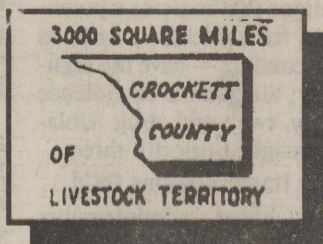


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CROCKETT COUNTY DEPUTIES sworn in by Judge Jeffrey Sutton on Dec. 31 are, from left: Jimmy Gillit, Emilio Tambunga, Memo Ortiz, Petra Hernandez, Fred Fierro, Alton Davis and Dan Griffith.
photo by Scotty Moore

Civil Rights Violation Claimed In Connection With Shooting

A civil rights investigation pertaining to the death of Ricardo Rodriguez is expected to bring the FBI to Ozona Thursday. Texas Ranger Jerry Byrne said Monday that an investigation such as this is not uncommon in an officer related death.

Rodriguez died Dec. 15 after being shot once in the chest by Crockett County Deputy Lyndon English outside an apartment complex south of Ozona. The deputy had been sent to the apartments at 2:34 a.m. to investigate damage to a vehicle. Rodriguez arrived at the scene, and English attempted to arrest him on a family violence charge.

In an ensuing fight, both bones in English's left leg were broken, and Rodriguez was shot. English was relieved from duty with pay pending completion of the investigation and a grand jury hearing.

A Dec. 23 report from the Bexar County Forensic Science Center stated that Rodriguez had alcohol and a substantial amount of cocaine in his system at the time of death.

Members of Rodriguez' family filed a civil rights complaint with the sheriff's department, charging that English used excessive force. Rodriguez was not armed. The complaint was turned over to the FBI, which

investigates civil rights violations for the U.S. Department of Justice. The Justice Department will decide whether to pursue a criminal prosecution or not according to FBI agent Mark Wilson of San Angelo.

Ranger Byrne said Monday he is ready to go before a grand jury. Two previous dates for grand jury hearings have been cancelled. Byrne said he has talked about the case with new District Attorney Ori White of Fort Stockton who took office Jan. 1.

Friends and family of Rodriguez are showing their support by wearing and placing red ribbons on vehicles. Support was also shown several afternoons with marches around the square.

Junior Livestock Show This Week

The 49th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show will be held at Fair Park Convention Center Jan. 9-11 with a total of 90 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock.

All exhibitors are reminded to have their rabbits in the 4-H Barn by 5 p.m. Thursday. All market animals need to be in the barn no later than 8 a.m. on Friday morning. Weighing will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday. Classes will begin on Thursday

evening, Jan. 9, at 5:30 p.m. with the rabbit show. Twenty-eight 4-H'ers will exhibit fancy and commercial rabbits and compete for showmanship awards. A showmanship clinic for all market animal exhibitors will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday evening in the old 4-H Barn.

On Friday evening, Jan. 10, the market swine classes will kick off the show at 6:30 p.m. Sixteen 4-H and FFA exhibitors will compete in three weight classes. The meat goat show is scheduled to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m. Thirty-nine exhibitors will

compete in five weight classes.

On Saturday morning, Jan. 11, the first year feeder market lamb class will begin at 8 a.m., followed by fine-wool, then crossbred market lamb classes. Twenty-seven exhibitors will be competing in four classes per breed. Showmanship awards will also be given for swine, meat goats and lamb exhibitors.

A barbecue lunch is planned for noon with the awards presentation at 1:30 p.m. and the premium sale at 2 p.m. A concession stand will be sponsored by the 4-H Adult Leaders' Association as a fundraiser.

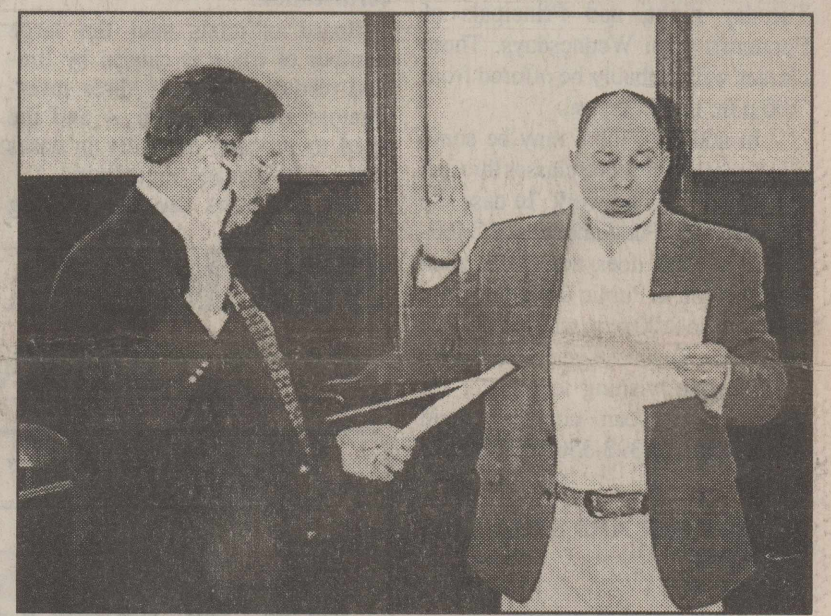
Officials Sworn Into Office

Shane Fenton took office Jan. 1, 1997, as the 17th sheriff in Crockett County's 105 year history. Fenton and other newly elected officials were administered the oath of office by Judge Jeffrey Sutton at 11:45 a.m. Dec. 31.

Last summer Fenton completed 10 years as a deputy with the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. He began as the county's only jailer when hired in 1980 by Sheriff Billy Mills. Fenton left the department for five years, returning in 1986 as one of four jailers. In 1989 he was promoted to deputy by Sheriff Jim Wilson.

Other elected officials sworn in on Jan. 31 were: Constable Harvey Hill, Tax Assessor Tom Stokes, and Commissioner Freddie Nicks. Commissioner Frank Tambunga and County Attorney Bill Mason were given the oath at another time.

Judge Sutton also swore in deputies Jimmy Gillit, Emilio Tambunga, Memo Ortiz, Petra Hernandez, Fred Fierro, Alton Davis and Dan Griffith.



SHANE FENTON, Crockett County's 17th sheriff, takes the oath of office administered by Judge Jeffrey Sutton.
photo by Scotty Moore

Sheriff's Office Will No Longer Unlock Vehicles

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office will no longer unlock vehicles according to newly-elected sheriff, Shane Fenton.

"Due to the rising cost of equipment and the possibility of lawsuits, we are discontinuing this service for the public," said Sheriff Fenton. "The service will be turned over to our local wrecker companies."

Employees Retire From ONB

Ozona National Bank bid farewell at the close of the year to three employees who had a total of 55 years with the bank. Nell Wester started with ONB in May of 1977, JoAnn Babbitt came to ONB in 1978, and Ofelia Torres in 1979. During their years there, all have seen many changes in the way banking is done.

Nell Wester, head teller and assistant cashier, has worked "just about every place" in the bank as the result of the cross training policy. She and her family had only lived in Ozona about six months when she received a call offering her a job at ONB.

Banking has changed from using the old posting machines and sitting at a table filing checks to the imaging system now in use, she recalls. "When I went to work at the bank, we hand posted and balanced on an adding machine."

Nell enjoys being with customers and says of all the spots in the bank she'd rather be at her teller's window smiling and waiting on the people.

"It's been marvelous working here. It's a great place; they've been so good to me."

Although she plans to spend time taking care of her mother, who is not well, Nell will fill in at the bank when asked. She also plans to "get in quite a bit of golfing."

Nell has three children and nine grandchildren. Daughter Marilyn and son-in-law Edward Hernandez live in

Temple. They are the parents of four children. Son Larry and his wife Beth make their home in San Angelo with their three children. Son Gary and his wife Charlotte have two children. Gary is a foreign missionary and will be here until April.

JoAnn Babbitt worked at Ozona Chamber of Commerce before becoming the switchboard operator at ONB in August of 1978. She has worked as a bank secretary and was administrative assistant at the time of her retirement. She has worked for three bank presidents and one acting president and also became secretary to the board in the early 1990's.

"I've really enjoyed it," JoAnn said of her 18 1/2 years at the bank. "I'll always love ONB. It's very special."

JoAnn and husband R. B. plan to put their new travel trailer to good use and to devote a lot of time to golfing, also. R. B. retired in June of 1995 and is happy that he and JoAnn will now be able to travel more.

Her first excursion as a retired lady was to begin Dec. 31 when they took the trailer to Idalou to help granddaughter Holly celebrate her seventh birthday. Holly is the daughter of Cliff and Diane Babbitt who also have two other children, Brandon and Trevor.

JoAnn and R. B.'s daughter, Toi,

and her husband, Bobby Love, live at Mountain Home with little daughter, Destinee.

Ofelia Torres moved to Barnhart in October in preparation for her retirement. She had lived there once before and driven back and forth to Ozona to work.

"I love my job, but I've worked too many years. I'm tired," said Ofelia. She will continue to come to the bank once a month to prepare breakfast for the directors' meeting, however.

She is excited about retiring and establishing a yard and garden on the three lots where her home is located in Barnhart. "I can stay outside all day long," said the devoted gardener. Pecan, peach and apricot trees are already growing on the property, and the planting of rose bushes is a high priority.

Enjoying her two grandchildren is also a retirement priority for Ofelia. Daphne and John Jr. live in Abilene with their parents, Ofelia's son, John L. Martinez, and daughter-in-law, Charlotte.

Crockett County 4-H'er Shows Reserve Grand Champ Lamb At Odessa

Crockett County 4-H'er Rachel Murr has started the 1997 show season with a bang. Rachel, who is the daughter of Fred and Jane Chandler, received a banner and hand-tooled leather bag for reserve grand champion at the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show this past weekend.

Rachel's 130 pound finewool placed second in the heavyweight class behind the lamb which went on to win

grand champion. Rachel's lamb received reserve grand champion honors. During the show, Rex Stultz of Eden judged approximately 190 entries. Also competing was Mark Childress of Crockett County.

"Rachel did a fantastic job of showing. Showmanship is what brought home the prizes. Rachel stood in there with the wolves and held her own," stated County Extension Agent Miles Dabovich.

West Texas Rehab's Fundraising Telethon to Air January 11

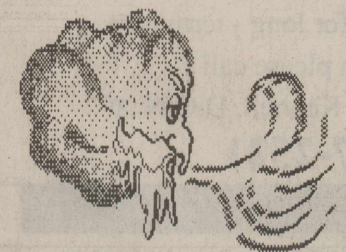
West Texas Rehabilitation Center's primetime fundraising telethon will air Saturday, Jan. 11, beginning at 7 p.m. on 12 state-wide television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo and by satellite on Galaxy C4, transponder 11.

Headlining contemporary country singers Lee Roy Parnell and Suzy

Boguss will join Peter Marshall, Rex Allen Sr., Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan and Brad Maule for the stage show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center.

This 27th annual special launches
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The Weather



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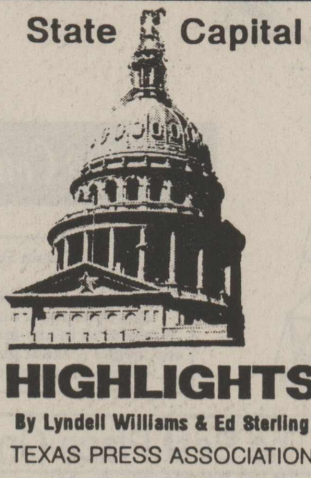
Dear Editor:
I would like to take this means to thank the citizens of Crockett County for supporting the welfare fund. Your generosity makes aid possible for travelers stranded in the county.
Contributions are used to provide gasoline, food and basic necessities for travelers in need.
Your donation to the fund will be put to work helping an unfortunate individual or family get on their way.
Continued support of this fund will be greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Sheriff Shane Fenton
Box 1931
Ozona, TX 76943

Midland College Classes Offered Via Internet

Midland College classes will be offered again this spring using various formats. There will be Bulletin Board Classes offered through the Internet. One will need access to a computer with a modem in order to take these classes. Registration can be done through the counselor's office starting Wednesday, Jan. 8th through Friday, Jan. 10th. Please call 392-5502 for David McWilliams to set up a registration time.
Other classes will be offered through interactive video format. A tentative schedule includes Accounting II on Monday nights, Fundamentals of Criminal Law possibly offered Tuesday night, and Principals of Economic I on Wednesdays. These classes will probably be offered from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
In addition, there may be some other interactive video classes through the R.E.A.C.H. network. In case the Tuesday night Fundamentals of Criminal Law class does not make, then Introduction to Public Relations from 7:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. will possibly be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Anyone wishing to register for these classes can contact David McWilliams at 392-5502 ext. 209.

EAT OUT AND STILL LOSE WEIGHT

A resolution to lose weight, reduce cholesterol or simply eat more healthfully doesn't mean you cannot leave the house for meals. You could eat out every night if you choose restaurants that specialize in heart-healthy cuisine or offer low-fat selections.
"Many restaurants try to cater to the one or two people in a party who won't go to those places without low-fat options," says Dr. Claudia Barner, an instructor of clinical nutrition at Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.
Even if you patronize an eatery that doesn't offer designated healthy choices, maintain your healthy diet by splitting an entree with a friend, bringing your own packets of low-fat salad dressing and using a butter substitute such as Butterbuds.
"It takes a little more willpower, but it can be done," Barner says.



AUSTIN — State Comptroller John Sharp last week proposed that "career" students pay up to four times their current tuition.

"What we want to do is target those students who just can't seem to graduate," said Andy Welch, a spokesman for Sharp's office.

Sharp's proposal — aimed at curbing our undergraduate students who have amassed at least 170 hours of credit — would increase those students' tuition from \$2,150 a year up to \$7,910 a year.

The proposal, if approved by the Legislature, could save the state about \$5 million a year, beginning in 1999.

Statistics maintained by the comptroller's office show that about 18 percent of students enrolled in state universities have more than 170 credits. Most majors need about 120 total credit hours to receive an undergraduate degree.

Complaint Backlog to '89
Nearly 1,100 complaints against teachers and school administrators are being investigated by the State Board of Educator Certification and the oldest cases date to 1989.

The board has the authority to revoke or suspend an individual's certification.

Board officials said the large number of cases is caused by limited resources — only three investigators are on the job — and the need to proceed carefully in cases that could damage reputations.

But educators say the backlog

creates a dangerous situation for students and is unfair to school personnel who have to wait a long time for their case to be resolved.

Allegations that indicate a potential danger for students — such as sexual misconduct — have the highest priority; allegations of violence are priority two; and drug violations are assigned priority three.

Nursing Home Reforms OK'd
Nursing home administrators will be held accountable for all problems in a nursing home, under a set of tough new standards adopted last week by the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators.

In adopting 25 standards of conduct that hold administrators accountable, the board sided with advocates for the more than 98,000 nursing home residents in Texas.

The vote came after a four-month study by the board to overcome public outrage generated by an *Austin American-Statesman* investigation that found none of the state's 2,700 administrators had been disciplined since 1993, despite questionable deaths, injuries and other problems in Texas nursing homes.

The new standards require administrators:

- To ensure that enough trained workers are on duty and that a nursing home has enough resources to provide adequate nutrition, medication and treatment programs;
- To prevent abuse and neglect of residents; and
- To refrain from misleading families about what services the home provides.

State Workers Want Raises
When the Legislature convenes later this month, state employees want pay raises, and they want their salaries to be a high priority with lawmakers.

State workers have not had an across-the-board pay raise since December 1992.
"Enough is enough. We're going to have to get tough about this," Lane Zivley, executive director of the 16,000-member Texas Public Employees Association, told the

Associated Press. TPEA is seeking a \$250-a-month raise for 1998 and 1999.

Texas House Speaker Pete Lancy, D-Hale Center, said he thinks the raises are long overdue, but a raise would depend on whether the money is available.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat, also want to see whether money is available before making commitments to support a raise.
The House Appropriations Committee, headed by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, has been studying state employee salaries.

"I would like to do a state employee pay raise," Junell said. "I'm not going to say it's going to happen, but I think there's a real desire to do something, at least the people I visit with who are decision-makers."

The state auditor has recommended a raise of 3.5 percent in 1998 and 1999. On the average state workers earned \$24,175 this year.

Other Capital Highlights

■ A toll-free College Information Hotline will open Jan. 18 and 19 to anyone in Texas wanting free information about colleges, universities, admissions, testing and financial aid. The hotline will be staffed by high school and university professionals from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. The number is (800) 347-3475.

■ Texas' population increased to over 19 million in 1996, making it the fastest-growing state for the fourth consecutive year. A high birth rate and migration from other countries boosted the state's population by 326,900 people in the past year, according to an annual population estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau.

■ From Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 1996, the Texas Department of Public Safety issued 114,655 handgun permits under the state's concealed handgun law. Before the law went into effect, the law's authors projected that 80,000 of the permits would be issued by the end of the year. Now, about one percent of the state's adults have a permit.

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"SHEFFIELD CORNER"

by Billie Malone

Over the past week, Sheffield residents continued to enjoy the holidays. Some families were visited by friends and family, while others were on the road. By now, all have returned home.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Fortune had as guests for the Christmas holidays their daughters, Mary Beth and Jerrie Anne Fortune. Mary Beth travels with Life Action Ministries in revival crusades in the United States and Canada. She works with second through sixth grade children. Jerrie Anne is director of Women's Housing at California Baptist College in Riverside, CA, and also works with international students.

The Fortunes, along with these two daughters, traveled to Lubbock to spend some time with another daughter, Ruth Ammons, her husband Bruce, and their two daughters, Carlee and Shaylee. After their visit they drove to Knippa to be with Mrs. Fortune's mother, Mrs. Frieda Morris, and a sister of Mrs. Fortune, Linda Littleton and her husband, Bobby, their son and daughter, Bo Jett and Lisha. They were all joined in Knippa by Andy Vanderwiler, a native of Michigan, and fiancé of Mary Beth. The Fortunes and Andy returned to Sheffield on Saturday, Dec. 28.

Herbie and Dian Noelke are back from San Antonio after visiting their daughter Jolene there.

Susan Willeford went to Alpine this last week to accompany daughter Marianne Malone and her son Bryant. Marianne, Riley and Bryant moved into a new house in Alpine recently. Susan's husband, Glen, has been in Abilene to help take care of his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Willeford. Glen and Susan are back in Sheffield now, and she has resumed her teaching job in Iraan Junior High School. Glen is a writer and historian.

Judge Don Pitts and wife Brenda visited in Artesia, NM, over the holidays. Their two sons and their families reside there. They are: Scott and Sherrie Pitts, son Jacob and daughter Jennifer, and also Randy, his wife Kim and daughters Ashley and Meagan.

Prior to the holidays, the Don Pitts, Scott and Randy, and a sister of Brenda's, Judy Smith of Sheffield, helped to move the women's parents, R. G. and Ruby Davis, from Iraan to the Brooks Ranch out of Iraan on Hwy. 190. They will now reside there in a new home.

Their daughter Gay Brooks and her husband Sandy, along with son Ben and daughter Betsy, had made the move to their ranch some time back. They also helped her family with the Davis' move, as did a very good friend of the family, Shay Elkins of Iraan.

Ruben and Connie Flores and son Chris of McLean in the Panhandle were recent visitors to the home of his parents, V. V. and Mary Flores of Sheffield. The Flores also visited,

among other residents, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Fortune and Billie Malone and her granddaughter, Jessica McCary. The Flores are former residents of Sheffield and also the El Paso National Gas Terrell Plant, now owned by Shell-Western, south of town. Lee Anne, a daughter of the Flores', has been in North Carolina with Connie's relatives since her graduation, with honors, from the high school in McLean. She plans to attend college in that state.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. John Ketzler of Dryden and Sanderson had as guests his son, John Jr. from San Angelo, and children Sam and Lorraine, his daughters Elaine Sandell and her husband Charles, their son, also Charles, and their friend, Doug Preston of San Benito, John Ketzler Jr. of San Angelo and his children, Lorraine and Sam, along with another daughter of John Sr.

Sue Malone and husband Max, son Michael and niece Jessica McCary of Sheffield joined the Ketzler family on their ranch south of Sheffield.

First Baptist Church of Iraan, Sheffield Church of Christ and Sheffield Baptist Church each hosted a platoon at the Sheffield Boot Camp for separate Christmas parties, including games and refreshments. The community churches were also invited to participate in a special Christmas service Sunday night, Dec. 22, at the boot camp. Included on the evening agenda were group singing of fun and serious Christmas music, special music by Jerrie Anne and Mary Beth Fortune, and a chalk art drawing by Jerry Fortune called "The Cradle and the Crown". Some of the cadets presented a close-order drill as their gift to the audience. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Visits from children and grandchildren made the holidays happy for Lib and Charlie Applewhite. Here from Hamilton were Kip, Vicki, Clifford and Derek Nichols and Jack, Shelley and Amberlie Applewhite. Eldorado visitors were Richard and Jill Preston along with Johnny Childress from Ozona, John Clayton Childress from San Angelo and Courtney Childress of Utopia.

Woman's Forum Meets Dec. 17

Members of Ozona Woman's Forum met Dec. 17 in the home of Lucille Littleton with Katharine Russell as assisting hostess.

The president, Shirley Kirby, called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved, and the roll was called with 22 members present.

Sandy Bebee read a thank you from Deputy Dan Griffith, instructor of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

A treasurer's report was made by Beverly Evans.

A sculpture report by Shirley Kirby stated that the granite base was in place in the park, and that the sculpture is due Jan. 15.

Katharine Russell moved, with a second from Arlene Clayton, to donate to the Ministerial Alliance.

Forum members were asked to bring two dozen cookies to the next meeting for the fire department and EMS members.

Crystelle Childress introduced Marilyn Cox who reviewed the book *The Twelve Days of Christmas* by Leigh Grant. She told of the various customs and celebrations carried on down through the ages.

Members attending the Dec. 17 meeting were: Jewel Bailey, Sandy Bebee, Jane Black, Barbara Carter, Nancy Childress, Crystelle Childress, Arlene Clayton, Marilyn Cox, Charlotte Harrell, Lu Ingram, Georgia Kirby, Shirley Kirby, Lucille Littleton, Joyce Maness, Ethel Miller, Dorothy Montgomery, Vada Pridemore, Katharine Russell, Blanche Walker, Helen White, Patsy White, Jimmie Jacoby and Bobbie Bird.

It's A Boy

Anthony Ray Vasquez was born Dec. 19, 1996, at 8:42 p.m. in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 14.6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The baby is the son of Michael Anthony and Claudia Vasquez of Odessa. His sister, Alyssa Renee, is three.

Also helping welcome Anthony Ray are: grandparents Antonio and Linda Kay Vasquez of Ozona and Luis Carlos and Alicia Juarez of Pecos, great-grandparents Elvira Martinez and Antonio and Evangelina Vasquez of Ozona and Aurora Juarez of Odessa, uncles Daniel and John Gabriel Vasquez and Luis Juarez and a first cousin, Jaron Daniel Vasquez of Ozona.



JOYCE HOHERTZ, cook and dietitian for Meals On Wheels, normally brings the Wheels menu by the Stockman office late Monday evening, but she decided to put it off until Tuesday morning. Joyce said that old Hwy. 290 was sure slick this morning from all the snow and ice. *Scotty Moore photo*

Christian Weight Loss Program To Begin Jan. 8

A new 13-week session of First Place will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Young Adult Department of First Baptist Church, which is upstairs above the sanctuary.

You may ask "what makes First Place different from other weight-loss programs?" The answer is that the aim of First Place is a totally balanced Christian life.

Merely losing weight can be accomplished by other plans, but it is total dedication to the Lord and His help with the nine commitments of fitness that makes First Place different.

These commitments are: regular attendance to a group, daily prayer, daily reading of the scripture, memorizing a portion of the scripture each

week, Bible study with others in the group, following the Live-It nutrition plan, keeping a record of food you eat, encouraging someone with a phone call each week, and the exercise of your choice at least three times a week.

Thirteen-week members who recently enjoyed a victory celebration meal of baked potato, salad and dessert at the Jamerson home were: Jeanie Fuller, leader, Jean Conner, Mozelle Houston, Barbara Malone, Jean Marshall, Lynda Falkner, Jenna Jackson, Audrey Glynn and Gwin Jamerson, hostess.

These members plan to continue with this program and invite any others to join them as they learn about the more abundant life. Consider it, please.

You certainly are welcome.

If you cannot make it on the 8th, you can still become a part of First Place by coming at the same time, same place on the 15th of January.

Jodi Wilson
bride-elect of
Steve Marshall

Kelly Porter
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Dustin Glidewell

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Carolyn
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CROCKETT ROAD COUNTY CREWS worked through the night and morning trying to keep Ozona streets clear of ice. Crockett and surrounding counties experienced a temperature in the low twenties along with ice and snow causing dangerous driving conditions on Interstate 10 and city streets. *Scotty Moore photo*

***Rehab (Continued from pg. 1).....**

the Center's yearly funding program as viewers are asked to commit their support to WTRC facilities in Abilene and San Angelo where 15,000 children and adults with disabilities are treated annually.

Viewers of KLST will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interview and phone bank report segments from WTRC-San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television personality and WTRC board vice chairman.

Another popular segment of the telenovela special is the auction which will feature merchandise and items donated by businesses and individuals. An auction catalog and bidding information will be published in the San Angelo Standard-Times on Saturday, Jan. 11 and a preview of items — ranging from spas to saddles, trips to trailers — will be featured on KLST at 6 p.m., Jan. 11 prior to the 7 p.m. telethon.

In addition to phone banks in San

Angelo and Abilene, area communities in the Concho Valley and Big Country will solicit donations and pledges during the television special.

"As in the past, we certainly hope to top the \$1 million mark on Rehab '97 because it's going to take more than \$9 million this year for the Center to do its job of serving children and adults with disabilities," said Jim Pethis, WTRC president/CEO. "Approximately 15,000 people are counting on all of us, and with the help of celebrities, supporters and volunteers, I'm confident we'll be successful on Jan. 11 and all year long."

For Crockett County area residents a donation can be made by calling the Crockett County National Bank, 392-3745.

Happy Birthday

- Jan. 8 - Penny Ramirez, Cody Sutton, Frankie Talamantez, Elena Ybarra, Jose S. Hernandez, Susan Bilano
- Jan. 9 - Kristy Pridemore, Janet Dias, Barbaree Fierro, Micky Arredondo, Yazmin Orozco
- Jan. 10 - Susie Childress, Willie Payne Jr., Beatrice Vargas, Cody Hunnicutt, Kelly Jamerson, Sandra Dee Perez, David Noah, Glenda McMullan, Gabriella Gutierrez
- Jan. 11 - Richard Pena, Shane Albers, Coby Allen DeLaGarza, Jonas Huereca, Abe Morris, Lydia Fierro, Maria Vitela, Penny Stewart, Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo, Karen Reynolds, Imelda Huereca
- Jan. 12 - Zane Caddell, Vada Bean Marissa Cordova, Mario F. Mendoza, Lee Gonzales, Marta Flores, Israel Perez, Shawn McClure, Cris Clifton
- Jan. 13 - Cecil Buckner, Romie Arredondo, Marcus Sims, Don Smith
- Jan. 14 - Raymond Adecock, Carmen Sutton, Amy Ybarra, Martha Rocha, Laurie English, Lionel Tambunga Sr., Ofelia Galan, Regina Sesom

³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
³⁷Jesus said unto him Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
³⁸This is the first and great commandment.

St. Matthew 22:36-38

Courtesy of:
Childress Real Estate

Meals On Wheels Menu

- Jan. 13... Pork Chops, Yams, Broccoli Cauliflower Blend, Bread and Dessert.
- Jan. 14... Spagetti and Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Dessert and Bread
- Jan. 15... Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits and Dessert
- Jan. 15... Swiss Steak, Buttered Corn, Carrot and Raisin Salad, Bread and Dessert
- Jan. 16... Chili Con Carne, Corn Bread, Green Salad and Dessert

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks go to all who helped carry the burden of our loss. Your prayers and words of kindness, the floral offerings, food, visits and memorials gave comfort.

The Jim Sanker Family
 Montie, Pat Pam and Emily

Card of Thanks

The family of Felis Borrego Sanchez would like to thank all who gave of your time, prayers, phone calls, food, flowers and comforting support during the illness and loss of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grand mother. A special thanks to Fr. Ray, the OLPH choir, the Guadalupanas, Dave Wilson, Arthur & Emma Franco & Alex Borrego.

May God bless each and everyone of you for your kindness.
 Families of Albino & Daniel Sanchez & Guadalupe De La Garza



Cafeteria Menu

- Jan. 13... Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, French Fries and Milk
- Jan. 14... Pork Sausage, Pinto Beans, Spoon Tomato Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Cornbread and Milk
- Jan. 15... Hamburger, Salad, Tator Tots, Cookie and Milk
- Jan. 16... Chicken Quesadillas, Salad, Refried Beans, Pineapple and Milk
- Jan. 17... Steak Fingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Rolls and Milk

Fast Food Menu

- Jan. 13... Frito Pie, Salad, French Fries, Pudding and Milk
- Jan. 14... Chickburger, Salad, Tator Tots, Fruit Cocktail and Milk
- Jan. 15... Soft Burrito, Salad, Tator Tots and Milk
- Jan. 16... Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad, French Fries, Pineapple and Milk
- Jan. 17... Cheeseburger, Salad, Tator Tots and Milk

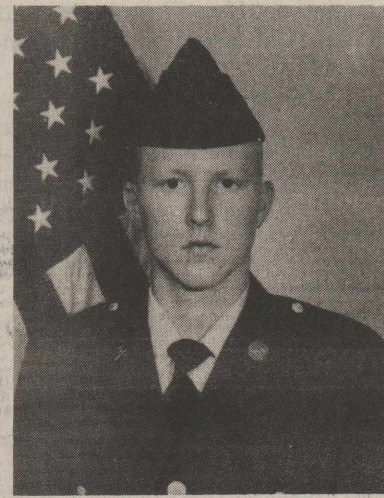
Breakfast Menu

- (Everyday we have Toast, Muffin, Milk and Juice)
- Plus:
- Jan. 13... Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal
 - Jan. 14... Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal or Rice
 - Jan. 15... Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal
 - Jan. 16... Waffles or Cold Cereal
 - Jan. 17... Potato & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

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Pvt. Screws Finishes Basic Training At Fort Sill

Pvt. John D. Screws, U. S. Army, finished basic training at Fort Sill,



OK, Dec. 19, 1996.

After a brief leave during which he visited his family, Mr. and Mrs. David Screws and Traci in Ozona, Pvt. Screws reported to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio where he is

training as an operating room technician. Upon completion of these studies, he will go to Fort Benning, GA, for paratrooper school. Pvt. Screws is a 1995 graduate of Ozona High School.

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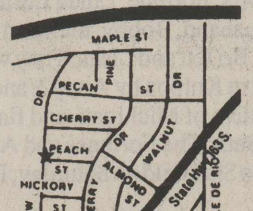
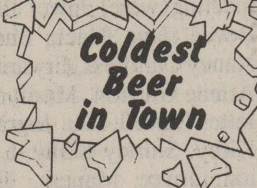
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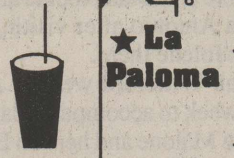
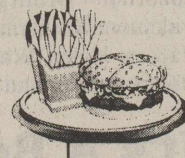


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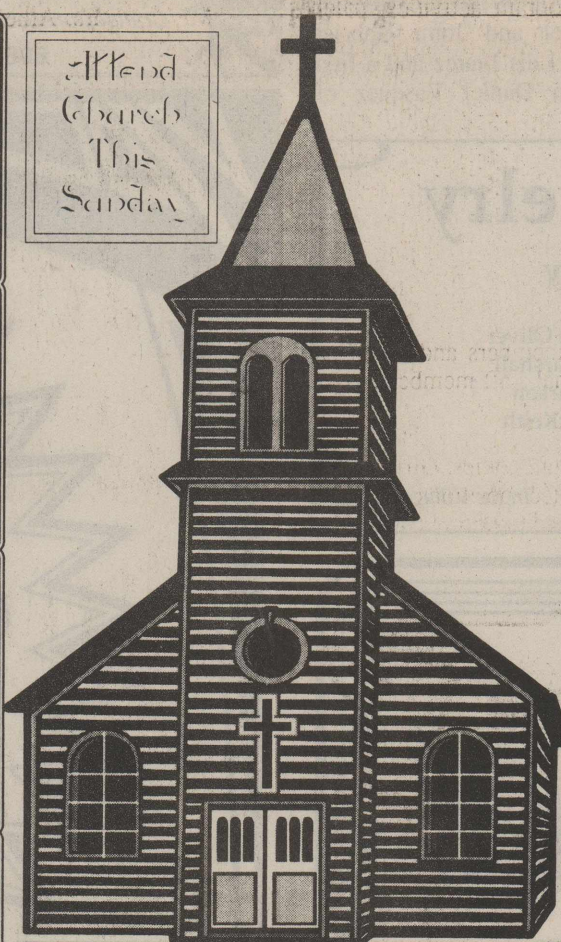
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MENUDO SATURDAY



Attend Church This Sunday

Pray For The Spirit

Pray for the Spirit, not just any spirit but the Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus urges. "If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:13). The Holy Spirit gives life. To be sure, you are alive. However, you may feel you are just existing. You get through one day only to have another come after it. The same troubles and the same heart aches are always there. Nothing seems to change for the better. You are one of the many persons "having no hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). There is nothing

more pitiful. The Holy Spirit changes how you see things around you. You may have the same troubles and discouragements but you also will have hope. The Bible declares, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope" (1 Peter 1:3). You will have hope because you will no longer be without God. For this reason, you need to pray for the Holy Spirit. He will change you on the inside. This is where change needs to come first, if you really want to find genuine hope.

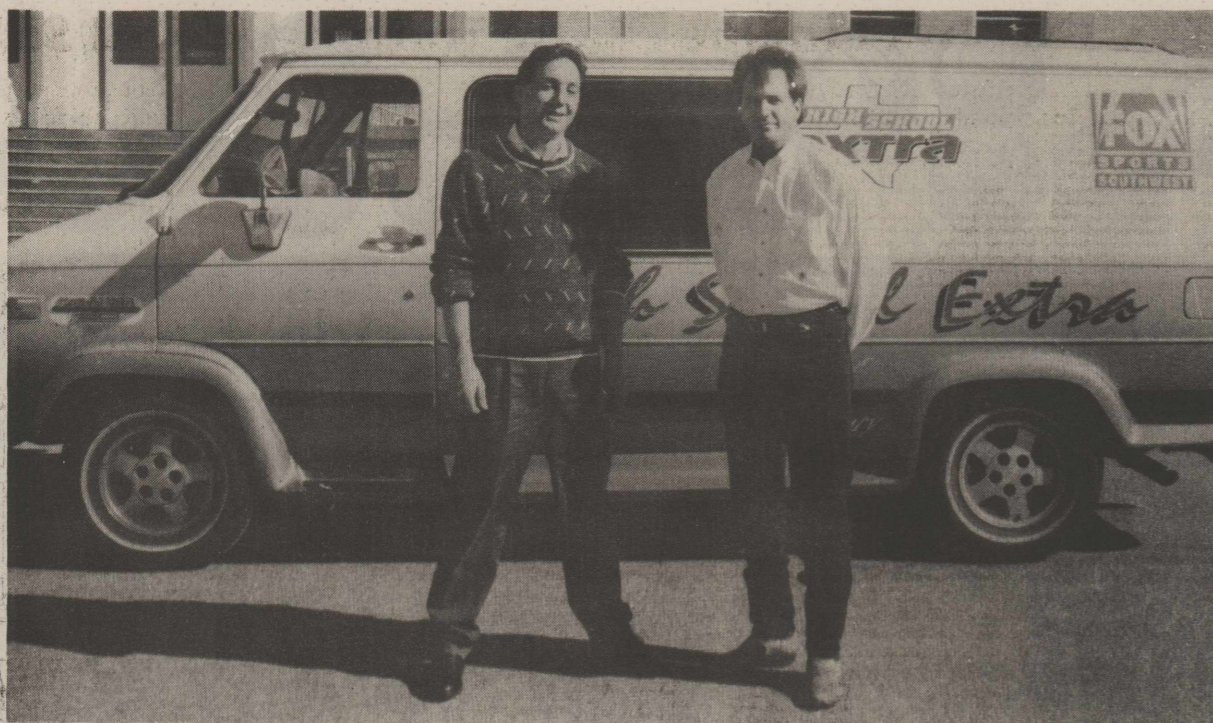
<p>First Baptist Church Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church Rev. James Carter Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church Rev. Norvell Allen Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church Rev. Charles Huffman, Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church Rev. Sergio Arrellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem Pastor Miguel Arjon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Lupe Domoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rev. Bill DuBuisson Rev. Ray Gallagher Mass: 11:15, Sun., 7 p.m., Sat., 8:30 a.m. M.W.T.F.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Pastor Alec Rivera Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church Rev. Filiberto Prieto Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Tue. & Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Harvest Time Christian Center Rev. Lewis A. Franklin Sun. Christian Ed.: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed.: Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Sr. Manuel Suchil Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wed.: Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Sat.: Teen Bible Class: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend Church</p>

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HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA'S CRAIG WAY AND PAUL MELTON were in Ozona last Thursday and Friday to film segments for the Sunday, Jan. 5th show. The program aired Sunday and Monday on the Fox Sports Southwest network, Ozona cable channel 26, with clips from the Ladies' victory over Forsan plus interviews with players and Coach Faught.

Photo by Neal Ulmer

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

12-31-96 to 1-6-97

ARRESTS:

12-31-96...Hector Hernandez Contreras was picked up for illegal entry and detained for Border Patrol officers.

1-1-97...William T. McElwain, age 33, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of public intoxication. He pled guilty in J.P. Court, paid a fine and was released.

1-1-97...Benigno Garcia Jr., age 27, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct by sheriff's deputies. He pled guilty in J.P. Court, paid a fine and was released.

1-1-97...Verner Lynn Sheeley, age 33, of Rockdale was arrested on a charge of driving without a valid driver's license and traffic warrants out of Leon County. He was released after posting bonds on all charges.

1-1-97...Emilio Flores Porras, age 17, of Ozona was arrested by DPS officers for operating a vehicle without a license and liability insurance. He pled guilty in J. P. Court and was released after paying his fines.

1-1-97...Guillermo Gallardo, age 27, of Crane was arrested by sheriff's deputies for disorderly conduct/fighting. He pled guilty in J. P. Court and was released after paying his fine.

1-3-97...Raul Vasquez Rico, age 22, of Ozona was arrested on a warrant from J. P. Court for assault. He pled guilty in J. P. Court and was released after laying out his fine.

1-4-97...Maritza Nunez, age 25, of El Paso was arrested by DPS officers on a charge of driving while license suspended. She was released after posting bail.

INCIDENTS:

12-31-96...A report of criminal mischief was filed at Sheffield Road west. The complainant's tires on his vehicle had been slashed. A warrant was issued. The suspect made restitution for damage on 1-6-97, and the warrant was recalled.

1-2-97...A report was filed on criminal mischief which occurred on Ave. E. The complainant's vehicle was damaged while parked at the workplace.

1-2-97...An assault report was filed from an incident which occurred on Santa Rosa Street. The complainant was struck with a beer bottle. An arrest by warrant was made.

1-3-97...A disorderly conduct report was filed from an incident that occurred on AA Street. A suspect entered complainant's property and verbally abused complainant. A warrant is still pending.

1-3-97...A dog bite report was filed from an incident on Almond and Mulberry Streets.

1-4-97...A theft of property report was filed when complainant's rifle was taken by a relative to a pawn shop. The rifle was recovered, and a warrant was issued.

1-4-97...A criminal mischief report was filed. The complainant's property and vehicle were damaged/vandalized on Mulberry Street. The case is still under investigation.

1-6-97...A theft of service report was filed by a complainant who was not paid for his services on 11th Street.

1-6-97...A lost property report was filed. An earring was lost at the complainant's workplace on Sheffield Hwy.

Girl Scouts Blazing Trail To Cookie Eaters

The theme for the 1997 El Camino Girl Scout cookie sale is "Blaze Your Own Trail", and they will definitely be blazing one to your door shortly. The eight varieties of cookies may be ordered beginning Jan. 10 and can be purchased until March 7. Cookie lovers will be able to select from six returning cookies - thin mints, caramel delights, shortbreads, peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter patties and lemon pastry cremes, or you may want to be adventurous and try one of the two new ones - iced ginger daisies and five world cinnamonos with sugar.

The cookie sale not only happens to be one of Girl Scouting's major fundraisers, it is also one of the ones that girls and customers look forward to the most. Girl Scout cookie sales benefit the girls, troops, council and community.

Brownie, Junior Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts participating in cookie sales are taught important life skills such as decision-making, communications, responsibility, team work and goal setting. Individual girl incentives encourage them and recognize their efforts.

Each troop participating receives funds that are used by the troop to provide program activities, patches and supplies for the girls. Many troops plan service projects, in addition to taking educational, fun trips.

El Camino Girl Scout Council uses cookie sale proceeds to provide program and training activities for girls, training materials, resources and volunteer support for adults, as well as improvements for council property. In 1996, the council served approximately 2500 members with six full time staff members and seven part-time/seasonal staff members.

El Camino Girl Scout Council is a United Way agency. For more information about cookies, Girl Scouts or adult volunteer positions, contact the council office at 655-8961 or 1-800-688-2845.

The Newsreel

A rerun of "The Ozona Story" as gleaned from the files of The Ozona Stockman

NEWS REEL
JAN 4, 1968

Funeral services for Samuel F. Drake, 70, father of Mrs. Taylor Deaton, were held Saturday in Kerrville. Mr. Drake died Friday in a Kerrville hospital, after being a patient there a week.

Hunting season ended with the kill twenty percent lower than last year in Crockett County, according to a report from Raymond Davee, game warden for the county.

Graveside services for Roy Edward Kirby, 73, were held Saturday afternoon at Cedar Hill Cemetery with Dr. R. F. Curl conducting services. Mr. Kirby died at 11:00 a.m. Friday in a Stephenville Hospital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Sparkman Whatley, 85, mother of Mrs. Ottist Pridmore, were held Sunday afternoon in Coleman. Mrs. Whatley died Saturday morning in Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital in Coleman.

The Ozona Lions captured the 3rd place trophy in the big San Angelo BCD Holiday Tournament with an 80-72 win over Miles, and Beto Vargas, who averaged 16.5 points for 4 tourney games, was named to the All-Tournament team.

House guests of the J. B. Millers during the holidays included their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robinson, of Lordsburg, New Mexico, and Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Dar Whittenburg and children, Tom and Melanie, of Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Armentrout visited their son, George Armentrout, and family in Hurst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith and family of Imperial visited Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Smith, during the New Year's holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker flew to California for a visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Balboa Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Everett and son, Cody Bob, of Las Cruces, NM and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McEwain and children, Tye and Carey, of Denison returned to their homes last week after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Everett.

Pvt. James T. Willmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Willmon of Ozona, was home on leave during the holidays. Pvt. Willmon is stationed at Fort Polk, LA.

NEWS REEL
JAN. 5, 1939

Davy Crockett, one of the outstanding heroes of Texas history, was honored last week when a statue, carved in relief from a block of native Texas granite, was set up in the city park here.

Dudley Ingham, son of Mrs. B. B. Ingham, escaped serious injury Tuesday night when the new Pontiac coupe which he was driving was almost

completely wrecked when it collided with a concrete culvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Marley, Jr., are the parents of a baby boy, born New Year's day in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler and infant daughter returned to their home in Junction Sunday after visiting Mrs. Fowler's mother, Mrs. Bruce Drake, for the past week.

Miss Dorothy Drake has accepted a position in the telephone office here.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Robison and their two children returned to their ranch home near Sanderson Tuesday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Robison and Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneemann, George Vic Montgomery and Dock Lee have been in New Orleans the past week to see the Sugar Bowl game.

Reagor Accepts Corsicana Position

Tamie Reagor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reagor, has accepted the position of assistant County Extension Agent-Agriculture, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Navarro County, Corsicana.

Tamie is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture development.

She began her duties in Corsicana Jan. 6.



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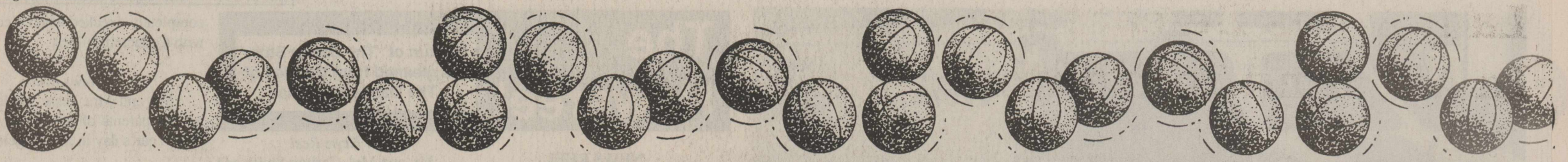
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Lions Drop To Shorthorns In Ft. Stockton

By Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions went right back to work after the Christmas holidays, as they faced the District 4-A Marfa Shorthorns in their first game of the Fort Stockton Varsity Basketball Tournament held Dec. 27 and 28. This was definitely going to be a test for the Lions before they resumed district play on Jan. 2 in Ozona against Forsan.

Playing in a tournament before district play resumes will hopefully keep the Lions in shape and prepped for the rest of the district season.

The Lions took it a little slow in the first period scoring nine points with Justin Browne making five of those to the Shorthorns' 12. Ozona came back with another nine in the second while the Shorthorns put in 17 to take a 29-18 halftime lead.

"We played good against them. They had a good ball club, were big and quick," said Ozona coach Ronnie Casey.

Ozona picked up the pace in the third period with Bobby Cervantez

scoring eight points and Browne five for a total of 13 points to the Shorthorns' 11 to pull within nine at 40-31.

Ozona was working hard to come back in the final period, but midway through with the game tied at 47-47 a 20 second time out was called by Marfa. Evidently, according to Coach Casey, the officials did not notify Ozona that play was to resume. They started the game without Ozona.

"It frustrated the kids and changed the momentum of the game," said Coach Casey.

Cervantez and Browne added six points each of their team's 20 points, but it was not enough as the Shorthorns scored 18 to take a 58-51 win. Marfa's Garcia led his team with 25 points. With the loss, the Lions are now 4-11 for the season.

Both Browne and Cervantez scored 16 points in the game to lead their team. They were followed in scoring by Anthony Ortiz with six, Brian Badillo and Michael Nicks with three each, and Lando Pena-Alfaro and Peter Rodriguez with two each. Also playing was Jason Stuart.



FLYING AUTUMN MCWILLIAMS puts up a strong defensive effort for the Lady Lions against a Forsan Queen in the Ladies' third district game. Ozona easily won the lopsided contest 48-6 in Davidson Gym on Jan. 2 to continue their district run. *Photo by Neal Ulmer*



OZONA LADY LION AMY LAUGHLIN snags a Winters Lady Blizzard in Ozona's fourth district game, played at home in Davidson Gym on Jan. 4. The Lady Lions won 54-16, with their record so far 4-0 district and 19-1 overall. *Photo by Neal Ulmer*

Lady Lions Fall To Lady Eagles In Classic

By Neal Ulmer,
Stockman Sportswriter

It was a classic, all right, as two great teams clashed in the second game for each team in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic held Dec. 26-28 in Midland's Chaparral Center. The Ozona Lady Lions took on the Class 4A state defending champions, the Canyon High Lady Eagles Dec. 27. Nationally ranked No. 3 by USA Today, the Lady Eagles have a 47-game winning streak and a record of 17-0.

"Their ranking shows they are the best anyone could play in Texas and they deserve that ranking," Coach Faught said.

Of course, the Lady Lions had a 34-game streak of their own going until they fell 56-36 to the Lady Eagles. The Lady Eagles used a very quick man-to-man defense that frustrated the Ladies all afternoon long. The Lions fell to 16-1 season record, losing for the first time since the ABC Caprock Tournament in December of 1995.

"Offensively and defensively I'd say they're as good as anyone I've seen in a long time," said Ozona coach Dickie Faught of the Lady Eagles team. "They can all score and they're unselfish. We have not played anyone as good as Canyon."

Ozona junior Amber Tarr led the Ladies with 22 points, getting six of those in the first quarter to keep them close to the Lady Eagles as they trailed 14-10.

"I felt like we worked hard to play a solid half court defense. We felt like the zone would not be effective," said

Coach Faught.

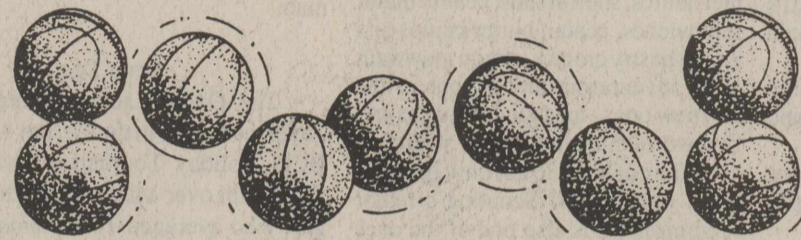
The relentless defense by the Lady Eagles held Ozona to only four points while Canyon scored 11 for a 25-14 halftime lead.

Canyon went on a 12-2 run to move ahead 37-18 after three Ozona turnovers (23 in the game) in the third quarter. Ozona scored a quarter high of 13 points, but the Eagles bettered it with 18 points. Canyon's junior Candi White came up with two quick steals and an assist to lead her team to a 43-27 third quarter lead.

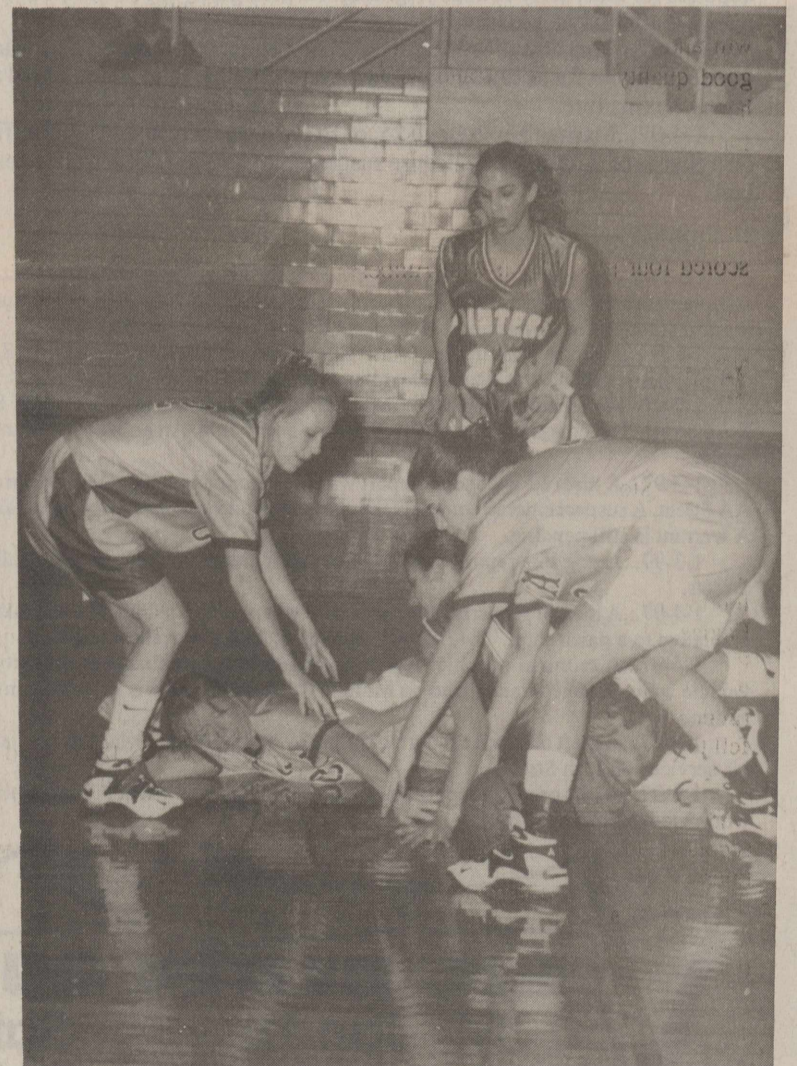
Canyon's defense would not let up in the final quarter. The Lady Eagles ran their offense like a precision machine, rarely made foolish turnovers, or took bad shots. With these combinations, Canyon scored another 13 points in the final period and held Ozona to nine points for a 56-36 win.

Ozona definitely had a difficult time shooting to say the least. They hit only 52% from the field and 50% on the free throw line. Canyon relied on five outstanding players, led by Valerie Valdez with 17 points and Lindy Lombard with 13.

Tarr scored 22 points, had 10 rebounds, three steals and one assist to lead the Ladies. She was followed in scoring by Stormi Sessom with seven points, who also had two rebounds and one assist; Shelly Sullivan made four points and had one steal; Amber McWilliams two points, one rebound, and one assist; and Leslie Avila one point and one rebound. Others playing included Amy Laughlin, Julie Perez, Autumn McWilliams, and Juli Hall. Also giving support were Megan Tambunga and Lauren Wilkins.



OZONA FRESHMAN BOBBY CERVANTEZ (1) and a Winters Blizzard go after a loose ball in a varsity Dist. 8-2A game in Ozona on Jan. 4. The Lions won a wild game against their old football rivals for a district record of 2-0 at the end of their first week of district competition. *Photo by Neal Ulmer*



WHO'S GOT IT? In a four-way battle for the ball, Amber McWilliams (on the floor) and a Winters Lady Blizzard battle for control in their Jan. 4 game. Amber is supported by fellow Lady Lions Autumn McWilliams and Shelly Sullivan (r). *Photo by Neal Ulmer*

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Lady Lions Defeat Lady Knights In Midland Tournament

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lady Lions went right back to work from taking off Christmas Day on Wednesday to playing basketball on Thursday in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic held Dec. 26-28 in Midland. This was definitely going to be a test for the Ladies before they resumed district play on Jan. 2 in Ozona against Forsan.

Again, playing larger schools in pre-season has paid off for the Lady Lions, as they placed third in the tournament. What, the Ladies did not win first in the tournament? Unfortunately for the Ladies, they came across the third best team in the nation in their second game, the Canyon High Lady Eagles.

The competition started out tough as the Lady Lions met and defeated the District 2-5A El Paso Hanks Lady

Knights 42-35 in their first game on Thursday, Dec. 26, in Midland High's Gym. The Lady Knights have remained the district champs the last seven years and went into the tournament with a 29-5 record.

The Ladies came out a little sluggish to begin with in a gym that was not as bright in illumination as Ozona's. Despite that, they were able to take a 12-10 first quarter lead with Shelly Sullivan getting six points.

Amber Tarr came out very strong in the second period, scoring 13 of her team's 14 points. The Lady Knights were close behind, scoring 11, but were not able to close the gap at the half, trailing 26-21.

"I thought it was a good win for us. I knew they were going to be good," said Lady Lion coach Dickie Faught. "They have been to the playoffs seven years in a row. They are the best El Paso team."

The pace slowed down considerably in the second half, which was to

the Ladies advantage. Ozona scored 10 points in the third with Sullivan making four of those for a 36-28 lead. The Lady Knights outscored the Ladies in the final period with seven. Ozona made six with four of those from Sullivan to give the Ladies a 42-35 win. The win increased the Ladies' record to 16-0.

Tarr led the Ladies in scoring with 18 points. She also had five steals, two blocked shots, eight rebounds, and three assists. She was followed by Shelly Sullivan with 14 points, who also had six blocked shots, seven rebounds, one steal and one assist; and Stormi Sessom and Amber McWilliams with five each. McWilliams also pulled down five rebounds. Also playing were Julie Perez, Amy Laughlin, Autumn McWilliams, who had two rebounds, one steal, and four assists; and Leslie Avila with two rebounds and two assists. Providing extra support from the bench were Megan Tambunga, Lauren Wilkins, and Juli Hall.



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Ladies Beat Dawgs In Holiday Classic

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

The near best occurred in the last game for the Ozona Lady Lions as they defeated the Midland High Lady Dawgs 47-31 to take the third place trophy in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic Dec. 28 in Midland's Chaparral Center. They may not have gotten by Canyon to go into the championship game, but they did come back with style to get a trophy and increase their season record to 17-1.

"It feels good to come back and win and beat Midland High. It is a good quality tournament and we're happy to get a third place win," said Lady Lion coach Dickie Faught.

Ozona took to the boards early scoring the game's first seven points. Stormi Sessom and Shelly Sullivan scored four points each with Amber

Tarr scoring three totaling 11 to the Dawgs' eight points.

The Ladies took it to the boards again in the second quarter as Sessom dropped in seven points, Amy Laughlin and Tarr four each and Sullivan added two for a total of 17 points to the Dawgs' 10 for a 28-18 Lady Lion lead at the half. Sessom led the Ladies in the first half with 11 points.

"We did well defensively and handled playing mentally. We were able to get a few things in transition," said Ozona's coach Dickie Faught. "One of the biggest keys was to get some points against their press."

The pace slowed in the third as Tarr got four of Ozona's seven points in the third to the Dawgs' six for a 35-24 lead. Tarr supported her team's 12 for a 47-31 victory. Tarr also had four blocked shots and six assists. Ozona's free throw shooting definitely helped

as they hit 17 of 25.

The Lady Dawgs never established anything offensively and were led in scoring by Jamie Nicholson with a petty five points.

Tarr led her team in scoring for the third straight game with 18 points and a three-game total of 58 points. She was followed by Sessom with 11 points, who had four rebounds and one assist. Sullivan scored ten points, had eight rebounds, four blocked shots, and one steal; Amy Laughlin had five points and one assist; Lauren Wilkins had two points and one rebound; and Leslie Avila had one point and one each of steals, blocked shots, and rebounds.

Also playing were Amber McWilliams, who had two rebounds, one assist and one steal; Autumn McWilliams with one assist and one blocked shot; Julie Perez, Megan Tambunga, and Juli Hall.

Blue Devils Slide By Lions In Ft. Stockton Tourney

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

The devil got his wish this time, so to speak, as the Ozona Lions lost their second Fort Stockton Tournament game 67-54 to the District 3-3A Presidio Blue Devils in a Dec. 28 game. The Lions' season record is now 4-12.

The Lions had plenty of woes in a game where they tried to play catch up. The Blue Devils kept up the pressure and their scoring with 17 points to the Lions' 12 in the first period.

Ozona bounced back in the second scoring 16 points, but the Blue Devils continued with their plan as they added 21 points to lead at halftime 38-28.

"We started slow and got so far behind, we couldn't catch them," said Lion coach Ronnie Casey. "They were big and they had a good ball club."

Ozona had their lowest score in the game in the third quarter with eight points. While Presidio scored 13 points to lead after three quarters 51-36.

Both teams stepped it up a notch in the fourth period as Ozona scored

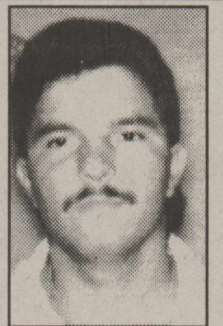
18 points and the Blue Devils 15. Unfortunately, for the Lions, it was not enough as Presidio won 67-54. The Blue Devils were aided by C. Ramirez with 21 points and M. Gonzales added 20 points.

Leading the Lions was Justin Browne with 18 points. He was closely followed by Jon Sanchez with 17, Anthony Ortiz six, Brian Badillo and Steven Martinez with four each, Peter Rodriguez with three, and Bobby Cervantez with two points. Also playing were Jason Stuart, Lando Peña-Alfaro, and Michael Nicks.

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Eagles Dive Bomb Lions In Ft. Stockton

By Neal Ulmer, Stockman Sportswriter

Too many games in a short time took its toll on the Ozona Lions as they fell to the District 3-4A San Elizario Eagles 72-36 in the Fort Stockton tournament held Dec. 28. The Lions had played earlier in the day, and the tiredness was just too much as they fell to a 4-13 season record.

The day did not get any easier when the Ozona Lions played their second game of the day within six hours. The Lions had difficulty getting their motors going in the first quarter and were only able to score 10 points compared to the Eagles' 23.

Ozona added another 10 points in the second quarter, but San Elizario scored 19 for a big lead at halftime 42-20.

"We played earlier in the morning and had only 90 minutes of rest,"

said Lion head coach Ronnie Casey. "We had a hard time getting with it and didn't play very well."

Both teams shot well in the third quarter with Ozona scoring 14 points and San Elizario 13, but the Lions still trailed 34 to 55.

The Lions' shooting went cold in the final quarter as they could only make two points to the Blue Devils' 17. San Elizario's C. Puebla scored 18

points to lead his team to a 72-36 win.

According to Coach Casey, his team only shot 15% from the field and had other problems. "We were in foul problems most of the game," he said.

Jon Sanchez led the Lions in scoring with 12 points. Bobby Cervantez closely followed with 11, Anthony Ortiz made five, and Jason Stuart, Peter Rodriguez, Justin Browne, and Steven Martinez scored two points each. Also playing were Michael Nicks, Brian Badillo and Lando Peña-Alfaro.

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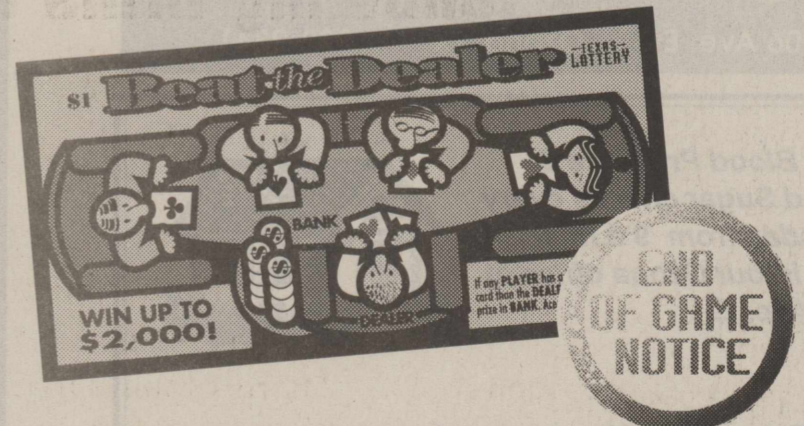
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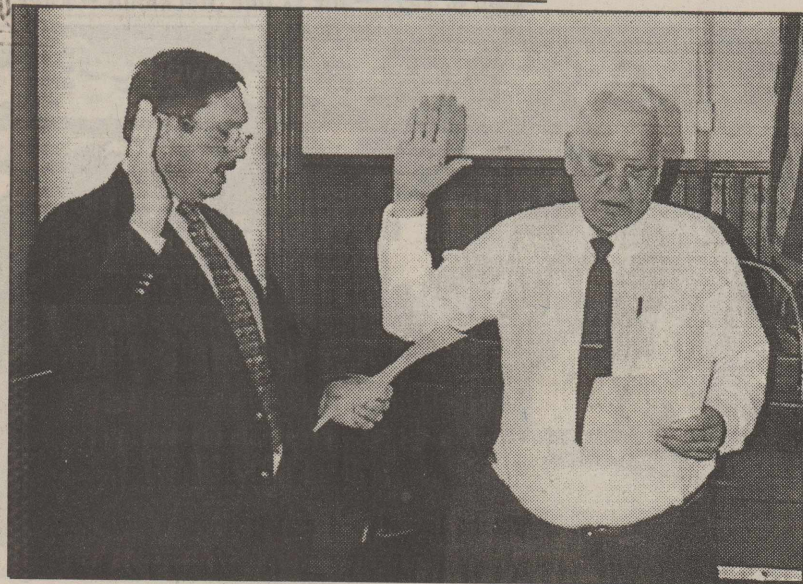


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Cougars Slide Past Lions 61-56

By Neal Ulmer
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Lions ran into some trouble with the District 7-A Christoval Cougars. Likewise so did the Ozona JV, in games held Dec. 16 in Ozona. The competition was a little bit tougher than the Lions expected as they fell to the Cougars 61-56, and the Ozona JV lost 61-54 in an earlier game. Ozona's varsity season record is now 4-9, and the JV's is 0-12.

The Cougars came out hot, and the Lions were cold with Christoval taking a 20-10 first quarter lead in the varsity game. The teams appeared to trade places in the second period with the Lions hitting a game high of 18 points and the Cougars a game low of four. The score was enough for the Lions to take a 28-24 halftime lead.

"I thought we played pretty good all night long. We made some critical mistakes that Christoval took advantage of," said Lion coach Ronnie Casey. "I felt like the second quarter is the best defense played all night long."

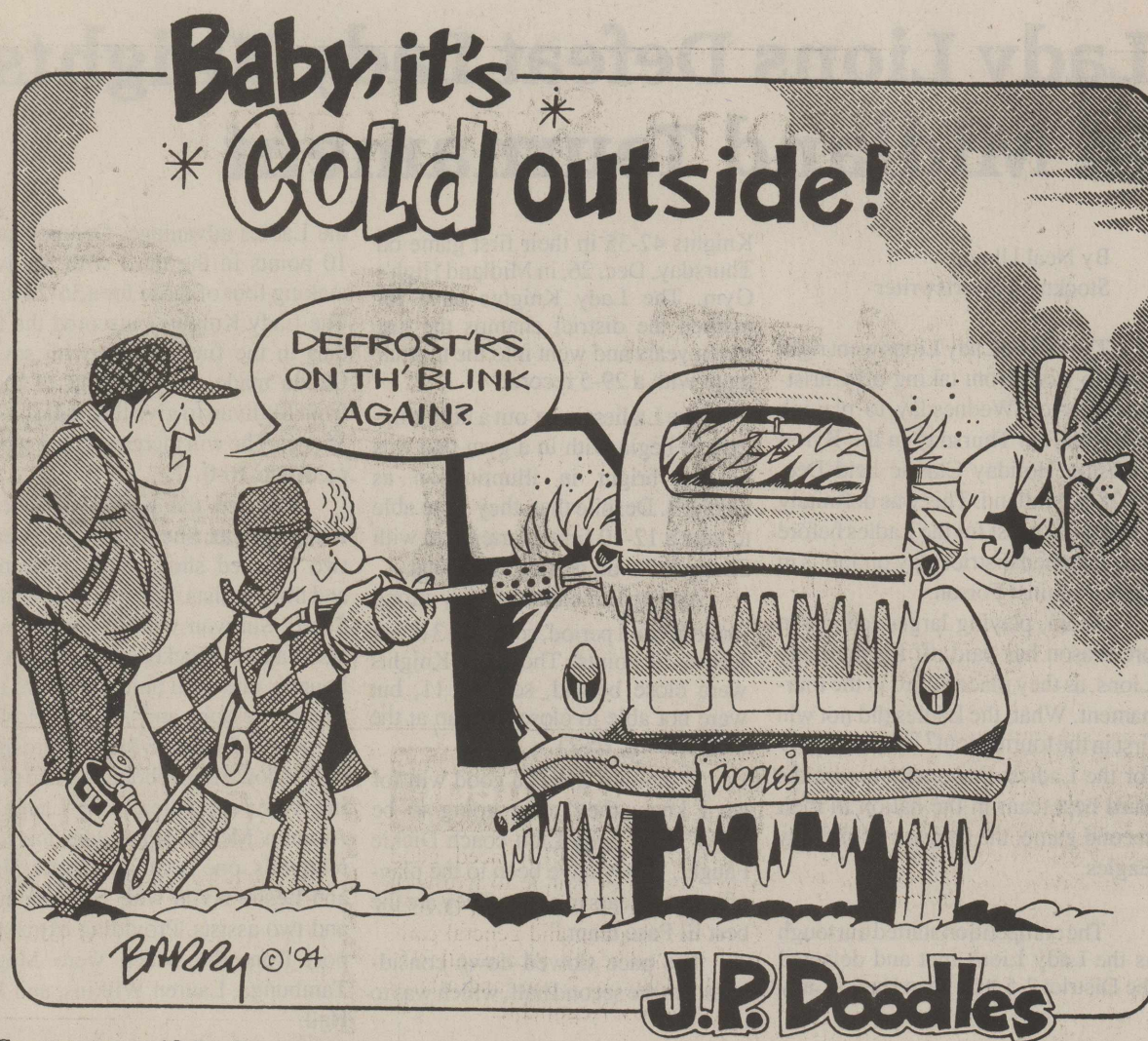
The Cougars bounced back in the second half, scoring 18 points in the third quarter to Ozona's 13 to retake the lead 42-41. Again, the Cougars shot well in the fourth, and the Lions stayed close, but could not come up with enough points to win, losing 61-56. Four Cougars were in double figures and were led by Joiner with 19 points.

Coach Casey saw several things the Lions need to continue to work on. He said, "We have to get better at breaking the press. We have to get better at playing man-to-man defense. I know we are struggling, and we are trying to get better."

Continuing, Coach Casey added, "We have been playing better teams in order to make us better. I know we are getting better, and I know we are better. We just have to use better judgement in critical situations."

The Lions were led in scoring by Justin Browne with 23 points. "Justin played excellent basketball and had his best game all night long," said Coach Casey.

He was followed in scoring by Lando Peña-Alfaro with 10, Bobby



Cervantez scored 8, Jon Sanchez made 6, Peter Rodriguez scored 5, and Brian Badillo and Michael Nicks made two points each. Others playing included Jason Stuart, Anthony Ortiz and Steven Martinez. Also giving support were Eric Ramos and Codie Porras.

The Ozona JV Lions had their hands full in an earlier game with the JV Cougars, losing 61-54. The Lions started out slow in the first period, making only seven points to the Cougars' 10. The Lions quickly bounced back in the second period, scoring 19 points, and slowed Christoval to 13 points to give the Lions a 26-23 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Cougars bounced back, scoring 22 points to Ozona's 13, and retook the lead 45-39. The Cougars outscored the Lions in the final quarter by only one point (16-15) to maintain their lead and win the game 61-54.

Armando Flores led the Lions in scoring with 22 points. Also scoring were: Ben Forehand 14, Glenn Sutton 6, Chad Myers 4, Donnie Bullard 3, Brad Sullivan and Jomie Tebbetts 2 each, and Ross Crawford one point. Also playing was Mark Childress.

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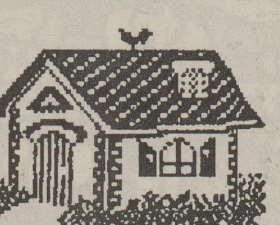
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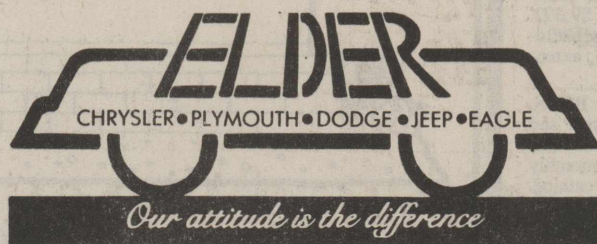
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