Our prayers continue to be with her for a quick recovery. We will also miss James calling

our bingo numbers but we look forward on Wednesdays for him to continue to sing for our residents and call our bingo during the week.

Ann Shaw and Josie Mendoza came in with bingo prizes. Thanks ladies we have a selection of prizes to give out to our winners. Their is always more than one winner at our games.

Our friends from the com-

munity churches continue to come to worship and sing with our residents.

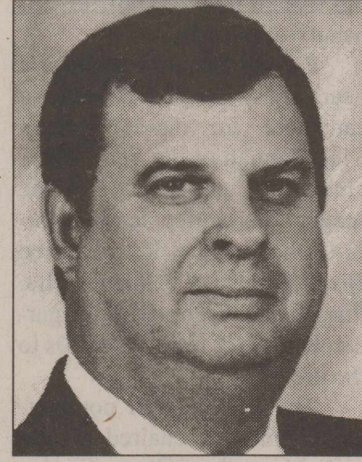
Every one is always welcome to visit with our residents. We thank Frances Avila and the wonderful ladies who made cloth protector with ties on back for our residents.

Thanks to our square dancers for coming out in the evenings.

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OBITUARIES

Bill T. Williams



Bill T. Williams died Wednesday morning, March 12, 2008, at Houston after a lengthy bout with kidney cancer.

He was born Aug. 25, 1944, to Troy and Estelle Williams. He attended Ozona schools, graduating in 1962. He married Rosalind Marie Gibson in 1965, in Hale Center, Texas.

He attended Wayland Baptist College, after receiving a track scholarship. While at Wayland, several of his poems were published in the school's literary magazine. He later graduated from Sul Ross University in 1970, with a bachelor of science degree and secondary certification. After teaching a few years, he pursued a master of education degree in elementary education. He later obtained a second master of education in counseling, as well as certifications for mid-management and superintendent.

Bill was involved in a ranching partnership with his father for many years before becoming an educator.

He began his teaching career by teaching migrant children in Eagle Pass. Later his teaching endeavors included San Antonio, Ozona, Odessa, Kermit and Presidio. While in Odessa he served as counselor, test administrator, and assistant principal of a Magnet School.

From Odessa he went to Kermit as a middle school principal, later moving to Presidio to serve as an elementary principal. In Presidio he acted as Interim Superintendent, while getting a building project going and maintaining his large campus. He was proud that in an unassuming way he brought the faculty together as a working team. He was there for four years.

During his tenure at Presidio, he was invited to be a part of a Houston regional center administrators' group that went to Berlin and Germany, paid for by the German government, for the purpose of recruiting German math teachers for the Texas public school system.

He became Superintendent of the Trent ISD in 2000. While serving in that capacity, he led a movement to accept wind generators in the school district. This effort led to acceptance of a bond to build a \$5 million dollar state-of-

the-art school. While at Trent, he was very active in the community.

During his life, he enjoyed many mission trips to Mexico. He was ordained as Deacon of First Baptist Church in Trent and later at First Baptist Church of Ozona. He was on the Board of Directors at the O.B. Trap Company and a member of the Ozona Lions Club.

He loved Paisano Baptist Encampment where he served as counselor for the Boys' Wilderness Camp, and on staff as assistant director. He and his wife cooked for three camps each summer for several years.

He retired in May 2005 due to illness. He participated in several experimental programs for kidney cancer research at the GU Oncology Program at the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Troy Williams and sister, Kathryn Mayfield.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalind, a daughter, Candace Williams of Chicago, as well as a son and his wife, Slate and Heidi Williams of Ozona. Survivors also include his mother, Estelle Williams, sister and her husband, Jacquelyn and Paul Shacklette of San Angelo, brother and his wife, Larry and Elaine Williams of Ozona. He also is survived by several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Services were Saturday, March 15, at the First Baptist Church of Ozona, followed by interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Pastor John Collis of First Baptist of Ozona and Pastor Ronnie Freeman of First Baptist Church in Trent officiated. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were the deacons of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, Douglas Bean, Pleas Childress III, Bob Falkner, Abe Gott, Les Hale, Gene Hood, Doug Meador, Burl Myers, Jerry Perry, Harold Shaw, Richard Storms, Jason Sullivan and son Slate Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were Clayton Robinson of Waco, Dale Burger of Austin, Ted Dews of San Angelo and Norberto Trevino of Katy.

The family wishes to thank the GU Oncology Department of Methodist Hospital, Houston, as well as Dr. Robert Amato, D.O. and staff for their special care and concern. The family is especially grateful for the prayers and concerns from people in many different communities and states.

Memorials may be made to the GU Oncology Department, Suite 2050, 6560 Fannin, Houston, Texas 77030. Checks need to be made out to Methodist Hospital Foundation, Memo: Kidney Cancer Discovery Fund with notation that the gift is in memory of Billy T. Williams.

Other memorials may be made to any organization of one's choice.

Daphne June 'Dilly' Dockery

Daphne June "Dilly" Dockery, daughter of Coralie Kittle Meinecke and Ralph Winifred Meinecke, was born on Jan. 30, 1928 and died on March 10, 2008 in Ozona, Texas. Funeral service was Wednesday, March 12, at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Loving, vibrant, strong-spirited, caring, funny, unflappable and loyal are some of the words that come to mind in describing this special woman.

An 80th birthday party was held for Dilly on her last birthday. She enjoyed it to the fullest. Approximately 90 of her family and friends attended. She laughed and joked, and was happy to see everyone and celebrate with them.

Survivors include: daughter Stacy Mefford and son-in-law Gary Mefford and Grandsons Shaun Mefford and Clay Mefford; daughter Shannon Hunnicutt and son-in-law Rick Hunnicutt and grandchildren Cody Hunnicutt and Lacey Beck and husband Whitney; brothers Bud Meinecke and William (Sonny) Meinecke and wife Alleen Meinecke; nephew Gerald Meinecke and wife Bridey and their children Megan, Erin and Abigail, Mitchell and Melanie; niece Susan Lanzini and husband Robert and their children Ross, Lauren and Neal; nephew Jeffrey Meinecke and wife Mechel and their children Brianna and Nicole; nephew Larry Melton; nephew Clay Melton and children Stormy Melton, Reid Melton, Rianne Lupardis and Camille Warfel; niece Coralie Tidwell and husband Jimmy and their children Jonna



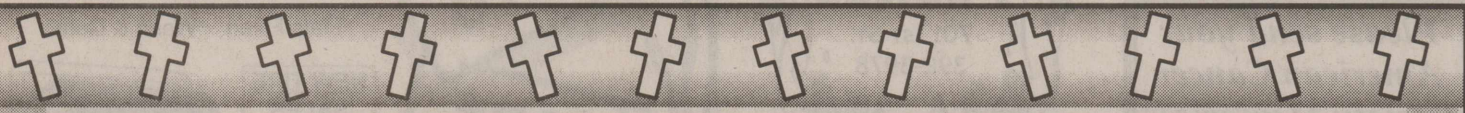
and Jordyn; cousin Bill Meinecke and Nikki Harrison and her precious angel, Ami Lee Sewell. Dilly was preceded in death by her parents, her husband James Thomas (Dock) Dockery, her sister Sue Melton and brother-in-law Bill Melton, niece Debbie Meinecke and cousin Bob Meinecke.

An avid game player, Dilly loved bridge and other card games, scrabble and other crossword puzzles and games that were interactive and competitive. Most of all, she loved her family and friends and she loved Ozona. She was a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Dilly's family would like to offer a special thank you to the Staff at Crockett County Care Center and Hospice of San Angelo who so lovingly cared for her and helped her through the last chapter of her life.

Pallbearers were: Will Hoover, Louis Bunge, Dan Davidson, Steve Wilkins, Tony Hoover, Wade Garlitz and Clay Garlitz.

Honorary Pallbearers: Oscar Kost and Al Fields.



LITTLE SNOW WHITE

We were busy feeding the sheep and I did not notice when he walked up. He stayed with the other baby lambs while their mothers were eating. Maybe it was the snow white color or maybe his size because he was a couple of inches taller than the other lambs. Every time we went to feed those sheep I looked for him. Sometimes I would see him and his mother coming across the pasture and he might be skipping or hopping and running in circles around his mother. Yes, he is a lamb but he is little different than the others. That little lamb reminds me of something about God. God loves us very much and he wants us to be close to him, (reconciled). He provided a way that we could be brought close to Him, (1 Peter 3:18). He planned it long ago and waited until the right time to put His plan into action, (Romans 5:6, Revelation 1:5). He did that when He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of a virgin and to live a few short years, about thirty three or so. Part of God's plan was for His only Son to give His life for our sins, (John 1:29, Romans 5:8). Not only His death but also His resurrection from the grave is very important because he conquered sin and death, (Romans 4:24&25, 5:1&10&11).

See You in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

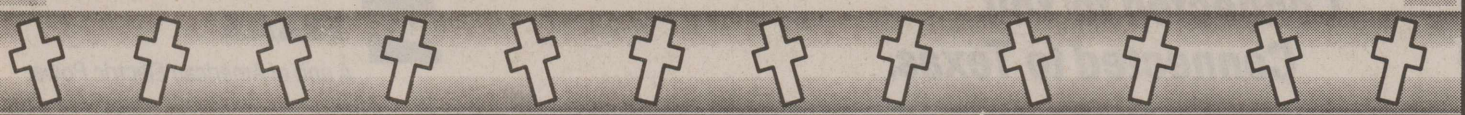
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Daughter gives gift of life to mom

Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted with permission from the Colorado City Record newspaper. Alice Martinez is the aunt of Ozona's Annette Badillo.

Life has not been easy for Alice Martinez this past year. But a gift from her daughter has given her a new lease on life.

Earlier this month, Martinez received a kidney transplant from Kristina Guerra which literally saved her life.

"My kidneys were down to 13 percent functioning," said Martinez. "When they get to 10 percent, there's nothing the doctors can do. She saved my life."

Martinez had called her daughter when she first received the news, never dreaming her daughter would volunteer.

"The boys couldn't due to health problems," Martinez said.

"When Mom called me after her appointment with the doctor the last week of December, she was hysterical," said Guerra, who is married to George Guerra.

Guerra then talked with her mother's kidney doctor who explained the various options available including dialysis and transplants.

"I said I'd never get on dialysis," said Martinez, explaining it was too stressful and too much of a sacrifice on the family. "I didn't want to intrude on their lives."

Normally, the process for obtaining a kidney transplant takes nearly a year. Martinez received hers in just a little over a month and a half. The mother of four, Guerra took it upon herself to track down information on transplants from co-workers and the internet.

Every time she took her mother in for an appointment, things worked out where she got her testing done at the same time.

"I give credit to Tamey Fleischhauer, our transplant coordinator, for getting everything done quickly," Guerra explained.

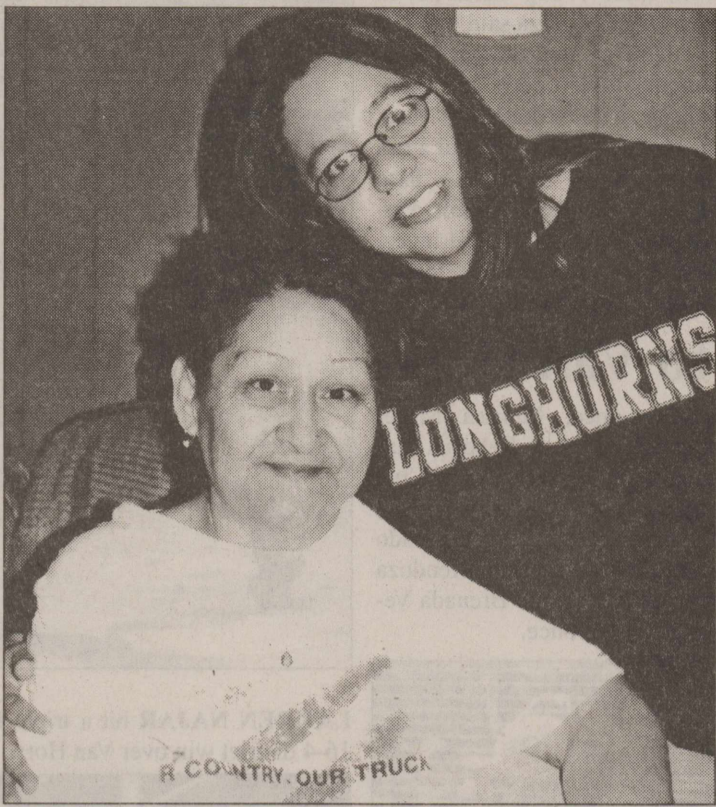


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"TOGETHER FOR LIFE" Alice Martinez and daughter Kristina Guerra after a successful kidney transplant.

Fleischhauer is a post-transplant coordinator with Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

However, the process did not go smoothly. Guerra's blood sugar tests continued to come back abnormal.

"I wanted to cry," she said. "The hardest part was having to tell Mom. I just cried and cried."

She had to comfort me," Guerra said.

The doctors scheduled one more test - a four hour blood sugar test.

"We had to wait all weekend for the results," Guerra said.

But on Monday they received a good report, causing the family to celebrate.

Guerra also had to undergo a psychological evaluation.

"The joke going around the family was the psychologist would decide I was crazy and tell me no," said Guerra.

The surgery was harder on Guerra than her mother. Guerra has to take two months' leave from her job at the state prison where she's worked 14 years, to

allow her body to recover fully. But her mother was up and about the day after surgery.

"We met a stranger in the hospital who got to talking with her as she was walking the halls," said grandson Erick Martinez. "They couldn't believe she'd just had a kidney transplant. She was amazing," he said of Martinez who was out of the hospital and back home after one week.

Martinez plans to move to San Angelo with her son, where she'll be closer to her doctors. Martinez has two sons, Chris Martinez Jr., of San Angelo, and Lonnie Martinez, of Abilene.

"I plan to enjoy my grandchildren and family more and go to church," said the great grandmother of five.

"I feel different already. My body feels different. Before, everything felt tight and weak. Now I feel good," said Martinez.

"I would not change or doubt myself ever," said Guerra. "If it means giving my mom ten more years of life, I would do it again." She is "my best friend and we need each other."

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A completed form must be returned to a TxDOT maintenance office for review.

This process typically takes a week, during which time a TxDOT employee will evaluate the proposed location of the driveway to ensure that it meets safety and line-of-site regulations.

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They also said the conditions were eerily similar to March 12, 2006, when 900,000 acres burned in the Panhandle, killing 12 people and 4,000 livestock in less than 12 hours.

Texas Forest Service spokesman Rich Phelps called Friday "one of the top two or three" wildfire events in Texas since 2006.

Since January 1, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department has received 97 calls, with the majority of those being grass fires.

Statewide, there have been 507 fires burning 582,826 acres since the start of 2008, according to the Texas Forest Service. While 191 structures have been lost in these wildfires, fire fighters have saved 4,243 structures.

Due to the outbreak of wildfires this year, President Bush is making federal aid available to more than 70 percent of counties in Texas after wildfires spread across the state. Bush's emergency declaration authorizes federal aid and resources to 184 counties, including Crockett County.

Relief came earlier this week with cooler temperatures and rain, but officials state conditions could get worse over the next few months.

Texas is in the middle of a drought that has reached the severe stage in several parts of the state, said John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric

sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as Texas State Climatologist.

The bottom line: More than half of the state is currently experiencing unusual dryness and conditions could actually worsen over the next few months, Nielsen-Gammon said.

"Less than a year after rains finally brought an end to the 2005-2006 drought in Texas, many parts of the state are again suffering drought conditions," he said. "Only the eastern third of the state and parts of the Texas Panhandle have received normal precipitation over the past few months."

The hardest-hit area: the Edwards Plateau region.

Nielsen-Gammon said that region experienced the driest December through February on record, totaling an average of only 0.57 inches of rain, breaking the previous record of 0.67 inches set in 1966-67. He notes that broad portions of southwest Texas - within a triangle bounded from Sanderson to Leakey and Laredo - have received zero rainfall for the past 90 days.

The area around Del Rio and Eagle Pass is also experiencing extreme drought conditions, he adds, and areas of central and south Texas and the lower Rio Grande Valley are also in a severe drought.

"This drought started back in early September," said Niels-

en-Gammon, who compiles data from several groups, among them the National Weather Service. "The central third of the state has been especially hard hit and the extreme dryness has set up ideal wildfire situations."

Nielsen-Gammon said the drought conditions are partly due to La Nina, during which unusually cold sea surface temperatures are found in the eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean. When a La Nina occurs, winters are usually drier and warmer than normal, and there are frequently strong, drying winds from the southwest and west.

Most water supplies remain at safe levels, he says, because of the previous year of wet weather.

"But agriculture is suffering in many areas, and some winter wheat crops have been severely damaged," Nielsen-Gammon said. "If these areas don't get some decent rains in the next month, an entire spring planting season may be lost in parts of south Texas."

There may not be good news for the long-term outlook, either, he believes.

"Prospects for rainfall for the next couple of months are not good," he said. "La Nina is expected to remain moderately strong into April, so the general tendency for dry weather is expected to continue. Beyond that time, it's hard to say what may happen."

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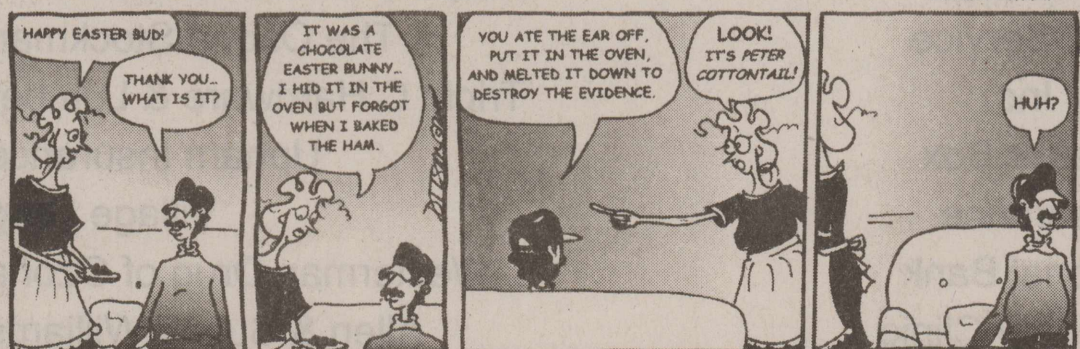


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Lady Lions Softball make it three wins in row

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions won three-in-a-row last week, including their first district victory.

The Lady Lions defeated the Van Horn Lady Eagles 16-4 in the district opener.

"This was a great way to start off district and it was a

complete team effort. We started off a bit slow giving up three runs in the first, but with some great pitching by Kellie Pilcher, and some outstanding defense by the entire infield, we were able to hold them to just one more run throughout the game," said Coach John Esparza. "Offensively, it took us awhile to get going. We weren't very patience

to start off and we took some bad swings, but we settled in and started seeing the ball better."

All of the Lady Lions got on base and the hitting was punctuated by several doubles by Britni Mitchel and Morgan Glosson and a triple by Lauren Najjar.

"We have been hitting the ball well this season and it all has to do with the amount of

work these young ladies put in everyday," Esparza said.

Others contributing in the winning effort were Cassandra Salazar who scored two runs, Alysha Lara a base hit and a run scored, Vicky Treto two base hits and two runs scored, Amber Lewis, Christina Rodriguez, Alex Cruz and Brandi Glosson all scored two runs.

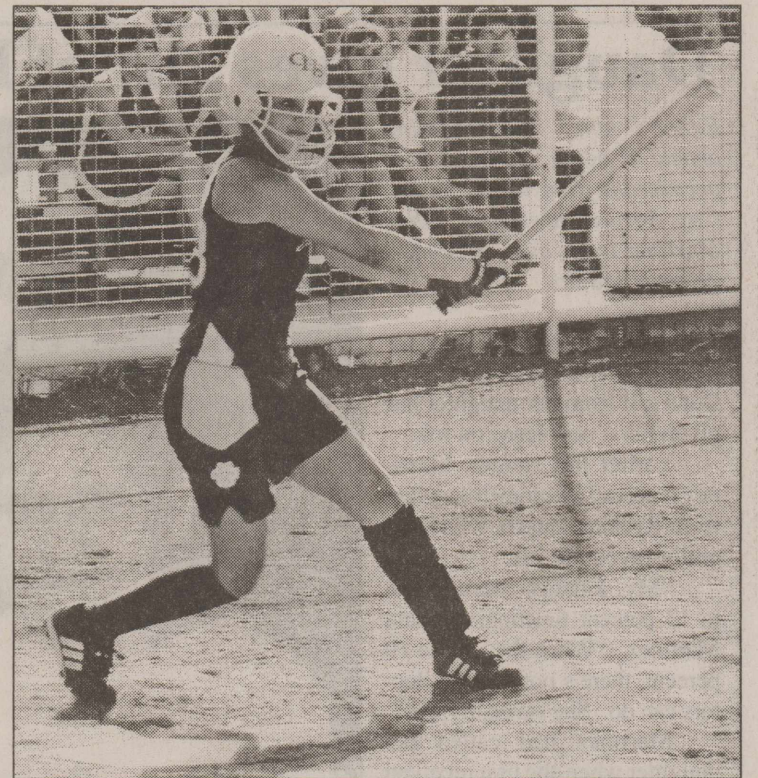


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LAUREN NAJAR hit a triple for the Varsity Lady Lions in their 16-4 district win over Van Horn.

JV Lady Lions Softball roll to victory over to Van Horn

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions rolled to a 13-1 victory over Van Horn on March 11.

The JV Lady Lions were able to score 13 in the first in-

ning with great base running and patience at the plate, said Coach John Esparza.

Every Lady Lion scored, and pitcher Alex Cruz gave up only one run on two hits.

"This was a good experience for our young girls and they have

made some great strides so far. With more games coming up for the JV, I expect them to get even better as they get more and more playing time," Esparza said.

Playing for the Lady Lions were Rae Lynn Arredondo, scoring twice, Melanie Miller

scoring once, Melissa Miller two runs scored, Rebecca Ramos two runs scored, Alex Cruz one run scored, Gaby Rodriguez two runs scored, Alma Elizondo scored once, Kristen Mendoza one run scored and Brenada Venegas scored once.



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THE LION GOLF TEAM members placed second in the Sonora Invitational Golf Tournament. They are: (1. to r.) Josh Smith, Wes McGuire, Alan Lozano and Matt Turland.

Lions golf places second in Sonora

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions placed second at the Sonora Invitational on March 13.

The team of Matt Turland, Josh Smith, Alan Lozano and Wes McGuire had a combined total of 348.

Matt Turland placed third as an individual with a score of 79.

"He (Matt) had an exciting playoff with a young man from Brackettville. Matt won the playoff on the third hole," said Coach Benny Granger. "There was quite a crowd watching the playoff which made it more exciting. It was a great experience for Matt to go through. He had to make some pressure putts to pull it off. Those kind of experiences are great for development."

Also playing for the Lions

Golf Team was: Parrish Aiguier, Wilson White, Stefan Wilson and Nathan Knox.

Parrish Aiguier was the top scorer for this group of Lions with a 98.

The Lady Lions Golf Team of Kasey Gray, Melanie Wallace, Rebecca Pierce, Jady N Poindexter and Park Preddy finished with a team total of 544.

Leading scorer for the girls was Kasey Gray with 113.

"This was some of the girls first tournament ever. We didn't place as a team, but the girls played well," Granger said.

The Lions will compete at the Christoval Invitational on March 24 and then the Ozona Invitational on March 26 at the Ozona Country Club.

The Lady Lions will compete at the Ozona Invitational on March 25 at the Ozona Country Club.



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MATT TURLAND placed third as an individual at the Sonora Invitational Golf Tournament.



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BRANDI GLOSSON did some fantastic hitting for the Varsity Lady Lions.



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JOSH SMITH lines up a putt for the varsity Lions.

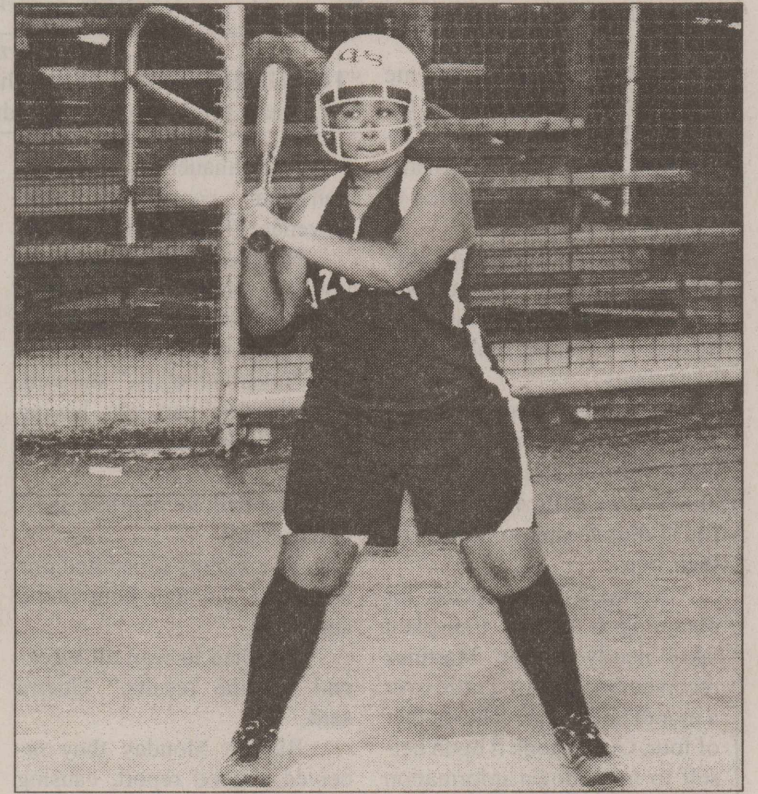


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RAE LYNN ARREDONDO has a great eye as she lets a high pitch go by in the JV Ladies 13-1 win over Van Horn.



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BRANDI GLOSSON catches for the Varsity Lady Lions.



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THE JV LION GOLF TEAM members played well in the Sonora Invitational. They are: (1. to r.) Parrish Aiguier, Nathan Knox, Wilson White and Stefan Wilson.

OMS Lady Lions take third at Iraan Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions and the Eighth Grade Lady Lions both placed third at the Iraan Relays on March 11.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions had a total of 94 points and the Eighth Grade Lady Lions had 80 points.

Seventh Grade results:
400-meter run - 2. Mayra Rios
300-meter hurdles - 2. Cynthia Garcia
200-meter run - 5. Kodi Glosson

1,600-meter run - 4. Trinity Collis
1,600-meter relay - 5. E. Tambunga, S. Trevino, A. Lozano, C. Garcia
2,400-meter run - 5. Sabrina De La Garza
400-meter relay - 4. B. Cervantez, A. Lozano, A. Castillo, E. Tambunga
800-meter run - 1. Mayra Rios and 5. Trinity Collis
100-meter hurdles - 4. S. Trevino
100-meter dash - 4. Elisa Tambunga
800-meter relay - 3. B. Cervantez, I. Silva, A. Castillo, S.

De La Garza
Shot put - 3. Alex Lozano
Discus - 5. Alex Lozano
Pole Vault - 2. Cynthia Garcia
Triple Jump - 2. Sabrina De La Garza
Eighth Grade results:
400-meter run - 1. Alex Rodriguez
300-meter hurdles - 6. Jennifer Venegas
200-meter dash - 6. Stacie Quiroz
1,600-meter run - 6. Gaby Gutierrez
1,600-meter relay - 2. Villarreal, Hernandez, Quiroz, A. Rodriguez
2,400 m run - 1. Maria Villarreal
800-meter run - 1. Alex Rodriguez and 5. Maria Villarreal
100-meter hurdles - 4. Jennifer Venegas
Shot put - 3. Nancy Rodriguez
Discus - 6. Nancy Rodriguez
High Jump - 5. Stacie Quiroz
Long jump - 4. Maria Villarreal and 5. Stacie Quiroz
Triple jump - 4. Alex Rodriguez

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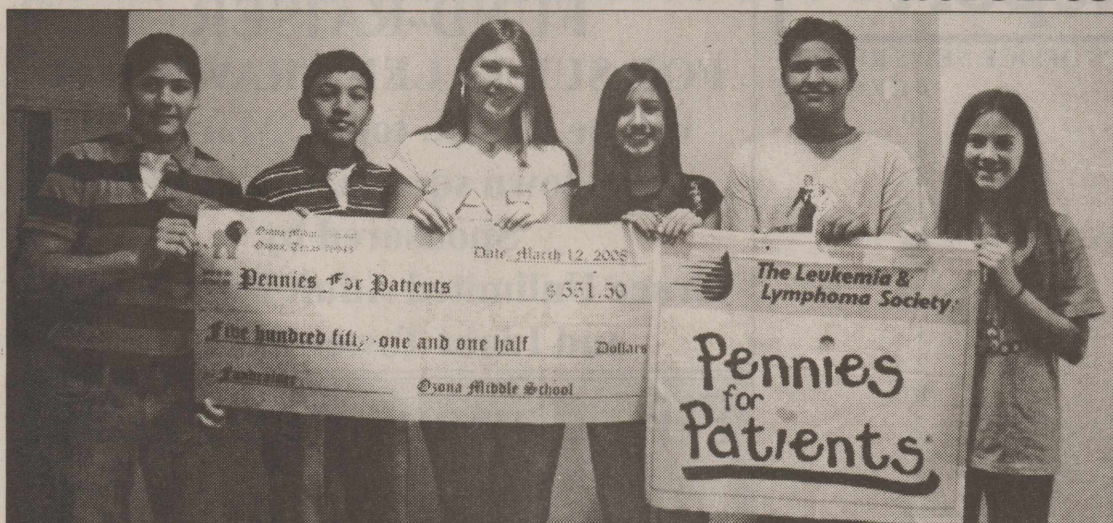


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OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, FACULTY and STAFF raised \$551.50 for Pennies for Patients, which raises funds to make a difference in the lives of patients and families living with leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. "The OMS student body and staff did a great job of supporting this cause. It was a lot of fun and we were able to perform a civic duty while doing it. OMS plans on making this activity an annual event. I personally want to thank the student body and staff for their participation," said Benny Granger, OMS Principal. Students pictured are: (left to right) Eli Montanez, Alex Borrego, Emalee Hamilton, Cynthia Garcia, Javier Otamendi and Katelyn Tidwell.

Ozona Intermediate Gifted and Talented students tour San Angelo Nature Center

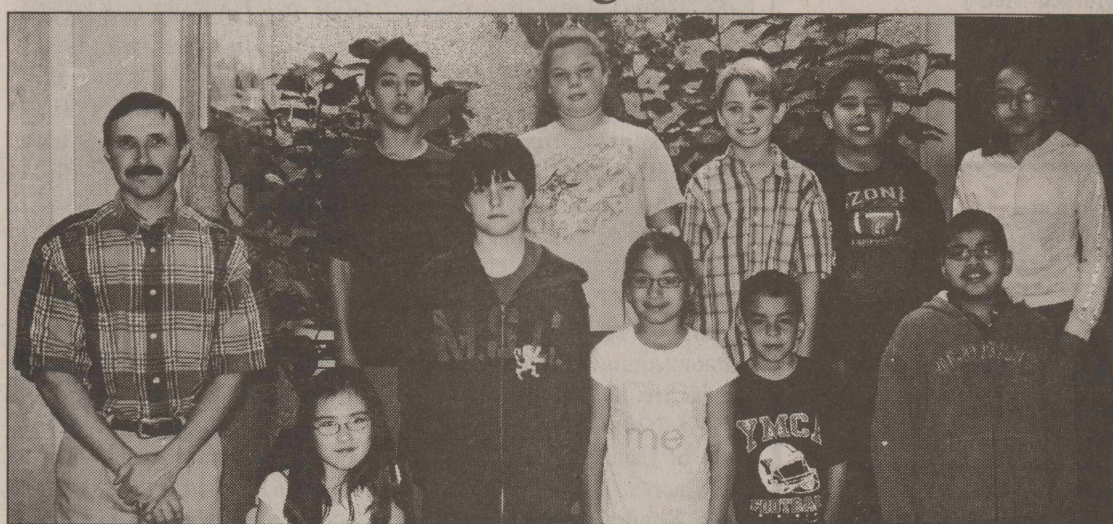


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OZONA INTERMEDIATE GIFTED and TALENTED STUDENTS traveled to San Angelo on March 6 for a field trip. Harrison Gott, Bryce Gutierrez, Alan Salazar, Krislynn Harris, Aliyah Guerra, Alex Hopper, Jeremy Munoz, Estefania Torralba, Asia Lara and Jonathan Posas toured the San Angelo Nature Center. They learned about scorpions, spiders, snakes, lizards, and turtles. The students were able to touch, hold, and examine specimens of these types of animals. After a lunch at Mr. Gatti's, the group traveled to Fort Concho, where they toured an exhibit of clothing and literature from early Texas. The students read letters and documents written by Davy Crockett, Stephen F. Austin, William Travis, Santa Anna and Sam Houston. Sponsor is Mr. Michael Gully.

Former Ozona coach to lead All-Star Game

The 2007-08 basketball season may be over for a majority of the coaches and players in the State of Texas.

But for Seminole Maiden head coach Dickie Faught and his coaching staff of assistants Rodney Johnson and Kelli Goble, one more game awaits them.

According to officials with the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, Faught was selected to coach in the Class 1A-3A Girls All-Star Game, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 3 at Sams Gymnasium on the campus of Trinity University in San Antonio.

"Coach Faught was selected by a group of his peers for this honor," said Rick Sherley, Executive Director of the TABC. "It is an honor to be honored by those in the same profession as you."

Faught will coach against Class 2A coach Jimmy Avery, who recently led his Jim Ned Lady Indians basketball team to the University Interscholastic League's Class 2A State Title just three weeks ago.

"I had no idea about this and I don't know who nominated me for this honor, but I am excited," said Faught. "This is a great honor and it means a lot to me to be selected because this honor comes from my peers."

Faught has been at the helm of the Maiden basketball program for the past four seasons and has led Seminole to the Class 3A Regional Quarterfinals each of those seasons.

Over his 24 years as a coach (28 years total), Faught has compiled a win-loss record of 510-247, and earned his 500th win during the 2007-08 season with a 78-26 win over San Antonio Lutheran on Dec. 7 at the Bowie Tournament.

In his career, Faught has coached three of his teams--one in Brownfield and two in Ozona--to UIL State Championships and has been to the State Tournament in Austin four times. His other tournament appearance was a state runner-up finish while at Ozona.

A total of 14 of Faught's teams have made it to the UIL postseason and he has had 19 winning seasons to his credit.

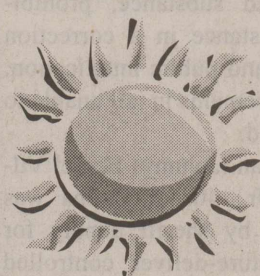
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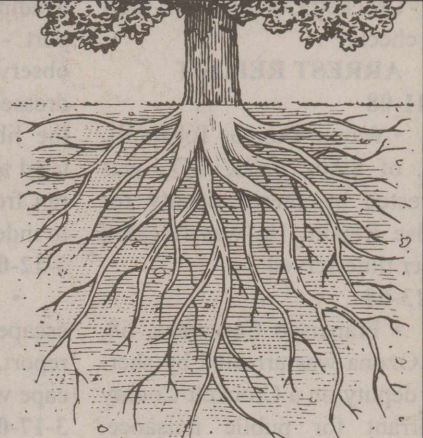
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| Keshia Dean | Celia Rivera |
| Gabriela Diaz | Justin Rodriguez |
| Sara Dorrough | Cassandra Salazar |
| Morgan Glosson | Jared Spence |
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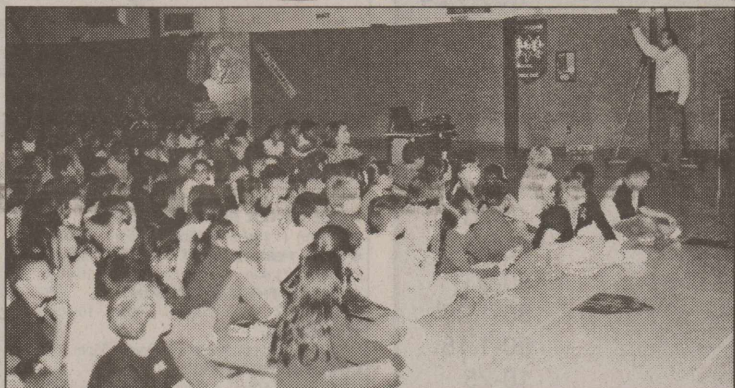


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HECTOR GUERRERO, from the National Weather Service in San Angelo, talks to intermediate school students about severe weather on March 11. After Guerrero's presentation, the school participated in their annual tornado drill.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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.

• Jim Ramirez Etheridge, of Ozona - Crockett County court warrant - motion to revoke/possession of controlled substance.

• Jamie Valasquez Blanco Jr., of Ozona - failure to appear/forgery and criminal mischief/failure to appear.

• Andrieta Borrego, of Ozona - Crockett County Court theft by check.

ARREST REPORT

3-11-08

• Wayne Thomas Tobais III, 21, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was arrested by sheriff deputy for False Report. He was released after time served.

3-13-08

• Francisco Cervantez, 68, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff deputy on a Crockett County warrant for public nuisance. Subject was released from jail after paying fine.

• Timothy Edward Baseril, 17, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff deputy on a Crockett

County warrant for evading arrest. He remains in custody unable to post bond.

3-15-08

• Daniel Chavez, 18, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff deputy for minor in consumption of alcohol. Subject was released on six months probation.

• Raymundo Villarreal, 38, of Ozona turned himself in on a Crockett County warrant theft by check. Subject paid fine and was released.

3-16-08

• Jimmy Herrera Munoz, 38, was arrested by sheriff deputy for manufacture-deliver controlled substance, prohibitive substance in a correction facility and public intoxication. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

• Juan (Johnny) Borrel-Villarreal Jr., 40, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff deputy for manufacture-deliver controlled substance and violation of essential needs license. Subject posted bond and was released.

INCIDENT REPORTS

3-8-09

• Sheriff's deputy filed a evading arrest or detention report - while on patrol deputy observed two male subject dressed in black in the alley of the library, deputy advised he tried to detain subjects but they ran from him, deputy was able to identify one of the males.

3-12-08

• Sheriff deputy filed an escape while arrested/confined report, female subject try to escape while in custody.

3-17-08

• Sheriff deputy filed a dog bite report, complainant advised that her son was at her neighbor's when he was attack by a dog.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints	10
Domestic Animal Calls	8
Civil Complaints	4
Civil Service	15
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	24
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	6
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	1
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	8
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	2
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	1
Assist other Law or county Agencies	4
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	22
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	14
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	3
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	1
Minor Vehicle Accidents with no injuries	3
Traffic Citations Issued	2
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	9
Prisoners Housed in other counties	10

Local EMS runs

MARCH 10
 • Local Run Family Health Clinic.
 • Transfer Transported patient to Shannon.
MARCH 12
 • Local Run Intercepted with Air Med 1
MARCH 16
 • Local Run Transported patient to L. Hudspeth in Sonora



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Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats

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Total receipts 2,256 head. Lambs 1-3 lower. Thin ewes 1-3 lower. Kids mostly 2-4 lower. Spanish nannies; steady-stocker nannies 1-3 higher. Most angoras steady with muttons 3-5 higher.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.10-1.30
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.05-1.24
Fat ewes	35-42
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	40-70
Solid Mouth Angora Stocker nannies	38-44
Stocker Angora Muttons	50-93
Angora Kids	80-1.29
Angora Kids-shorn	90-1.18
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	10-25
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	30-40
Stocker Spanish nannies	65-1.05
Fat Spanish nannies	45-62
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.12
Fat Spanish billies	78-1.10
Fat yearlings	1.05-1.15
Fat Spanish kids	1.25-1.46
Small kids	1.15-1.38
Thin kids	1.05-1.10
Spanish Nanny & Kid Pairs	\$30-40/hd

No Sale March 24; Next Sale March 31

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Fire department runs

MARCH 10
 • 1:12 p.m. - Mutual Aid fire to Val Verde County at the end of FM 1973. Three units and six fire fighters.

MARCH 13
 • 4:40 p.m. - Possible vehicle/grass fire. Was a small grass fire along the side of Interstate-10 at mile-marker 333. Four units and seven fire fighters.

MARCH 14
 • 8:03 a.m. - Grass fire on County Road 306 off of County Road 305. Fire had been put out by oil field employees. Three Ozona units, two from Big Lake, one from Iraan and six fire fighters.

• 6:11 p.m. - Mutual Aid to Val Verde County 30 miles south on State Hwy 163. Six units and 17 fire fighters. Val Verde FD arrived on scene and Ozona units were called back for a fire on Lancaster Hill.

• 7:20 p.m. - Grass fire on top of Lancaster Hill. Around 700 acres. Eight Ozona units, two Sonora units, two Sheffield units and one from Iraan, along with local trucking companies with water haul trucks. Clear the scene at 2:06 a.m.

10:52 p.m. - Investigation of a Code 2 alarm in a residence on Avenue H. A unit with one fire fighter.

MARCH 15
 8:58 a.m. - Rekindle of Lancaster Hill, an additional 50 acres. Two units and four fire fighters. Cleared scene at 11:34 a.m.

2:47 p.m. - Rekindle of Lancaster Hill, additional 100 acres. Five units and nine fire fighters, along with aid from Iraan, Big Lake and two local trucking companies with water. Cleared scene at 7:40 p.m.

• 10:05 p.m. - Report of a possible rekindle on Lancaster Hill. Two small hot spots within the burn area...no action. Two units and three fire fighters.

MARCH 16
 • 4:12 p.m. - Motor Vehicle Accident on Interstate-10 at 382 mile-marker. Mutual aid to Sonora. Three injured and one fatality removed by using jaws. Four Ozona units, nine fire fighters, two Sonora EMS and two Sonora fire department.

• 4:42 p.m. - Smoke report on Lancaster Hill...no fire. A unit with one fire fighter.

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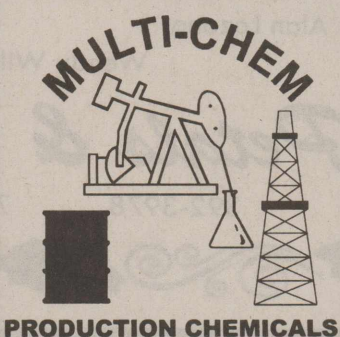
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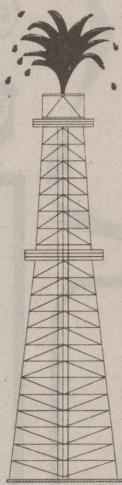
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CAUSE NUMBER STYLING OF CASE AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

6159 The County of Crockett, Texas et al vs. The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of John Edwin July, deceased (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Clara Booker July, deceased (In Rem Only), Dena Booker (In Rem Only), and John July, Jr. aka John Edwin July, Jr. Lot 23, Perez subdivision of the Lima Addition to Town of Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, (Volume 301, Page 53 of the Deed Records, Crockett County, Texas)

6162 The County of Crockett, Texas et al vs. The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Adolfo Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Maria Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only), Johnny Rodriguez (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Jose Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only), Anita Rodriguez Lara (In Rem Only), Paulina Rivera aka Pauline Rivera (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Estalfo Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Reynaldo Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Nilda Rodriguez Villarreal, deceased (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Antonio Villarreal (In Rem Only), Antonio Villarreal, Jr. (In Rem Only), Carmen Villarreal (In Rem Only), Abel Rodriguez (In Rem Only), Belinda Rodriguez (In Rem Only), Brenda Rodriguez (In Rem Only), Evelardo Rodriguez (In Rem Only), Robert Rodriguez (In Rem Only), Adolfo Rodriguez (In Rem Only), The Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Ricky Rodriguez, deceased (In Rem Only) and Lisa Rodriguez (In Rem Only) Lot 334, Block 10, Lima Addition to the Town of Ozona, Crockett County, Texas (Volume 148, Page 237 SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 166, Page 455 of the Deed Records, Crockett County, Texas) or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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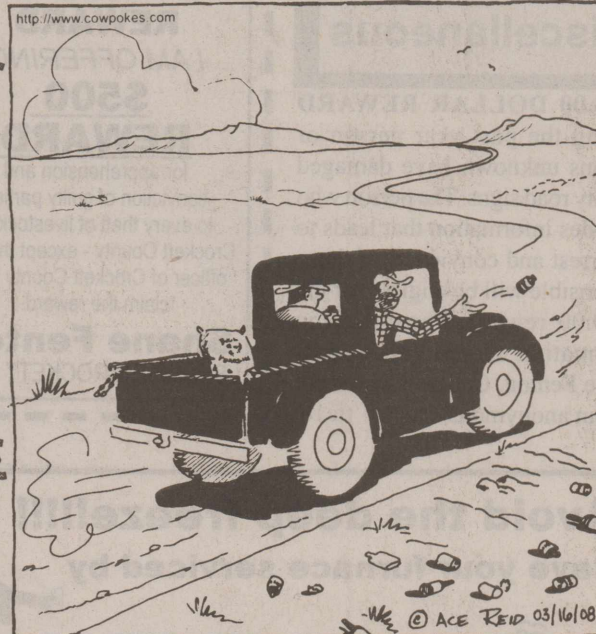
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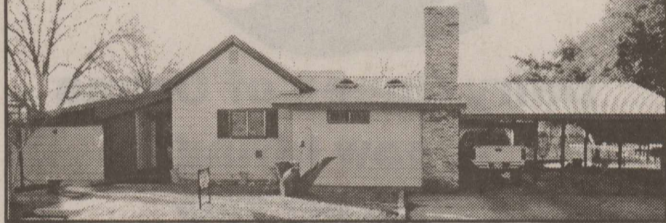
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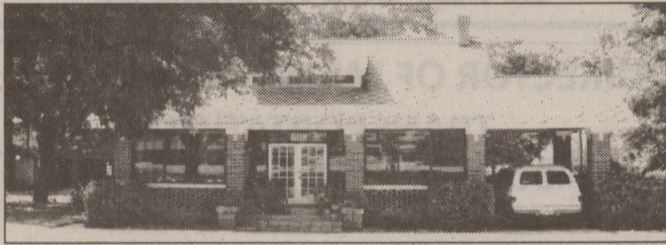
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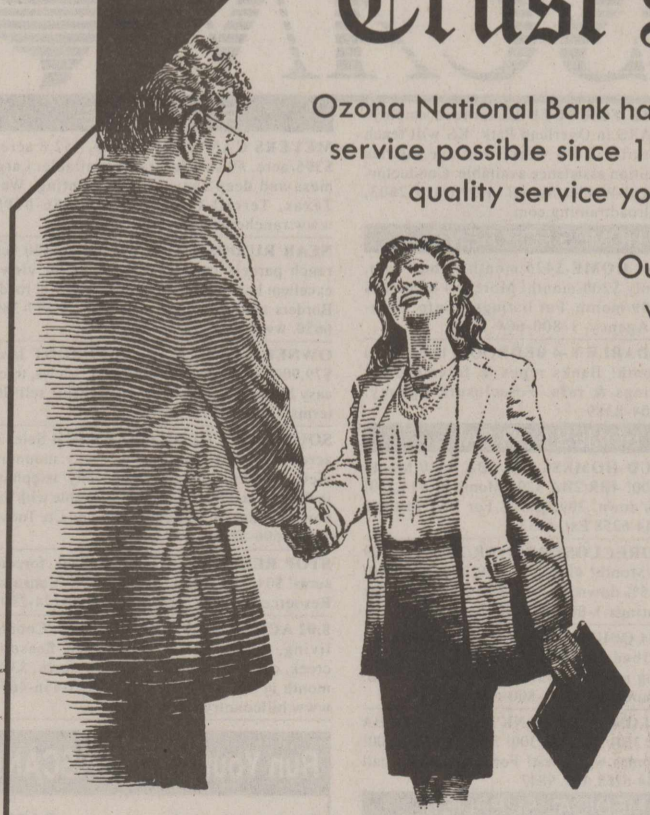
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