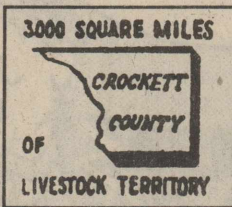


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LIONS AND LADY LIONS CHAMPS OF OZONA INVITATIONAL

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona Lions played three games in their 69th annual invitational tournament to win the championship. Dustin Faught was selected as most valuable player, and Bobby Cervantez was also all tournament for Ozona.

Second place team was Irion County, Sonora placed third and was awarded the Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship Award, and McCamey won consolation.

In their first game, the Lions took

the McCamey Badgers, setting the pace in the first quarter, outscoring McCamey by 11 points, 22-11. The Lions continued to increase their lead into the second quarter as they pounced on the Badgers, holding them to eight points while racking up 18. The score at the half was Lions 38, Badgers 19.

After the half, the Lions raked in 15 points to the Badgers' nine in the third quarter. The Badgers tried to make a come back in the final quarter, scoring 10 points to Ozona's 11, but were unable to catch the Mighty

Lions. The final score was Lions 64, Badgers 38.

Dustin Faught led the Lions to their first victory in the tournament with 19 points, six of which were made due to his two 3-point field goals, and he shot three of four free throws.

Scorers: Faught 19, Juan Garcia 12, Cole Wadsworth 7, Bobby Cervantez 6, Ross Crawford 5, Seth Webster 4, Lance Unger 4, Ryan Bean 4, Randall Borrego 3. Also playing was Ken Sessom. 3-points: Faught 2, Garcia 2, Cervantez 1; season record 1-4.

The Lions competed in their second game of the tournament Friday

against the Coleman Bearcats. The first quarter was fast-paced and close with the Lions outscoring the Bearcats by three, 18 to 15. However, in the second quarter, the Bearcats came back, holding the Lions to only 10 points and themselves scoring 13 to tie the score at the half 28-28.

After the half, both teams scored 19 points to tie the game 47-47 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lions gave their all to win their second victory by two points. The final score was Lions 65, Bearcats 63.

Dustin Faught played an awesome game, scoring 25 points, nine from scoring three 3-point field goals. Faught made two of four free throws.

Scorers: Faught 25, Bobby Cervantez 18, Cole Wadsworth 9, Ross Crawford 6, Ken Sessom 2, Seth Webster 2, Randall Borrego 2, Ryan Bean 1. Also playing were Lance Unger and Juan Garcia. 3-points: Faught 3, Cervantez 1; season record 2-4.

Saturday evening the Lions challenged the Irion County Hornets, taking an early lead by outscoring the Hornets 16-7. In the second quarter, the Lions again increased their lead as they dominated the scoreboard, scoring 13 points to the Hornets' 10. Six of the Lions' points came from free throws.

Score at the half was Lions 29, Hornets 17.

In the third quarter, the Hornets held the Lions to only five points, and made nine, narrowing the game to Lions 34, Hornets 26.

The Hornets outscored the Lions in the fourth quarter by three, but were unable to fly past Ozona. In what was just a three point game with only a few mere seconds left, the Hornets fouled Dustin Faught, the Lions' free throw shooter, who sank two free throws to seal the Lions' victory in the championship round. The final score was Lions 44, Hornets 39.

Faught led the Lions in scoring with 12 followed by Juan Garcia with 11 points and Bobby Cervantez with 10 points. Faught scored 10 points on

the free throw line, making 10 out of 11. The Lions made 16 of 27 free throws.

Scorers: Faught 12, Garcia 11, Cervantez 10, Ross Crawford 7, Lance Unger 2, Cole Wadsworth 2. Also playing were: Ken Sessom, Seth Webster, Randall Borrego and Ryan Bean. 3-point goals - Garcia 1, Cervantez 1; season record 3-4.

LADY LIONS

Ozona's Lady Lions won their own tournament last weekend and placed three on the all tournament team. Kelli Anne Goble was selected as most valuable player, and Diana Ellison and Kristi Avila were also chosen all tournament.

Menard placed second, Brooksmith was third and Wills Point received consolation. The Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship Award went to the team from Irion County.

In their first game, Coach Dickie Faught's Lady Lions took on the McCamey Lady Badgers. Ozona completely shut out the Lady Badgers in the first quarter 12-0. They continued to dominate the scoreboard in the second quarter, allowing the Lady Badgers only four points while making 18

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Generator needed for county communications equipment

Judge Jeffrey Sutton told commissioners Monday that no one has been able to locate a lease agreement for the space the county uses on the T&H communication tower west of Ozona.

Judge Sutton, County Attorney Bill Mason and a representative of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration went out to the tower last week to make further plans for the weather radio NOAA is to install

for Crockett County. NOAA is to enter into an agreement with T&H for placement of the county purchased radio, and Crockett County will enter a separate agreement for other space on the tower.

There is no backup power on that tower, Sutton said. "We need generator service out there."

The judge said he is going to locate some generators for emergency use. He also has a meeting planned for Wednesday with Steve Kenley, head of county emergency management, representatives from the Sheriff's Office, all utility companies, the fire department, Emergency Medical Service, the DPS and with Eddie Moore, road and parks superintendent. They will discuss possible power loss and measures to be followed in such an event. WTU has stated that they do not expect power outages in connection with Y2K.

T&H communications tower serves the sheriff's office, fire department, and DPS radio system.

County employees hired for part-time work Jan. 1, 2000, or after will be required to work 30 hours per week or 1560 hours per year to qualify for health insurance. Benefits will remain the same for all parttime persons hired before that date.

Ray Don Myers, head of maintenance for the Ozona School System met with the court regarding a property trade between the school and county. The proposed trade will include two of the school's portable buildings in return for a strip of land behind the wood shop, band hall and administration building and the area north of Ozona Intermediate School which would be 13th Street if the street was open, and one-half of a lot behind the Larry Luckie property.

One of the portable buildings will
Please see page 2.....

His and Hers

By Linda and Scotty Moore

Hers

Volunteers worked many hours to make the 1999 DeerFest a huge success Dec. 4. No matter how many

times they've done it (for some it is 12), how tired they get, and some times how irritated, they all realize the importance of the event to the community and how much pride it generates, along with dollars.

The entire community benefits in some way from their efforts, and on behalf of us all, I'd like to say "thanks".

There were other volunteers at work Dec. 5 welcoming guests and showing the fruits of their labors.

Crockett County Public Library had its grand re-opening, the result of many fundraisers by volunteers on the library board and Friends of the Library, and also the grant writing efforts of librarian Louise Ledoux. The generosity of the county and of the voting public for starting it all with a bond election is also appreciated.

Many volunteer hours have gone into bringing the museum to its present state. Again, the hard work of a few and the involvement of Crockett County have made possible the facility which hosted its Christmas open house Dec. 5.

Some of the volunteers were part of all three endeavors.

Volunteering 365 days a year are members of the Ozona Fire Department. Folks like these and the EMS personnel are seldom thought of until they are needed.

Volunteerism is alive and well in Crockett County.

The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 6	59	20	-0-
Dec. 7	64	40	-0-
Dec. 8	72	41	-0-
Dec. 9	57	19	-0-
Dec. 10	62	22	-0-
Dec. 11	54	21	-0-
Dec. 12	65	23	.005

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)
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4-Day Forecast

Wed.	Thur.
hi 62 lo 27 partly cloudy	hi 66 lo 29 mostly sunny

Fri.	Sat.
hi 67 lo 37 partly cloudy	hi NA lo NA

The Weather Channel

Santa's on his way

Jolly old St. Nick is coming to Ozona Friday. The white-bearded gentleman should arrive on the town square around 2:20 in the afternoon where he will greet children and hear their wish lists.

Santa will fly into the Ozona airport where he will be picked up on a firetruck for the ride into town.

Officer Tyler Roy completes instructor training

By Scotty Moore

Crockett County Deputy Tyler Roy recently completed in November a 40 hour Sheriff's Association of Texas in-service training course on basic instructor school held in Brenham on the Blinn College campus. The course trains qualified officers to instruct other officers on civil process, family violence, sexual assault, child abuse, cultural diversity and highway drug interdiction.

"This is a real plus for the department," said Sheriff Fenton. "It not only saves taxpayer money by allowing our officers to receive the training right here in Crockett County rather than having the county pay for their time and travel expense, but also other officers in surrounding counties will be able to take advantage of his instructorship," the Sheriff further stated.

Officer Roy has an outstanding record with the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. Since March of 1998 through April 1999 he has confiscated over \$44,337.00 for Crockett County, 31 lbs. of marijuana, 4 1/2 oz. of amphetamine, one cellular phone and four vehicles, all related to drug abuse and trafficking.

Officer Roy has completed ap-

proximately 384 hours of law enforcement training ranging from drug interdiction, national narcotic detection-dog training (K-9), child abuse investigation, radar, drug enforcement administration (highway interdiction) and basic instructor school (Texas Law Enforcement Officers' Standards

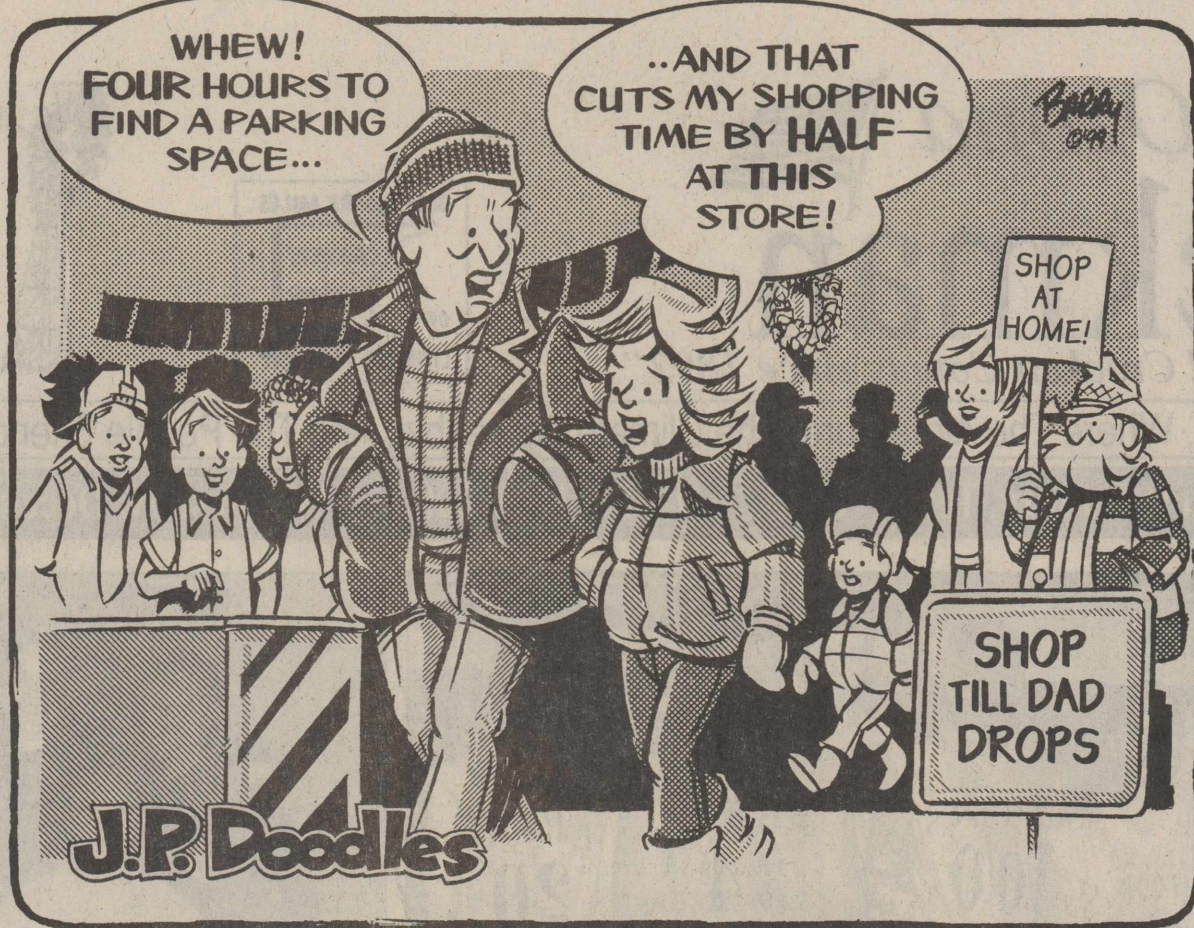
and Education), training through the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

"We are proud of the excellent job that Tyler is doing for the department and the people of Crockett County in exposing and putting drug offenders in jail where they belong," Sheriff Fenton stated.



CROCKETT COUNTY DEPUTY TYLER ROY (r.) recently completed an instructor course in Brenham on the Blinn College campus. He is congratulated by Sheriff Shane Fenton.
Photo by Scotty Moore

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***Generator needed (Continued from front page)**

be used at the airport for an office and the other at the county road department.

Commissioners voted not to accept the proposal at this time because of lack of specific information on the dimensions of the plots of land but stated their intent to trade after obtaining the data.

The commissioners also okayed use of property in the draw behind the middle school for a practice field. Expansion at the school has eliminated the practice area there.

The judge reported that Gary Harris of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper contacted him Monday morning with information about the proposed Pecan Street bridge across Johnson Draw into Chandlerdale West. A preliminary computer model shows this route to be "pretty expensive", Harris said. He is going to run a computer model on the War Admiral entry for a cost comparison, Sutton said.

Court members voted to accept the low bid of West Texas Rehabilitation Center for drug and alcohol testing services. Two other firms bid on the service.

Commissioners voted to organize an accident review board and appointed the following as members: Richard Sanchez, Jim Bob Roddie, John Stokes, Alton Davis and Kayla Longoria. The board will investigate any accident involving destruction of county property.

The bid from Chato's was accepted for catering of the annual employee appreciation luncheon. Other bidders included Bitterweed Catering, R&L Bar-B-Q and the Hitchin' Post.

The second Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. was designated as the regular meeting time for the court

in the year 2000. County holidays for the coming year were set for Jan. 3, April 21, May 29, July 4, Sept. 4, Nov. 10, Nov. 23-24 and Dec. 25-26.

During a report by Auditor John Stokes, the court was informed that the county has spent \$324,000.00 on court appointed attorneys this year. The amount will come to \$340,000.00 by year's end. "This is the whole county budget in some counties not much smaller than we are," Stokes commented.

Janet Hill-McDaniel presented the court with a list of items needed to complete the Senior Citizens' Building. They voted to allow payment of up to \$8,000.00 for the designated items. This money remains in the 1999 regular budget. Also to be paid for from this amount is duct work for the kitchen vent-hood.

After hearing from Lefty Walker and Oscar Kost, who requested that money remaining in the building fund be used to brick the almost completed center, commissioners voted to finish the outside of the structure with brick.

Following a discussion with County Agent Miles Dabovich, commissioners agreed to allow \$15,000.00 to be moved from several funds (building maintenance, collection center, parks and roads) to complete the new 4-H livestock facility project. Dabovich praised the volunteers involved and said the building is full of 185 head of livestock.

After meeting with Nancy Moore of Crockett County Museum, commissioners voted to allow the unexpended balance in the museum budget to carry over into 2000. The money will be used for replacement of windows and elevator work.

Road Superintendent Eddie Moore was authorized by the court to purchase three used pickup trucks out of his this year's budget, not to exceed \$30,000.00. His request to sell surplus equipment was not approved at this time. Commissioners asked to have a list in order to establish bid minimums.

Commissioners approved right-of-way fencing for one pasture each for Joe Bean on C.R. 208 and for Mark White on C.R. 109. The county will

furnish net wire, T-posts, barbed wire, gates, cedar stays and wire. Pipe, cement and labor will be the ranchers' responsibility.

Action on construction of a fence between county property and the Charles Childress property to the east of the courthouse annex was tabled pending landscaping of the county property. Commissioner Pleas Childress abstained from voting.

Commissioners authorized the auditor to zero out the care center, health services and EMS accounts at the end of the year and also approved purchase of blinds for the care center. Payment for the blinds is to come from the 2000 care center budget. Commissioner Frank Tambunga voted against purchase of the blinds because they are not in the budget.

Librarian Louise Ledoux told the court that Roy Glenn Sutton is donating property west of the library for a parking lot. Action will be taken to accept the donation once legal documents are prepared.

Judy Justiss and Jim White were appointed to the library board. This will be a second term for White.

The bid from Henna Chevrolet of Austin was accepted for the fire truck chassis. Four other companies bid on the chassis.

Commissioners agreed that they need more information before going out for health insurance bids. They did vote that the third party administrator's contract for health insurance falls within the definition of professional services and as such is excepted from the state purchasing law. This decision enables the county to retain the company currently providing these services without having to re-bid.

The third party administrator receives claims, decides whether they should be paid, and pays claims.

Appointed to the child welfare board on a vote by the court were E. A. Wadsworth, Bob Lacey, Kay Vargas and Felice Gutierrez.

Reports were given to the court by Sheriff Shane Fenton, Shelly Childress for the Fair Park Convention Center board and Care Center Administrator Jim Roddie. Written reports were received from the civic and youth center and the fire department.

Census workers needed

April 1, 2000, is the official date for Census 2000. Residents will have the opportunity to complete and return census forms received in the mail. How well this is done, as a community, will determine how much money the community receives in the form of federal dollars, grants for road improvements, political representation, school grants and other important federal aid for the next 10 years.

Part of the effort is the active recruitment, training and employment of local residents who know their neighborhoods. Most of these jobs involve field work that pays in excess of \$10.25 an hour plus 31 cents per mile reimbursement. Census 2000 will begin hiring workers in March 2000, but workers have to be tested before then to be eligible for employment. These

jobs will last approximately four to six weeks, and workers will be allowed to work up to 40 hours per week. That translates into \$400.00 per week for evening and weekend work in your own neighborhood.

Testing will be conducted in Ozona in the following weeks. Flyers and brochures have been distributed to businesses around town explaining the testing procedure and who to call to sign up for testing. Anyone who is interested will be notified in advance of the test date and the location of the test. Tests will be given in the evenings and on weekends for those with fulltime jobs who are interested in parttime employment. While the actual test is only 30 minutes long, the testing procedure takes about an hour and a half to two hours due to the paperwork involved.

Keep in mind that in order to be eligible for employment in March, you have to be tested ahead of time. Be on the safe side and sign up for testing now.

Weekly Fire Department Report

December 6, 1999 to December 13, 1999

126-99 12-12-99 — #2021
Responded to a reported electric pole on fire just east of Circle Bar. Assisted WTU with security until power was turned off. Furnished fire line to WTU employee who used his company bucket truck to reach the fire. Fire was extinguished. 2 trucks. Fire Chief, 7 firefighters. Manhours 16.39.

127-99 12-13-99 — #0554
Responded to a rekindle of the light pole east of the Circle Bar. Furnished fire line to WTU employee who extinguished fire. 1 truck 2 firefighters. Manhours 2.48

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Ozona Stockman to announce their intentions to file as candidates for posts in the March 14, 2000 Election.

Crockett Co. Sheriff
Shane Fenton
Pol. adv. pd. for by Shane Fenton, P.O. Box 271, Ozona, TX 76943

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No front page political announcements will be published after Feb. 23.

News Reel
News items taken from the files of *The Ozona Stockman* published 29 and 58 years ago

NEWS REEL
Dec. 24, 1970

News Reel
Fighting Heart Award went to a member of the 1970 Bi-District Champion Ozona Lions David Pagan, All-District tight end and linebacker for the Lions.

News Reel
Ira Carson, Ozona ranchman, was honored for fifty years of service as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Ozona on the occasion of a dinner for deacons and their wives in the home of the church's pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Keith Bailey.

News Reel
Houseguests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jacoby are their son, Bill, and his family of Fort Stockton and their son, David, of Galveston.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Patrick and son, Don, are here for a holiday visit with Mr. Patrick's mother, Mrs. Joe Patrick. The Patricks are from Chama, NM.

News Reel
Dear Santa,
I'm a little cowboy and I've been real good. Would you please bring me a wagon with two horses pulling it, a tractor and a little garage.
Thank you, love,
Marty Acton.
P.S. I would also like a little shearing machine.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Phillips Jr. and children, Hope and Hill, are spending the Christmas holidays in Mexico City.

News Reel
Dear Santa,
I am sending you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll and some toy trucks. The real thing I would like to have is for you to bring some tape so we could put on Mr. Fisk mouth. And some paint to color his face.
Sincerely yours,
Jimmy Tambunga
the Flash

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Mark White and children, Kay Lynn and Teddy, are here spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ted White. Several friends of the Mark Whites are expected after Christmas for a visit on Rancho Blanco.

NEWS REEL
DEC. 25, 1941

News Reel
Handsome jackets were presented to the entire squad of the bi-district champion Ozona Lions football team Friday afternoon in the auditorium. The letter "O" carried the legend, "Bi-District Champs, 1941".

News Reel
The current war's first note of tragedy was sounded for an Ozonan this week when Mrs. Carl Hall, the former Miss Zoella McKissack, received word that her brother, Hale McKissack, was missing in action.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Walker and baby girl are visiting Mrs. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Robinson.

News Reel
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a boy from Texas A&M. There is a certain Aggie that I would like to have, but if he isn't available, just bring me anyone.
Love,
Sug

Correction please...

Air Force Airman Jacqueline Tucker, granddaughter of Desi and Olivia Tijerna of Ozona, is single, not married as reported in the Dec. 8 issue of *The Stockman*.

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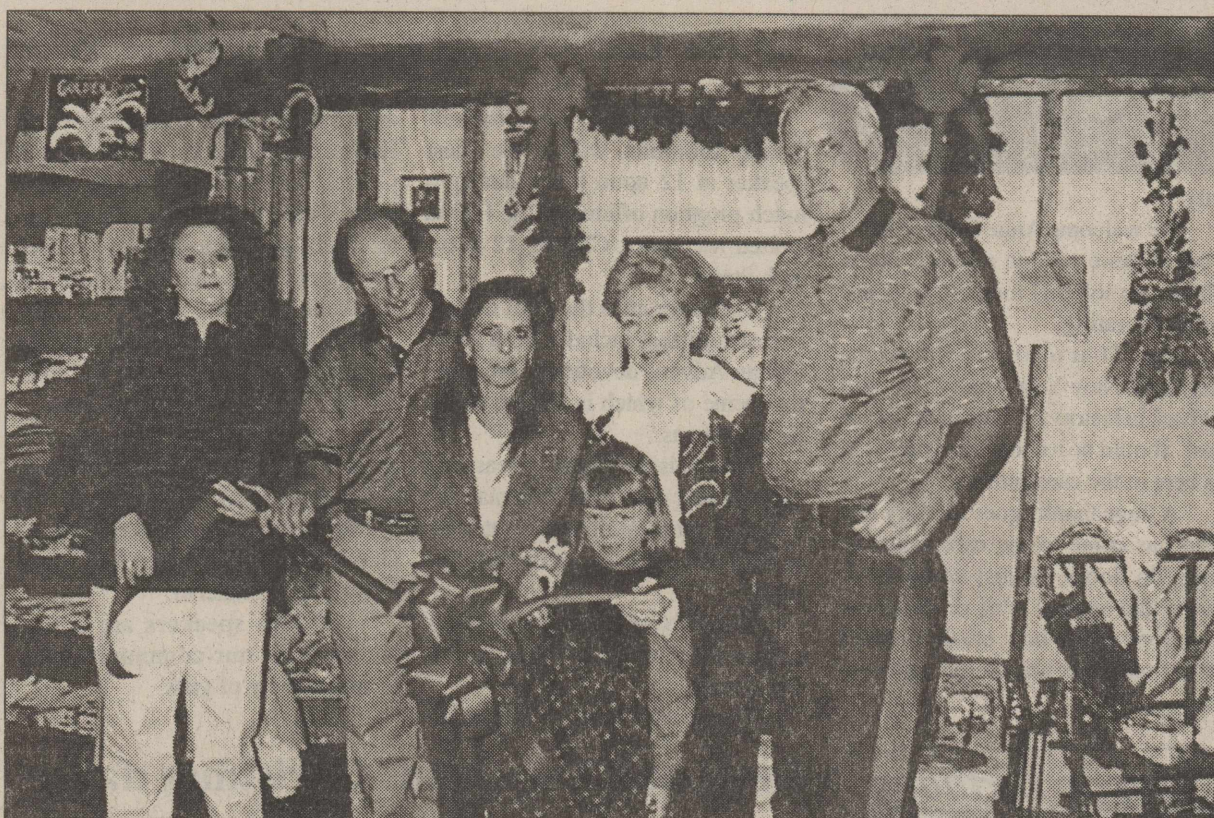
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Investing 101 program for Xi Omega

Jim Skehan, investment representative for the Investment Centers of America located at Crockett National Bank, presented a program to Xi Sigma Omega members on basic investing. The meeting was held December 8 at the Crockett National Bank. Jim took the members through the maze of stock and mutual funds reports in publications such as newspapers and specialty publications such as the Investment Business Daily. Jim spoke about the pitfalls and the bright spots of investing in the stock market. He gave the group a perspective on the market for the new millennium based on his research of the analysts' recommendations. A lively question and answer period followed the presentation.

A short business meeting followed the meeting. Members agreed to break into groups and keep a paper portfolio of stocks and mutual funds to further this learning experience into the year. The evening culminated with a meal of chili, cornbread and dessert provided by hostess Laura Skehan.

Members present were Diane Anderson, Susan Buchanan, Shelly Childress, Laurie Hale, Shannon Hunnicutt, Debbie Long, Janet Smith, Martha Weant, and Laura Skehan. Our next meeting will be the Christmas Party on December 17 at the home of member Jana Wilson. Susan Buchanan reporting



THE CACTUS PATCH held an open house and chamber of commerce ribbon cutting on Sat., Dec. 11 at the new location within The Hitchin' Post Steakhouse. Pictured are: (l. to r.) chamber executive director Shelly Childress, Gregg and Corba Jones, Emmalee, Debi and Pat Hamilton.

Photo by Linda Moore

Ozona Chamber of Commerce COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 15 - Social Security Rep, Annex Law Library, 10-11 a.m.
 - Dec. 16 - Rep. Bob Turner, Courthouse Square, 10 a.m.
 - Dec. 17 - Extension Office Open House, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - Dec. 21 - Al Anon Support Group, Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 28 - Al Anon Support Group, Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 31 - Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Party & Dance 8 p.m. - 1 m.
 - Jan. 6-8 - Crockett County 4-H Livestock Show
 - Jan. 11-13 - Texas Sheep Dog Association Winter Olympics
 - Jan. 29 - Cub Scout Pack #153 Pinewood Derby, High School P.E. Gym, 1 p.m.
 - Feb. 22 - Cub Scout Pack #153 Bue & Gold Banquet, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.
- To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551 or contact Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

Xi Omega inducts new member

Debbie Long was inducted into Xi Sigma Omega on November 15, 1999 amid yellow roses and candlelight. The ceremony was held at the meeting room of Crockett National Bank. This ritual Beta Sigma Phi induction is fraught with tradition and kinsmanship. Conducting the ritual were members Susan Buchanan, Diane Anderson, Janet Smith, Martha Weant, and Laura Skehan. A salad supper and our usual

lively conversation were enjoyed by all following the ceremony. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 8, 1999 at Crockett National Bank. Welcome Debbie to Xi Sigma Omega!
 Laura Skehan Reporting

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It's a girl!

Joseph Matthew Galindo would like to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Mariah Kay Galindo, born Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Mario and Angelica Galindo. Grandparents are Bob and Linda Rodriguez and Miguel and Ricarda Damian, all of Ozona. Great-grandmother is Carmen Vargas of Ozona.

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Justin and Jessica Moran are the parents of a son born Nov. 23, 1999, at San Angelo Community Hospital. Caleb Edward Moran arrived at 9:31 p.m. weighing six pounds, five ounces. He was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Laurel and Glenda Pirkle of Granbury and Joe and Tina Moran of Ozona. The baby's great-grandparents are Denise Moran of Ozona, L. E. Fowler of Lipan and Virginia Pirkle of Fort Worth.

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Care Center Chatter

Bingo winners for the week are Alvin Jenson, Iva Stinson and Neva Palmer.

Thanks go to these special people: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McMullan, donation of candy canes to our residents; Lisa Branch and Ladyne Mahannah for the icicle lights; Anadelia Fierro for the decorations and lights for the pine tree out in front of the care center; donation for activities from Zoe Green, Crockett National Bank employees for decoration for residents' doors; Erin, and Amy Barber and Nealla St. Clair for decorating residents' doors.

Wednesday evening the 7th and 8th grade class from First Baptist Church sang Christmas carols for residents and staff. This was enjoyed by all.

Thanks go to Jimmie Lott for doing the bells that are placed along the hallways and Marge Coates for her donation for activities.

Residents' birthdays for December are: Belva Jones 12-2, Iva Stinson 12-7, Anne Marie Cooke 12-22, and Emmitt Cain 12-28. Employees' December birthdays are: Jennifer Villarreal 12-12, Anna M. Fierro 12-16 and Belia Reyes 12-24.

Our Christmas party will be Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Employees of the year will be announced at the party. Employees of the year are selected by residents voting from all departments in the care center. We have baskets to be given away, a raffle on a music box and you must be present to win.

Friday evening the Lady of Perpetual Help choir sang Christmas carols for residents, staff and guests. Residents stated that they sang heav-

enly.

We welcome Anne Belardo R.N. from Alpine to our nursing staff. Thanks go to Den I for their residents' door decorating.

Dec. 31 at 6:30 p.m. will be the residents' New Year's party. We will go back in history of some of the years' past. Should be lots of fun. Come join us here at the care center.

A huge thanks goes to every one who has come to the care center to sing, do doors, or just come by to make that special visit or donation. You don't know how much it means to our residents here at the care center.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 15 - Luetta Kost, Trey Fierro, Darrel Vargas, Dan Davidson, Rick Hunnicutt, Mark White

Dec. 16 - Tondra De La Rosa, Jacque Hayes, Kyle Sewell, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Lupe Llanas, Janina Savala, Jap Vargas, Markaus Galindo, Ross Crawford

Dec. 17 - Armando Ybarra, Lu Galan, Lee C. DeHoyos, Benjamin Maness, Elena Dominguez, Derek Tambunga

Dec. 18 - Jason Montgomery
Dec. 19 - Vonda Flanagan, Jose Rodriguez, Chapo Rodriguez, Sally Oglesby, Mandy Martinez

Dec. 20 - C. O. Walker, Robert Wantland, Jessica Kay Galan, Jane Richardson, Kenny Wadsworth

Dec. 21 - Tommie Peña-Alfaro, Robin Conner, Dorothy Friend, J. B. Parker, Rhonda Lee Borrego, Billie Jean Baggett, Yvonne Fay, Betty Joyce Schwartz

Louise Ledoux church guest speaker today

Louise Ledoux, the Crockett County Librarian, will be the guest speaker at 12 noon today during a lunch program offered at the Ozona United Methodist Church, 12 Eleventh Street.

The program is the third in a series of four that includes both lunch and an Advent devotional program, the theme of which is "Come Home for Christmas."

Advent is the Christian season of the year that precedes Christmas. It's a time of preparation and is intended to help make Christmas more meaningful.

The Advent programs begin at noon on the first four Wednesdays in December.

Those who want to participate

are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at the Ozona United Methodist Church for lunch prepared by members of the Ozona Community Center Board of Directors and to join in a devotional study led by a different speaker each week.

Donations will be accepted for the lunch and the proceeds will benefit the Ozona Community Center.

Next week on Dec. 22 the speaker will be District Court Judge Brock Jones Jr. In previous weeks, the speakers have been Dr. Gary Vannoy, Ozona veterinarian, and Mrs. Jane Black, retired rancher.

All four speakers are active members of our community who bring a variety of gifts.

Levis and Lace holds Christmas dance

Christmas came early for Levis and Lace Square Dance Club on Sat., Dec. 11, at the Ozona Civic Center.

The fun-filled Christmas dance was well attended by dancers from Rotan, Del Rio, Abilene, San Angelo, Iraan and of course, Ozona. Tracey Dowell from McCaulley was the caller and was accompanied by his wife, Charlotte. New line dances were taught by Tracey between tips. Levis and Lace couldn't ask for a better present than having so many dancers come from so many places to support their club.

Instead of exchanging gifts this year, the dancers brought Christmas gifts for three of the Crockett County Care Center residents who have no family. These will be presented to the residents Dec. 19 at the care center Christmas party. Levis and Lace also dances for all the residents there on Thursdays when a square can be formed.

The next dance will be called by Roy Lombard from Del Rio on Jan 8, 2000. Lessons will begin Jan. 11 at the Comfort Inn at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and see if they would enjoy the dancing, fun and fellowship with us. We are trying to get a full square (8) of females who would like to learn to square dance but have no partner or whose spouse cannot attend. These lessons will also be starting Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn. Call Carol Adcock at 392-2912 for more information.

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⁽¹⁾ In those days it occurred that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole Roman empire should be registered.

⁽²⁾ And Joseph also went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David.

⁽³⁾ To be enrolled with Mary, his espoused (married) wife, who was to become a mother.

Luke: 2: 1, 4-5 (Amplified Version)

Obituaries

Dec. 13 service for Mrs. Gutierrez

Aurora Garza Gutierrez, 73, died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at her residence.

Service was held at 2:00 p.m. Dec. 13 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Freddy Funeral Home.

She was born March 8, 1926, in Nava Coahuila, Mexico. She was a

Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Heriberto Gutierrez of Ozona; two sisters, Esperanza Garza Garza of Houston, and Leonor Garza Fernandez of San Antonio; three brothers, Crencio Garza Cantu of Nava, Coah., Mexico, Noe Garza Cantu of Eagle Pass and Pablo Garza Cantu of Nava, Coah., Mexico.



MARIA LARA headed up the Den 1 - Cub Boy Scout project to decorate this door at the Care Center.

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Bread and Bethlehem

by Dr. Dennis Prutow
"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity" (Micah 5:2).

Bethlehem was a little berg. The old name for the village was Ephrathah.

Ruth followed her mother-in-law back to Bethlehem. She met Boaz and gave birth to David's grandfather

(Ruth 4:17). Long before he was king, David's job was "to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem" (1 Samuel 17:15).

Bethlehem means "house of bread." It was surrounded by wheat and barley fields. When queried by king Herod about the birth of Christ, the priests referred to Micah 5:2. "They said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet'" (Matthew 2:5). Following Herod's directions, the wise men went to Bethlehem. "Coming

into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshipped Him" (Matthew 2:11).

These three kings worshipped Jesus Christ as the promised King, whose "goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity" (Micah 5:2). Jesus, born in Bethlehem, later declared, "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:51).

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. Nancy Mossman Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
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Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida 601 Ave. I Pastor Francisco Rojas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
Harvest Time Christian Center 604 11th St. Rev. Mike Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Sunday Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 a.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday

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Card of Thanks

The Crockett County Arts & Crafts Guild would like to thank all those who helped and participated in our craft show on Dec. 11. We had a lot of people and some really talented crafters this year.

We thank everyone that donated door prizes for our show and the county prisoners for cleanup. They were greatly appreciated.

We had a lot of door prizes that weren't picked up. The chamber of commerce has graciously allowed us to leave them there to be picked up. The list is: Rick Storms - Texas Candi, Burger King certificate, bird house; Tina Moran - 2 watermelon cuptowels, leather holder & earrings; Michele Holtz - red, white & blue candle; David Esparanza - decorated book; Mary Jo Hearne - Pepe's gift certificate; Tanner Esperada - 2 movie rentals from Lone Star Video; Tom Cruz - Hillcrest gift certificate; Monica Bendele - Pepe's gift certificate, Santa Claus doll; Donna Sanders - 2 six packs of Cokes; Mozelle Houston - hair bow; Brandy Tebettes - doll; Chris Fierro - wall hanging & doll; Marvin Roy - hot sauce; Yvonne Rodriguez - pin cushion; Crystal Phillips - wreath; Jolissa Payne - Santa; Nina Martin - baseball cards; Adrin Bendley - T-Shirt; Rose B. (Terry Adams mother) - Pepe's gift certificate; Bernice Payne - Pepe's Gift Certificate and Nell Webster - 2 six packs of Cokes.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of Romaldo Y Estilo Band we would like to take this opportunity to thank our families and friends for their support. Your attendance at the Corpus Christi Recording Kick-Off Dance was beyond our wildest dream. Our warmest gratitude goes to the following individuals for making this event possible: Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Fierro, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Ramos, Mr. Rylee Ramos, Mr. Hector DeHoyos, Jr., Mr. Jimmy Ortiz, Mr. Andy Borrego, Mr. Jessie Ortiz, Mr. & Mrs. Javier Sanchez, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Fierro, Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Ybarra, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeHoyos, Ms. Stella Fierro, Mr. & Mrs. Federico Fierro, Ms. Sylvia Fierro and Ray Cadena, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Tambunga, Mr. & Mrs. Napo Vitela, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Martinez, Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Moran, Mr. & Mrs. Roland DeHoyos, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Longoria, Walter & Shilo, Ms. Lina DeHoyos, Mrs. Elena Tambunga, Mr. & Mrs. George Ybarra, Mr. & Mrs. Abel Lara, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Rodriguez, Mrs. Mel DeHoyos, Mrs. Annalu Suddereth, Ms. Debbie Galvan and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Borrego.

(If we have overlooked your name, it was not intentional)

Ozona Garden Club News

By Charlotte Harrell

Sixteen members of the Ozona Garden Club met Monday, Dec. 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Crockett County Museum for their annual Christmas decoration auction. Hostesses were Marolyn Bean, Camille Jones and Carmen Sutton.

During its business meeting, the Ozona Garden Club approved contributions in the amount of \$100.00 each to the following organizations: Ministerial Alliance, Helping Hands, Hospice, the Salvation Army and the Crockett County Museum.

The annual Second Time Around Sale will be held in February 2000. The date will be announced later. It was decided that the Ozona Garden Club will provide floral arrangements for the Crockett County Museum three times per year. Dorothy Montgomery agreed to place an arrangement in the museum in the spring of 2000, and Marolyn Bean will provide a summer arrangement.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on March 20, 2000, and Jerri Lynn Pierce and

Jan Van Shoubrouck agreed to plan and execute the table decorations with the assistance of other Ozona Garden Club members.

In lieu of reading a selection from *The Lone Star Gardener*, Dorothy Montgomery emphasized that all members should take precautions, especially during the holiday season, to prevent small children from handling or eating poisonous plants, such as poinsettias. Carmen Sutton then told a Christmas story regarding the origin of poinsettias.

Vivian Childress served magnificently as Christmas decoration auctioneer, cajoling garden club members to pay high prices for all items auctioned.

Members attending the December meeting and auction were: Marolyn Bean, Chris Beckham, Sue Burns, Vivian Childress, Ella Clegg, Debbie Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Camille Jones, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Marge Smith, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouck, Cheryl Whitesides and Grace Williams. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 10, 2000.



THE KINDERGARTEN students at Ozona Primary School presented the musical program "Holiday Alphabet" on Dec. 14. Photo by Susan Calloway



DEL'S LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE students were at Ozona National Bank this past Tuesday to select cards to help provide Christmas For All Ozona. The children are studying a unit on The Gift of Giving.

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HEAD START STUDENTS traveled to the post office last Friday to purchase stamps and mail Christmas cards to their parents.

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Ozona Woman's Forum News

By Charlotte Harrell

Eleven members of the Woman's Forum traveled to San Angelo to attend the San Angelo Symphony's Christmas Pops Concert under the baton of Ron Spiegelman on Sunday, Dec. 12. The San Angelo Symphony Chorale, directed by Dr. James L. Queen, joined the symphony to perform excerpts from Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, Hector Berlioz' "A Shepherd's Farewell" from *L'Enfance du Christ*, Giacomo Puccini's "Humming Chorus" from the opera, *Madama Butterfly*, George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the *Messiah* and, finally, a Christmas singalong. The Singing Boys and Singing Girls, under the direction of Jeff and Jennifer Rice, performed two songs: "The Best Time of Year" and "What Child Is This?"

Harpist Ellen Ritcher and soprano Dr. Tamara Watson were the featured

soloists. Ritcher performed Handel's *Concerto for Harp in B Flat* and also played other harp parts with the orchestra. Dr. Watson sang *O Holy Night*. Several seasonal orchestral numbers completed the well-received program.

Lu Ingram and Louise Taliaferro organized this trip enjoyed by the following Woman's Forum members: Jane Black, Crystelle Childress, Arlene Clayton, Margie Coates, Charlotte Harrell, Jimmie Jacoby, Georgia Kirby, Dorothy Montgomery, Vada Pridemore, Madeline Stokes and Louise Taliaferro.

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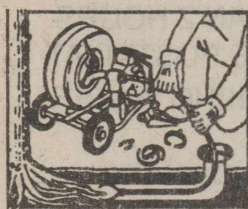
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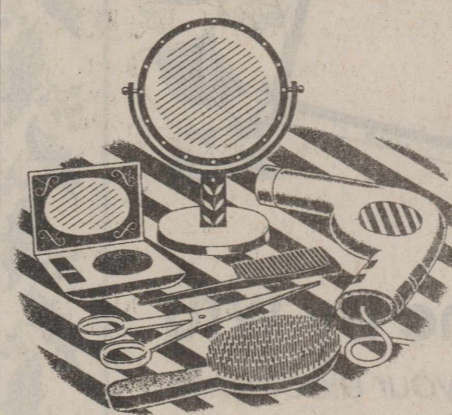
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Edible gifts are always a winner! After all, boxed chocolates account for an estimated \$1 billion in sales each year, with close to half of that figure selling during the Christmas season alone. Of course, a box of store-bought candy is not the unique gift you may have had in mind. Unless, of course, the storefront it comes from is Home, Sweet Home.

The special Gigantic Turtle Candies recipe puts a new twist on this all-time favorite. The creamy caramel middle is combined with another American classic — popcorn — then spooned over pecans and topped with decadent chocolate for a positively delectable treat — and exquisite gift! Wrap them in a pretty box lined with colorful tissue and wax paper, and tie with fancy ribbons. Gigantic Turtle Candies make a truly awesome candy to give away, to serve at a holiday luncheon for friends or to indulge in yourself.

The secret to these divine candies is a good batch of popcorn — fluffy and tender with no "old maids."

Another wonderful and easy gift idea is to mix a batch of caramel popcorn with toasted pecans and almonds. Toss in some chocolate or yogurt-covered peanuts or raisins for a special taste treat, and package in a decorative, reusable jar or tin with festive ribbons.

You could even give a gift that keeps on giving. Wrap up a small box of caramel corn and turtle candies, your special recipes, and package them right in a PowerPop microwave multi-popper. It's unique and ever so useful!

GIGANTIC TURTLE CANDIES

- Makes 16 to 18 turtles
- 1 quart popped popcorn
- 1 (14-ounce) bag light caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 48 to 54 pecan halves
- 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon shortening

Pop corn and remove any unpopped kernels. In large bowl, measure 1 quart popped corn; set aside. In a medium saucepan, over medium-low heat, combine caramels, butter and milk; stir until smooth. Meanwhile, on a lightly greased wax paper-covered baking sheet, arrange groups of three pecans in a cloverleaf pattern. When caramel is smooth, pour over popped corn, tossing gently to coat. Let stand 2 minutes or until mixture holds its shape when spooned onto nuts. Using two spoons, place mound of caramel-coated corn onto the center of each pecan cloverleaf, or roll caramel-coated corn into a ball and place onto cloverleaf pattern. Note: You may want to grease your hands lightly with margarine before working with caramel-corn mixture. In a small saucepan, melt chocolate with shortening; spoon over each caramel mound. Chill 4 hours or overnight.



Homemade candy is a great gift idea for that special someone. These Gigantic Turtle Candies are made with popcorn for a truly unique and delicious holiday treat.

Relax your way to a joyous holiday

You still have to buy gifts for your grandparents and Aunt Sue, wrap all the presents you've already bought, bake cookies, send out those last few cards, and pick up the ingredients for that delicious casserole you make for every family dinner — and there are only how many days left till Christmas?

While the holiday season can be fun, it also can be stressful. There's barely enough time for you to go through your everyday routine, let alone fit in holiday preparations. Before you can even think about having everything done, your muscles are tense and your body aches. How are you going to make it to New Year's Day?

If it's any consolation, you're not alone. Many of your relatives and friends are stressed out too. The key is to relax. While you may think that's easier said than done, you all can help each other. Rubbing mom's shoulders after she's baked all day or having dad give you a hand massage after you've written out 50 Christmas cards is a great way to relieve tension and set your mind at ease.

Massage is a form of healing that's been used for thousands of years to offer relief from pain, restore good spirits, provide comfort, boost energy and rejuvenate muscles. It can be a relaxing experience for both the giver and the receiver, and it can help put joy back into the holiday season.

A whole-body massage takes between an hour and an hour and a half. Since time is of the essence at this time of year, concentrating on one area of the body is a quick way to relax. A head and neck massage should last 15 to 20 minutes; a foot massage takes about 10 minutes; a whole-back massage should take 20 minutes, according to Lacroix.

HEAD AND NECK

Stress can cause the head and neck to get stiff. Neck extension will help relieve the tension by extending the neck away from the shoulders. To help someone relax, scoop your hands underneath his or her shoulders, and rest them, with palms facing upward, on either side of his or her spinal column. As the neck relaxes, glide your hands towards yourself, ensuring that

the neck is fully supported by them. Lift the head as your hands pass under the hairline. Then, draw your hands steadily under and out from the head, extending the stroke away from the body. Repeat until the neck feels completely loose and relaxed.

To help someone relax and feel secure, you can support his or her head in your hands, lift it, and roll it. Cup the back of the head. While keeping it in line with the spine, lift it up, and stretch the neck. Lower it to let the weight drop gently into your hands. Lift the head, and turn it to rest in your left palm while supporting it with your other hand. Then, roll it to lie facing the opposite direction. Pause whenever you feel resistance to the movement of your hands.

FEET

After a long day of walking through crowded stores, anyone would be tired and aggravated. A foot massage is calming, say Lacroix, because it draws attention away from a busy, overstimulated mind to the body. To help someone relax, you can stroke his or her feet. Place both hands parallel on his or her foot, little fingers leading. Glide your hands down from the toes to the ankles. Draw your hands out around both sides of the ankle bones, and stroke your fingers along the sole. Repeat the action several times.

BACK

Backaches are a common complaint of those who are stressed. A good way to help someone relax is to stretch his or her back. Stretches are firm, sliding movements that promote a feeling of length and breadth in the body. Place the flats of your hands side by side in the center of your partner's back. For maximum effect, slide them in opposite directions using slow, steady pressure. Glide your right hand from the center of the back to the base of the neck. Draw your left hand down the lower back. Then, let your hands rest in an energy-balancing hold.

These massage techniques are just some of the ways to help those you love enjoy the stressful holiday season more. And, once you help them relax, don't forget to take your turn. It will be a lot easier to make it through the holidays.

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- A first aid kit for your home and each automobile.
- A supply of non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, antacid, etc.
- Paper cups, plates, plastic utensils and plastic bags
- Battery-operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries
- Tools such as pliers, tape and a shut-off-wrench, to turn off household gas and water.
- Toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items, disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Special items for infants, the elderly or disabled.

Prescription Drugs: Have all prescription drugs filled ahead of time.

Important Documents: Keep important family documents in waterproof, portable containers.

Money: Have some extra cash or traveler's checks on hand in a safe place and withdraw money from your bank in small amounts well in advance of the emergency.

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Other good sources for emergency planning is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Global Action Plan "All Together Now" Y2K preparedness program located on the internet.

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Letters to the Editor

To Whom it May Concern

On Saturday December 11, my mom fell victim to a heartless, dishonest coward who resides in this little town of ours. This person took advantage of a situation that was created by a mistake that anyone could have made. Our day began as my mom cashed some checks she received so we could sneak off to San Angelo to do some Christmas shopping. Upon our return, I had to go to work and my mom was going to go to the Arts and Crafts show that was being held at the convention center. She left her house and went straight to the convention center. Upon her arrival, she discovered that she had left her purse on the bumper and it had fallen off somewhere between her house and the convention center. Between the time it took her to realize it was missing and retrace her path, someone picked it up and didn't have the honesty to turn the purse in.

I would like to express my disgust towards this individual. Either he has the desire to carry a purse as a woman does, or he is just flat out too worthless and lazy to work for his own money. Obviously if this person had a job, he would know how it feels to lose hard earned money that would be used to buy Christmas gifts for children and grandchildren. Being the holiday of giving instead of receiving, you have taken this opportunity away from my mother. The opportunity you have taken from her is the one to give to her most prized possessions, her grandchildren. I work to support my family so I can be able to provide them with as good a Christmas as I can, so hopefully you will understand my anger and frustration towards a person who leeches and preys off of innocent people. Obviously you don't care about anyone but yourself. You have all the opportunities this great country of ours provides you with to find a good paying job, get a good education, and run free in the streets. So what do you do in return? Find a woman's purse in the road, pick it up, go through it and take whatever your dishonest cowardly heart desires to satisfy your pleasures. What's even worse, you probably just took the money and threw the purse in a dumpster or on the side of the road and laughed. You destroyed the purse that was filled with irreplaceable things such as pictures of grandchildren. You're a real model citizen aren't you? Let's see if we can guess what kind of Christmas presents a person of your caliber would buy with the money you got from my mom's purse? Probably some drugs for yourself. Maybe a quantity of beer to impress your friends who don't realize how worthless you really are. This reminds me of something that happened at my place of employment, which makes me wonder about you. An inmate at the jail discovered a wallet in the parking lot that contained over \$600.00 and other miscellaneous things. You know what this particular inmate did? He turned it into the jail so it could be returned to its rightful owner with all the money still in it. An inmate! A person who had his freedom taken away from him for a number of years, and he still has the honesty to return a wallet.

So what does all this boil down to? You are a dishonest coward who isn't man enough to do something good in his life. What kind of a person takes a woman's purse? I hope you read this letter and you are stricken with so much guilt that you

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The habits of deer

By Roy A. Harrell, Jr.

can't even think straight. Keep the money if you need it so bad that you have to take a woman's purse that is lying in the road. All I ask is that you return the purse or place it in an obvious place so someone else with a heart can find it and return it. You obviously went through it to find money, so you surely discovered whom it belongs to. If you know whom it belongs to, then you obviously know who I am. If any of this person's accomplices read this letter and your conscience doesn't tear you apart so bad that you have tell on this person, then you are just as worthless as your buddy and you don't deserve a single thing he has bought for your silence. So women of this town, be aware that there is a dishonest coward out there waiting for you to lose your purse so he can take to satisfy his feminine side and pretend like the purse is his.

Angry and Frustrated,
Justin Moran

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that there have been remarks made about the Cowboy Church of the American West and its Pastor, Monty Price. No, our church does not have a building, but it is not the building that makes the church, but the people in it. When people come together to hear the Word of the Lord they have church regardless of where they're at.

Brother Monty is a true laborer for the Lord. He goes wherever he is called to minister without a second thought. All he wants is to see lives changed, bodies healed and the devil stopped. There is so much love for the Lord in his heart that there is no room for judging people or other churches. He does not hesitate to walk up to any man, hug him and say "I love you, brother". Maybe people don't agree with his preaching style, but, correct me if I'm wrong. I don't believe there's a set style in the Bible. His job is to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ and that's what Monty is doing. He does not have a dress code in the church except for one: wear clothes. All he wants is to reach one more and he gives all the glory to God. My husband and I have learned so much under his ministry. We always feel the Lord's presence at his services. It is absolutely awesome. I thank God for leading us to Cowboy Church.

Monty does not claim to have a perfect church. I wonder if there is one, yet.

We must all come together to give praise and honor to Jesus instead of passing judgement against each other (specially a man of God). I welcome everyone of you to come worship with us. Just call me, I'll be glad to give you more information.

I specially welcome the person who has been making these remarks about Brother Monty. You'll learn alot.

By the way, we don't stop praying for people because they don't attend Cowboy Church. We pray for all the needs of our brothers and sisters regardless of what their church preference is.

Thank God for Jesus!!
Sincerely,
Angie Daniels

Every year at this time, discussion amongst hunters turns to the seemingly peculiar habits of white tail deer. Prior to the beginning of deer season over three weeks ago, a young deer's raking the brush with his antlers seemingly went unnoticed by all but the most foul tempered of those trophy bucks. But sometimes I have discovered that the anger displayed is directly related to fear, and some up and coming youngsters are more likely to draw a negative response from the establishment, namely that old big mossback who doesn't want to lose his spot atop the sexual food chain. Several weeks prior to the opening day for rifle season on November 6 I watched a collection of timid young yearling bucks and spooky does mill around a watering hole while keeping a wary eye on me sitting atop a windmill tower. The weather was so hot that I almost was forced out of the tower, but I stuck it out until after 5 p.m. when a bulky ten pointer generated some excitement. He separated himself from the rest of the crowd by some fifty yards and began whipping a limber mesquite tree with his nice spread. Whether this was a show of strength, or a challenge, or just a release of a bit of tension, the exercise achieved its desired effect. For just over my left shoulder I located a massive buck standing at the edge of the trees, looking rather scornfully at his younger counterpart. I could count at least ten points on the big deer, all mounted on massive, chocolate brown beams. I have seen this scenario repeated many times. Whitetail bucks begin polishing their antlers in late September and quickly follow that with behaviors which are designed to establish the pecking order for food and breeding rights. Oh, there may be some slight changes in the hierarchy as fights occur, but there's usually displaying and dominance that never results in any kind of fight. The bucks I see solve most of their problems with body language, and watching that occur can easily provide some of the hunting season's best entertainment. I think the following provides a checklist as to what to look for.

***Food Fantasies** - For those who rely on feeders, watch to see who gets to eat first and who stands under a feeder. That usually will be the dominant buck at that feeder, if not in that entire piece of territory. One other thing to watch is which younger bucks and does are allowed close to the highest-ranking bucks. Those big bucks seem to intuitively know which youngsters will pose a challenge later on and consequently they will be less tolerant of them, regardless of their age, antler of body size.

***Walking** - Watch that trophy buck as he's approached by or approaching another mature buck. Rest assured that if there's an issue to be settled, one or both of them will begin walking stiff-legged and circling ever so slightly. They seem to avoid direct eye contact but you can bet a good steak that they are watching each other for any sign of backing down. It seems that a lot of mature bucks "fizz" out their coats, making

them look both darker and larger. This ritual is a sign of ill temper and lack of patience with younger deer. When bucks can't resolve their social issues by way of these displays, a fight generally occurs. Usually, the ones I have seen are short and not very violent. However, two equally matched deer in terms of antlers and body size can go at it for a long, long time. Those are the fights you want to emulate when you're rattling in the peak of the rut.

***Territory Marking** - Bucks want to know who is traveling in their territory and they want everyone else to know who is really in charge. There are common rubbing and scrape areas and the scents deer leave behind tell everything from social rank to breeding condition. Hunters should watch for deer rubbing antlers on trees as well as around feeders and along common trails. They'll also rub their heads on branches and trunks to release scents from the glands in their eyes and between their horns. Bucks especially will urinate on scrapes during the rut and the scents they leave behind them trail does and signal those less dominant bucks to stay out of the way. In pre-rut times, bucks seem to do a lot of tree and brush raking - the point being that this is great news for those hunters who like to rattle. Just try raking brush with your horns. A trophy buck, out of curiosity, will come to see who's acting tough in his territory, and you'll get a good shot. Last Sunday, that was my situation. The older buck just couldn't stand the thought of having another deer showing off in his territory and he immediately popped out of the brush intent on vanquishing his foe. But self-protection overcame anger in this instance. Once he spotted me in a clump of trees, the big buck became exceedingly nervous. He could tell something wasn't quite right. He would look from the clearing to the younger buck, trying to decide if prudence was a better plan than violence. Finally after less than 30 seconds, the older buck, melted back into the brush and I had to settle for taking the younger spike. The older one would live another day and come back to fight. And the older buck will be around for those hunters who like horns rather than young tender meat.

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- 2 1/2 cups Wheat Chex® brand cereal
- 1 cup mixed nuts
- 1 cup pretzels
- 1 cup bite-sized garlic-flavor bagel chips or regular size, broken into 1-inch pieces

Melt margarine in open roasting pan in preheated 250°F oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually add cereals, nuts, pretzels and bagel chips; stir to coat evenly. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. Store in airtight container.

Microwave Directions*

Melt margarine in large microwave-safe bowl on HIGH. Stir in seasonings. Gradually add cereals, nuts, pretzels and bagel chips; stir to coat evenly. Microwave on HIGH 5 to 6 minutes, stirring thoroughly with rubber spatula every 2 minutes. While stirring, make sure to scrape sides and bottom of bowl. Spread on absorbent paper to cool. Store in airtight container. Makes 11 cups.

*Due to differences in microwave ovens, cooking time may need adjustment. These directions were developed using 625- to 700-watt ovens.

Jump into the holiday spirit with a festive Christmas meal

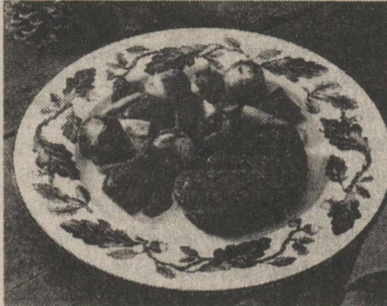
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Neighbors string lights around their doorways and hedges. Everywhere you look, it seems like that magical feeling called holiday spirit has people in a festive mood.

While there may be plenty of good cheer, time is scarce. From gift shopping to party planning to decorating the tree, people are racing like elves to get everything just right for the perfect celebration. Next to completing the shopping for every friend and loved one on the gift list, and sorting through boxes of ornaments and tangled Christmas lights to be strung on this year's tree, one of the most critical elements of the holiday still remains: planning the perfect meal.

Christmas comes but once a year—creating all the more pressure to plan the perfect meal. Make the preparations easy—try these delicious recipes. Bursting with color, they're full of flavor—not with fat—which is sure to keep everyone's spirits high.

FILET STEAKS W/ NEW POTATOES AND LEEKS

Serves: 4
Working time: 25 minutes
Total time: 55 minutes



For some meat lovers, only a sumptuous steak will satisfy—even during the holidays, when poultry seems to be the favorite. These robustly flavored filet steaks, seasoned with rosemary and thyme, are colorfully accented with garlicky roasted vegetables for a no-fuss one-pan meal. To enhance the festive spirit, pour a good champagne.

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced, plus 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 4 filet mignon steaks (about 3 1/2 ounces each), 1/2 inch thick
- 1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes
- 2 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 leeks, halved lengthwise and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into 1-inch squares

1. In a small bowl, combine 1/4 teaspoon of the salt, the rosemary, thyme, black pepper and minced garlic. Rub the mixture into the steaks and let stand while you prepare the vegetables.

2. Preheat the oven to 425 F. With a vegetable peeler, remove a narrow strip from around the middle of each potato (this creates a nicer appearance). In a large pot of boiling water, cook the potatoes for 10 minutes (potatoes will not be tender). Drain well; pat dry.

3. In a large baking pan, combine the oil and peeled garlic, and heat in the oven for four minutes, or until the oil is hot but not smoking. Add the potatoes, tossing to coat. Roast for 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are lightly golden. Add the leeks and bell peppers, tossing to coat. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and continue to roast for 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are almost tender.

4. Meanwhile, spray a large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray, then heat until hot but not smoking over medium-high heat. Add the steaks and cook until the bottoms are lightly browned, about two minutes. Place the steaks, browned-side up, over the vegetables and continue to roast for seven minutes longer, or until the steaks are medium-rare and the vegetables are tender. Divide the steaks and vegetables among four plates, and serve.

Helpful hint: Prepare the steaks and potatoes several hours ahead through step 2; refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before

proceeding.

Fat 12 grams (26 percent), Calories 407, Saturated fat 3.3 grams, Carbohydrates 50 grams, Protein 26 grams, Cholesterol 62 milligrams, Sodium 502 milligrams

HOLIDAY PEPPERS

Makes: 4 cups
Working time: 25 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes

What could be more holiday-spirited than these red and green peppers, brightly seasoned with orange? Garnish with long, thin strips of orange zest and a light sprinkling of finely ground toasted walnuts, if desired.

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 red bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares
- 2 green bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch squares
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon no-salt-added tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the oil until hot but not smoking over medium heat. Add the bell peppers and cook, stirring frequently, until the peppers are almost tender, about five minutes.

2. Stir in the garlic and cook until the garlic is fragrant, about one minute. Add the orange zest, orange juice, tomato paste, salt, oregano and black pepper, and cook, stirring frequently, until the peppers are tender and glossy, about three minutes longer. Spoon the peppers into a medium bowl, and serve.

Helpful hint: Finely chop any leftovers and stir into egg-white scrambled eggs for a quick and easy brunch dish.

Values are per 1/2 cup: Fat 1 gram (21 percent), Calories 30, Saturated fat 0.1 gram, Carbohydrates 6 grams, Protein 1 gram, Cholesterol 0 milligrams, Sodium 140 milligrams

'Tis the season, for plastic bags?

Along with the gifts, the food and the wrapping, there's one more thing shoppers will bring home this holiday season—and that's plastic bags!

Plastic bags are now the choice of grocers and other retailers nationwide, and consumers are discovering that they're as handy at home as they are at the store. The Plastic Bag Association has some suggestions for ways you can use your plastic bags this holiday season:

• Protect gifts you send through the mail with plastic bags as a packing material. Once your packages arrive, the bags are ready for reuse or recycling.

• If you're traveling by air, plastic bags make great carry-on containers. They're lightweight and easy to carry, and they fit conveniently under seats and in overhead storage compartments.

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The holiday season brings the family together

The holidays are a time of celebration and happiness — a time when family and friends gather to share in the joy of the season. To make this time special, people should plan activities that the whole family can enjoy together. Whether it's decorating the house or wrapping presents, this quality time can make the season brighter.

The Christmas tree becomes the heart of the home during the holidays, and it can bring the family closer too. Selecting a tree can be a group activity. Mom, dad and the children can search for the perfect tree together, and once they get it home, they all can help decorate it. They even can start an annual tradition by having everyone make an ornament, whether with construction paper and crayons, felt and glitter, or needle and thread. Not only is it heartwarming to have a tree covered with homemade decorations, but it also will bring fun memories to mind every time the family looks at the tree.

If putting up a tree isn't possible, people still can fill their home with the holiday spirit. Poinsettias and plants trimmed with lights and bows can add a festive flair to every room of the house. They can decorate their home together, or each person can have a particular area to decorate. Either way, the family will be working together.

Another integral part of the holidays is sending out Christmas cards. While mom usually ends up writing all the cards herself, that's not the way it has to be. She can divide the list among the family, so everyone has some cards to write out. Not only can it be fun to write personal messages to friends and relatives, but it can be touching for those receiving the cards.

Choose safe toys this holiday

Choosing toys that the children on your holiday shopping list will enjoy and actually play with is an important part of gift-giving. While some toys can increase a child's imagination and coordination, other toys can cause hazards, especially to young eyes.

Each year, thousands of children suffer serious eye injuries, including blindness, from toys. Many of these injuries could be prevented if consumers would resist children's requests for toy weapons, like BB guns and slingshots. Parents can further ensure their youngsters' safety by showing them the appropriate uses of toys and, if necessary, monitoring their activities. Toys parents need to be especially cautious of are:

- Gas, air or spring-operated guns
- BB and pellet guns
- Toy weapons
- Toy slingshots
- Toy bows and arrows
- Toy caps or cap guns

For runners, farther is not always better

Experts agree that when it comes to running, slowly increasing mileage is the best plan for beginners. Although it may seem like slow going, your body - and your mind - will thank you.

"Everybody can take up running to keep in shape. But in order to run a marathon, it may take months to years, depending on your baseline fitness, to get your body ready for the stress," said Dr. Joe Chorley, a sports medicine specialist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "The important thing is to listen to your body."

Most over-training injuries surface four to six weeks after a running program starts. At this point, beginning runners start feeling good and push themselves too hard. According to Chorley, that is when the body can start breaking down. The most common injuries occur in the knee and shin.

However, not all of the side effects of increasing mileage too quickly are physical. Fatigue, anxiety and loss of enthusiasm are also signs that your run is wearing you down.

Chorley suggests that runners, especially those just starting out, follow the 10 percent rule - don't increase your mileage more than 10 percent a week. And if increasing intensity and pace are also a goal, runners should not work on both at the same time.

"It is more of a process of getting to know what your body can tolerate and seeing if you can meet the goals you have set for yourself," Chorley said.

too. Grandparents will love to open a card and see that it's signed by their grandchildren.

It seems that homes are always full during the holidays, whether people are hosting out-of-town guests or entertaining neighbors who just stop by. While it gets hectic, it also can be a lot of fun. People see loved ones they haven't seen in a while, and they reminisce about old times. And, they're making more wonderful memories as they do so.

While entertaining brings the family together, so does preparing for the get-together. Everyone can do his or her part to make the gathering special. From making cookies together to shoveling the driveway to making up the spare room for guests, the family can have fun before the party even starts.

One of the hardest things during the holiday season is shopping for gifts. While everyone may go to the store together, they usually go off on their own once they get there. To make gift-giving more of a family activity, the family can sit down together before the holidays and come up with ideas of what they want to get grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. They'll be gifts that truly come from the entire family.

Once all the presents have been bought, the family can wrap them together. The little ones even can make their own wrapping paper with crayons and markers, or they can make their own card for the family to sign. It will give presents that extra-special touch.

However people prepare for the holidays, there are wonderful opportunities to spend time with the ones they love the most.



ANNE DAVIDSON shops at the booth belonging to Jeff and Laura Sievering and Barbara Meador during the Crockett County Arts and Crafts Guild Show. Photo by Linda Moore



BARBARA AND JENNIFER JACKSON of San Angelo and other family members have created and sold crafts as Granny's Spare Room Arts and Crafts for seven years. Photo by Linda Moore

Keep poisonous holiday plants out of reach

HOUSTON — While it may be the season for mistletoe and holly, it is also the season to think safety when decorating your home.

Poinsettias, one of the most popular holiday plants, can cause skin irritation and severe stomach symptoms. Holly and mistletoe berries are poisonous, so be on the lookout for berries that fall to the floor.

Keep these poisonous holiday plants out of reach: amaryllis, azalea, boxwood, Christmas cherry, Christmas rose, crown of thorns, English and American Ivy and mountain laurel.

"Parents who suspect their child may have ingested a plant part should immediately call their local poison-control center or their child's doctor," said Dr. Julie Boom, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Do not induce vomiting with ipecac syrup unless instructed to do so."

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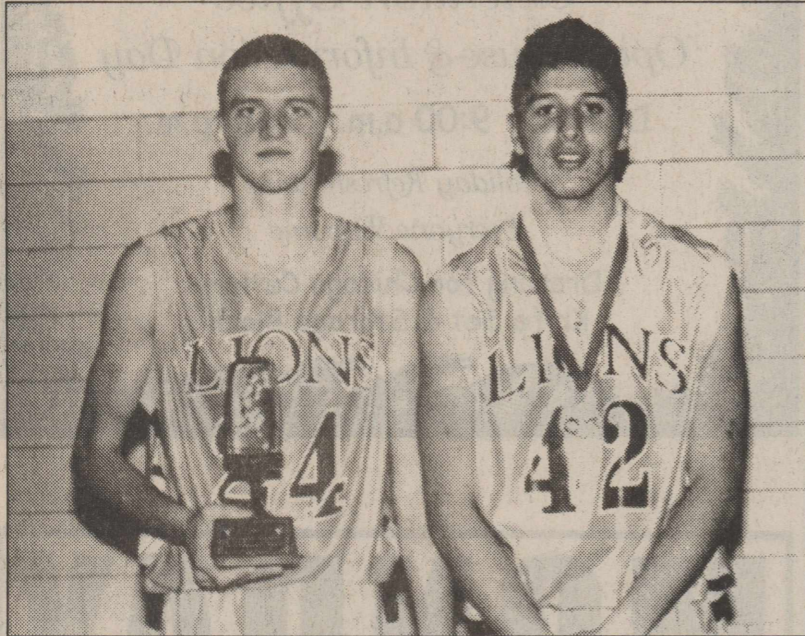
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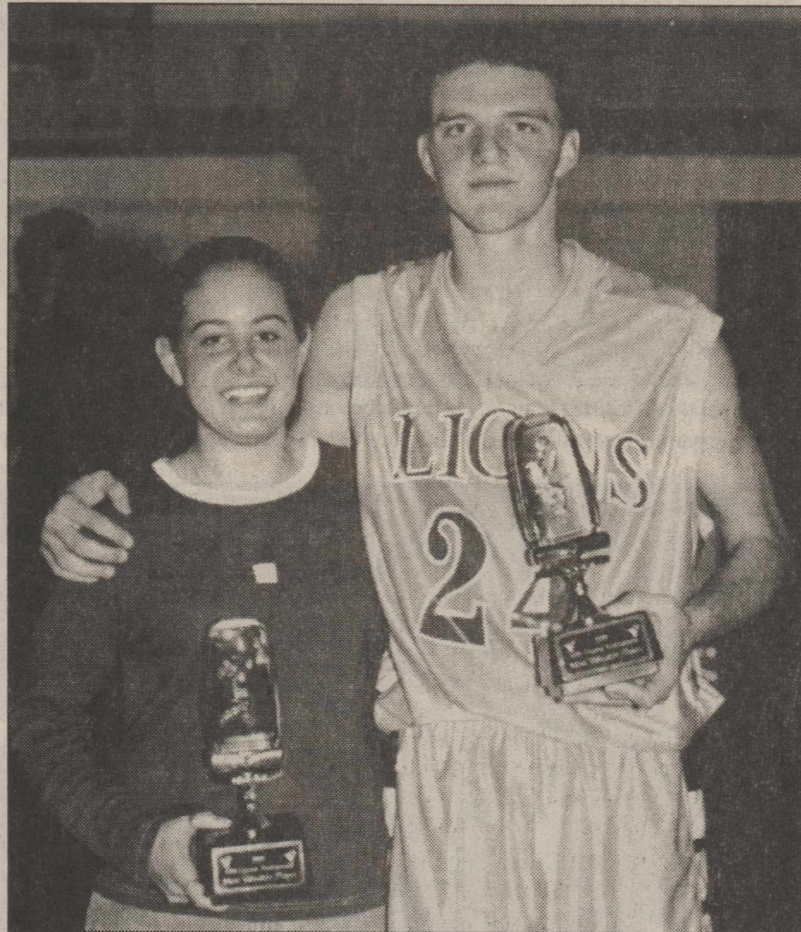
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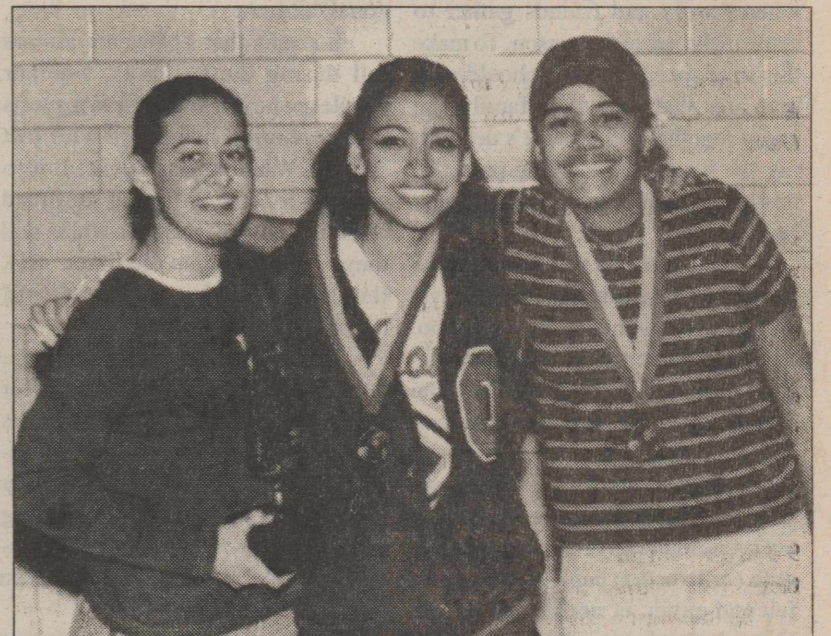
69th Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament



BOBBY CERVANTEZ (r.) was selected to the All-Tournament team at the 69th Annual Ozona Tournament. He is pictured with MVP Dustin Faught.
Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler



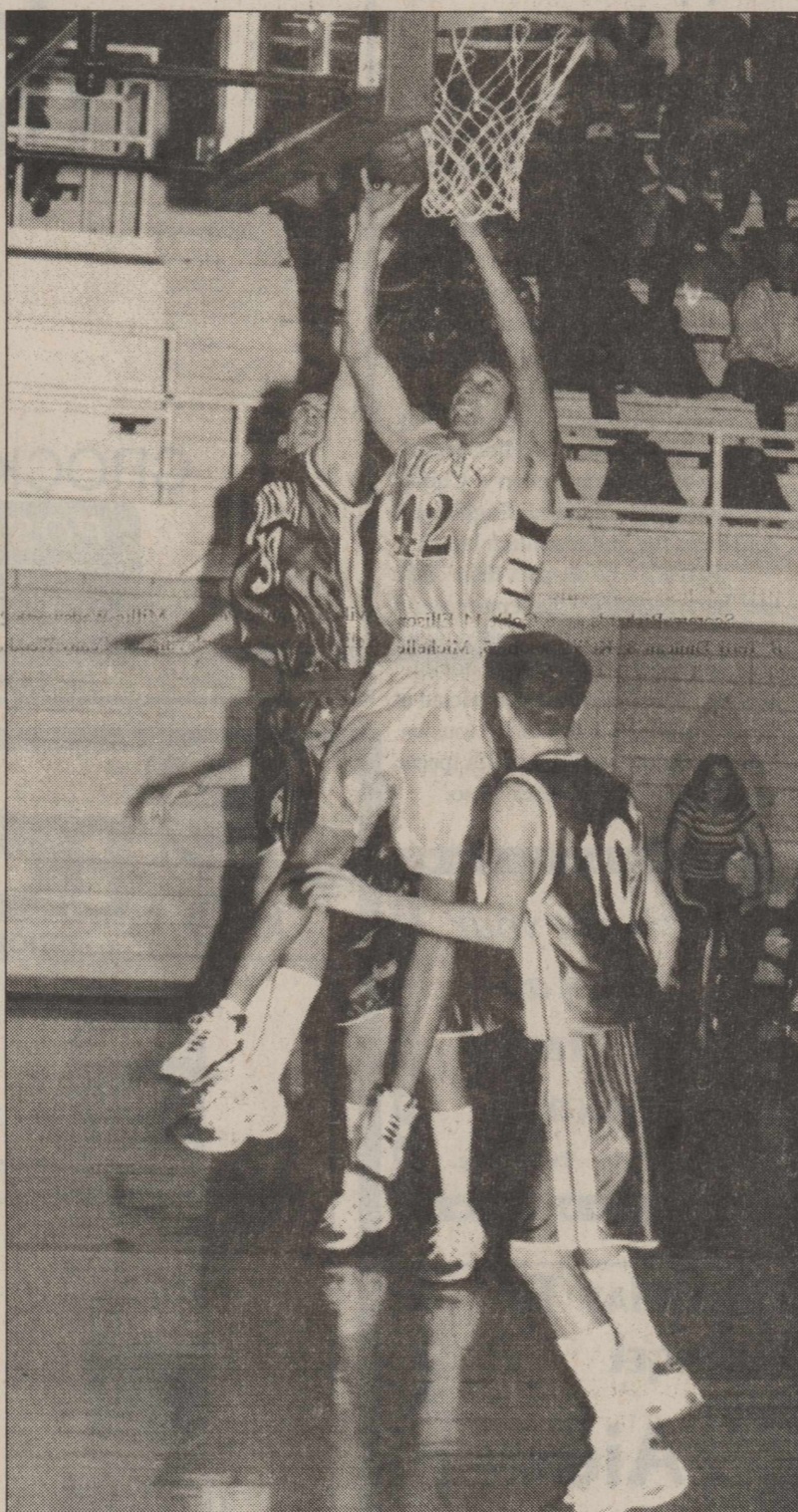
KELLI ANNE GOBLE AND DUSTIN FAUGHT were selected as the Most Valuable Players of the Ozona Basketball Tournament. Dustin had a total of 56 points, five 3-pointers and made 15 of 19 free throws in the tourney. Kelli Anne racked up 51 points, five 3-pointers and made six out of eight free throws during the tournament.
Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler



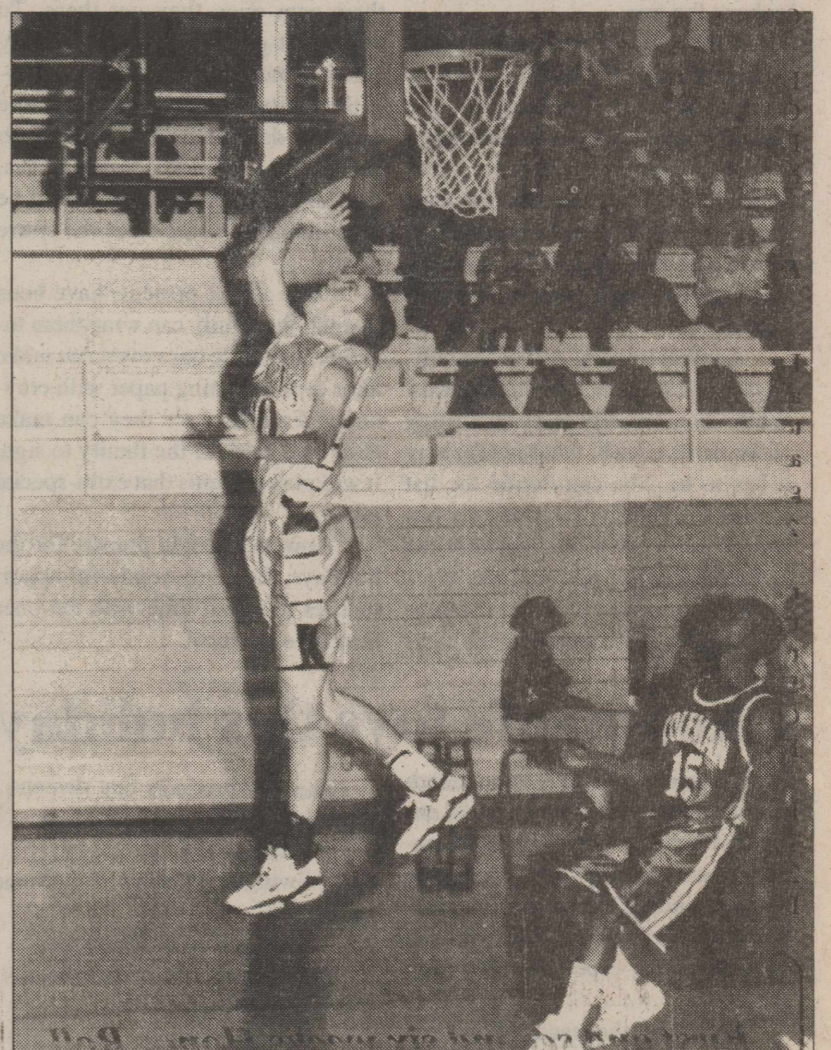
KRISTI AVILA (center) AND **DIANA ELLISON** (r.) were picked for the All-Tournament team. They are pictured with MVP Kelli Anne Goble.
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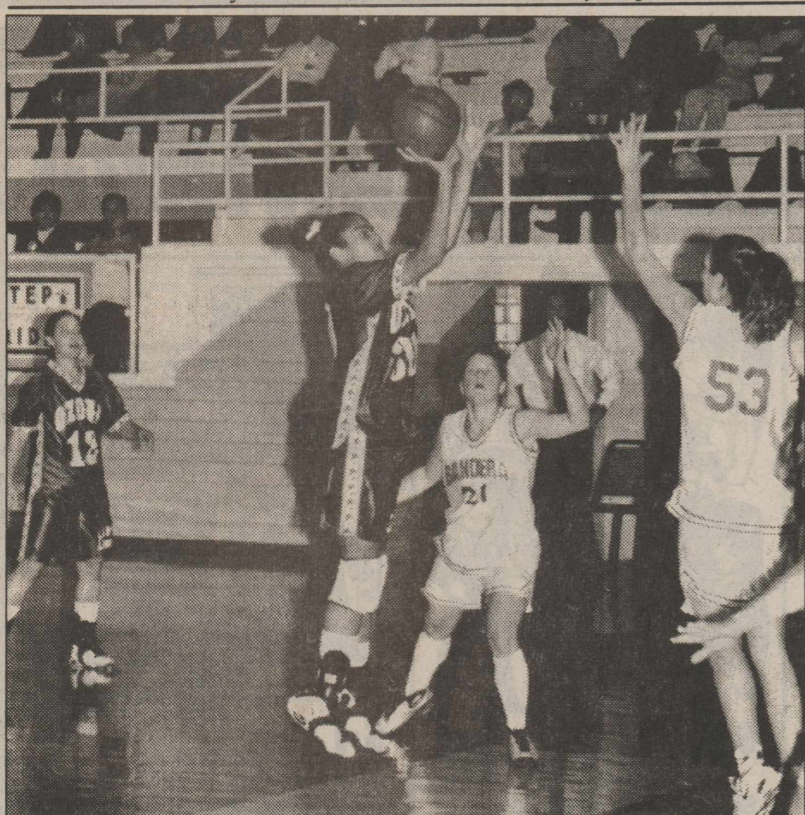
TERRI DUNCAN was the top scorer in the Lady Lions championship game with the Menard Lady Jackets.
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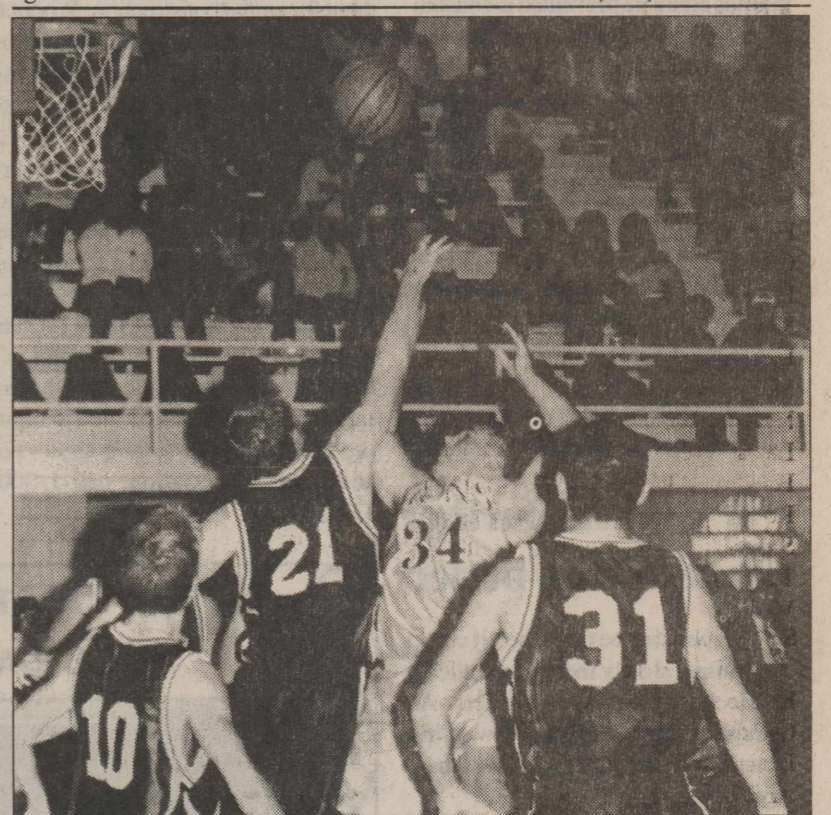
BOBBY CERVANTEZ racked up 18 points against Coleman in the Lions second game of the tournament.
Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler



SETH WEBSTER goes for a layup in the Lions 65-63 hard fought victory against Coleman.
Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler



DIANA ELLISON led the Lady Lions in rebounds against Bandera in the Ladies road to victory.
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LANCE UNGER shoots the ball under heavy pressure from the McCamey Badgers in the Lions first victory of the tourney.
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Freshman girls take 2nd at Ft. Stockton

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona Freshman Lady Lions vs. Reagan County Freshman Lady Owls

Ozona Freshman Lady Lions competed in the Ft. Stockton tournament Friday, Dec. 10 and 11 playing Reagan County for their first round opponent.

Reagan County found themselves down 12-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Freshman Lady Lions continued their attack and went into the locker room up 20-12 at halftime.

The Lady Owls outscored Ozona 9-8 in the third quarter, but still found themselves behind 28-21.

In the fourth quarter the Freshman Lady Lions held off the Lady Owls to win the ballgame 39-35.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 12 8 8 11 39
OWLS 6 6 9 14 35

Scoring for the Lady Lions: A. Lira 2, M. Fay 6, P. Tambunga 5, C. Collett 2, J. Galan 4, C. Carson 6, M. Bullard 8, A. Poindexter 5 and M. Necessary 1.

Ozona Freshman Lady Lions vs. Ft. Stockton

In Game two on Friday, the Freshman Lady Lions came out with a fierce defense to hold Ft. Stockton to only two points in the first quarter, and continued their tough defense to go in at the half leading Ft. Stockton 27-6 at the half.

The Freshman Lady Lions remained steady in the final two quarters to win the game 50-21 securing their second win of the tournament.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 9 18 12 11 50
FT. STOCKTON 2 4 7 8 21

Scoring for the Freshman Lady Lions: A. Lira 2, M. Fay 7, P. Tambunga 4, C. Collett 17, J. Galan 2, C. Carson 6, M. Bullard 4, A. Poindexter 6, M. Necessary 2.

Ozona Freshman Lady Lions vs. Presidio

The Freshman Lady Lions returned to Ft. Stockton on Saturday to play Presidio. They again showed that defense is the name of the game, as they held Presidio scoreless in two of the four quarters.

The Freshman Lady Lions used a 13-0 second quarter to seal a 32-4 victory and get into the championship round of the tournament.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 4 13 10 5 32
PRESIDIO 2 0 2 0 4

Scoring for the Freshman Lady Lions: P. Tambunga 5, C. Collett 4, C. Carson 7, M. Bullard 6, A. Poindexter 2, M. Necessary 8.

3-point goals: C. Carson 1, M. Bullard 1.

Ozona Freshman Lady Lions vs. Ft. Stockton JV

The Freshman Lady Lions met the host, the Ft. Stockton JV, in the championship game.

During a tough first quarter the Freshman Lady Lions ended the period trailing 8-6.

In the second quarter the Freshman Lady Lions continued the battle with Ft. Stockton leading at the half 19-16.

In the third quarter the Freshman Lady Lions again found scoring tough as they trailed Ft. Stockton 29-22 at the period came to a close.

However, the Freshman Lady Lions came fighting back in the final period outscoring Ft. Stockton 9-6, falling short of Ft. Stockton 35-31 at the final buzzer.

The Freshman Lady Lions are now 8-1 for the season.

Scoring by quarters: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 6 10 6 9 31
FT. STOCKTON 8 11 10 6 35

Scoring for the Freshman Lady Lions: M. Fay 4, C. Collett 6, C. Carson 11, A. Poindexter 4 and M. Necessary 6.

3-point goals: C. Carson 1.

Basketball tournament (continued from page one)

for Ozona. The score at the half was Lady Lions 30, Lady Badgers 4.

After the half, the Lady Lions marched back onto the court with determination to win the game as they smoked the McCamey team 8-6 in the third quarter and grilled the Lady Badgers to perfection 13-7 in the fourth. The final score was Lady Lions 51, Lady Badgers 17.

Millie Wadsworth led the Lady Lions in rebounds with six, five defensively and one offensively. Wadsworth also made two out of three free throws. Terri Duncan made the only 3-pointer for the Lady Lions. Wadsworth and Diana Ellison led Ozona in scoring 10 points each followed closely by Duncan with eight points.

Scorers: Wadsworth 10, Ellison 10, Duncan 8, Michelle Gann 5, Codi Richardson 5, Kristi Avila 4, Kelli Anne Goble 4, Ammie Perez 4, Kelli Osborn 1; 3-pointer - Duncan 1; season record 9-0.

In their second game Dec. 9, the Lady Lions took on the Bandera Lady Bulldogs. They dominated the court and the scoreboard again, making 20 points in the first quarter and holding Bandera to only five points.

The Lady Bulldogs made a mere four points in the second quarter while the Lady Lions racked up 13 points. At the half the Lady Lions led the Lady Bulldogs by 24 points, 33-9.

After the half the Lady Lions continued to punish the Lady Bulldogs, allowing them to score only three points to the Lady Lions' 10.

Ozona finished the Bandera team in the fourth to win the game 59-18. Codi Richardson led the Lady Lions with 15 points followed closely by Kelli Anne Goble with 14 points. Richardson played an awesome game, making four out of four free throws and sinking all three of her 3-point field goals, shooting a perfect three out of three.

Goble also had an awesome game, making two out of two free throws and shooting and sinking both of her 3-point field goals for a perfect two out of two.

Diana Ellison rebounded the ball nine times, leading the Lady Lions in rebounds with seven defensive and two offensive rebounds.

Scorers: Richardson 15, Goble 14, Ellison 8, Terri Duncan 8, Kelli Osborn 5, Michelle Gann 4, Kristi Avila 3, Ammie Perez 2. Others playing were: Penny Weddle and Millie

Wadsworth; 3-pointers: Richardson 3, Goble 2, Osborn 1; Season record 10-0.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Lady Lions competed against Ballinger's Lady Bearcats in their third game of the tournament. The Lady Bearcats kept up with Ozona in the first quarter with the Lady Lions 10 and Ballinger 8. The second quarter was close scoring as the Lady Lions continued to remain in the lead. Halftime score was Lady Lions 22, Lady Bearcats 17.

After the half, the Lady Lions began to increase their lead, outscoring the Lady Bearcats 16-9 in the third quarter. The Lady Lions continued to push their lead ahead, beating the Lady Bearcats by 20 points. The final score was Lady Lions 52-Lady Bearcats 32. Diana Ellison was the top scorer for the Lady Lions with 19 points.

Scorers: Ellison 19, Kellie Anne Goble 13, Michelle Gann 7, Kristi Avila 5, Kelli Osborn 5, Codi Richardson 2, Terri Duncan 1.

The Lady Lions and the Menard Lady Yellowjackets faced off in the championship round at the 69th Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament Saturday. In the first quarter, the Lady Lions took an early lead, scoring 12 and allowing the Lady Yellowjackets only six points. The Lady Lions continue to increase their lead in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Yellowjackets 11-4. The score at the half was Lady Lions 23, Lady Yellowjackets 10.

After the half, the Lady Lions continued to pursue their goal to win the Ozona tournament championship as they pushed the Lady Yellowjackets to play harder. The Jackets began to try and make a last ditch effort to overcome Ozona. The Lady Lions outscored Menard in the third quarter 13-10, and both teams scored 11 points in the fourth, with Ozona winning the game 47-31. The last time the Lady Lions won their tournament was in 1997.

Terri Duncan was the Ladies' lead scorer with 12 points followed closely by Diana Ellison and Kelli Anne Goble with 10 points each. Ellison also sank two 3-point field goals, and Goble sunk one.

Scorers: Duncan 12, Ellison 10, Goble 10, Michelle Gann 5, Codi Richardson 3, Kristi Avila 2, Ammie Perez 2, Millie Wadsworth 2, Kelli Osborn 1. Also playing was Penny Weddle. 3-pointers - Ellison 2, Goble 1, Richardson 1; season record 12-0.

Reagan County Owls fly by Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions hosted the Reagan County Owls last Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Davidson Gym. The Owls took a quick lead in the first quarter

Shane Albers selected for All-District Band

Region 7 of the Association of Small School Bands held their auditions for placement in the All-Region Band on Saturday December 4. The auditions were held in Ballinger with over 600 high school students from Class A, AA and AAA programs taking part. The audition process consists of students performing prepared music before a panel of 5 judges. The panel then selects the top performing students to be members of either the Symphonic Band or Concert Band. On January 14 and 15 the bands will rehearse at Abilene Christian University in Abilene and perform a concert for the public on Saturday evening.

Shane Albers was the only Ozona High School Band Member to audition for the All-Region Band. He performed well and was selected to perform in the 3rd chair position of the Symphonic Band. Conducting the Symphonic Band will be Blane Hinton from Abilene Christian University. As a result of his region tryout chair placement, he will be competing for a position in the A.T.S.S.B. All-State Band. The auditions will be held on January 8th in Waco. The All State Clinic and Concert will be held in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic and Convention held in San Antonio in February.

Renovation closes track to general public

The school track is closed to the public while being rebuilt. Work started last week to remove two layers of material in preparation to rebuild the facility from the base up.

Citizens who use the track for walking are asked to be patient. The track may be open as soon as Jan. 1.

whipping out 21 points to the Lions 8. However the Lions came back in the second quarter and held their own against the Owls with each team scoring 16 points. The score at the half was Owls 37-Lions 24. After the half the Lions came back onto the court ready to play as they battled the Owls in the third quarter. The Lions held on scoring 11 points and the Owls scoring 12. But, in the fourth quarter the Lions just couldn't catch up with the Owls as they flew by the Lions. The final score was Owls 61-Lions 43.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
LIONS 8 16 11 8 43
OWLS 21 16 12 12 61

Scoring for the Lions: Dustin Faught 16, Bobby Cervantez 12, Juan Garcia 11, Lance Unger 2, Ross Crawford 2. Others playing: Randall Borrego, Ken Sessom, Ryan Bean. Seth Webster did not play due to an ankle injury.



SHANE ALBERS auditioned for the All-Region Band on Saturday, December 4. Photo by Skip Carroll

Booster Club says still time to order playoff shirts

The Athletic Booster Club will send in another order for playoff shirts soon. Orders must be placed with the high school secretary or Elizabeth Clark by Friday, Dec. 17.

Please order the specific size you need. Cost is \$12.00.

The Booster Club still has the purple sweatshirts, Mrs. Clark says.

JV Ladies third in Iraan tourney

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

3-point goals: Stewart 1
Season record: 6-3

JV Lady Lions vs. JV Lady Lobos

Thursday, Dec. 9, the Junior Varsity Lady Lions traveled to Iraan to compete in the Iraan JV Tournament. The Lady Lions played the Monahans Lady Lobos in their first game of the tourney.

In the first quarter the Lady Lobos led the Lady Lions by two points. However in the second quarter the Lady Lions turned the table on the Lady Lobos as they racked up 19 points compared to Monahans' 2 points.

The Lady Lions had a great lead on the Lady Lobos at the half outscoring them 23-8.

After the half the Lady Lions continued to outscore the Lady Lobos 14-4, and then finishing with a 53-22 win by dominating the score board 16-10 again in the fourth.

Top scorers for the Lady Lions were Jessica Herring with 16 points and Claressa Tambunga with 14 total points.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 4 19 14 16 53
MONAHANS 6 2 4 10 22

JV Lady Lions scoring: Jessica Herring 16, Claressa Tambunga 14, Lara Stewart 9, Erin Castro 6, Tammy Alvarez 4, Colbey Crawford 4. Others playing were: Joyce Caldera, and Jordan Webster.

3-point goals: Lana Stewart 1
Season record: 5-3

Ozona JV Lady Lions vs. Rankin JV Lady Red Devils

The next competitor for the JV Lady Lions, the Rankin Lady Red Devils, proved to be no match for the Ozona bunch.

The Lady Lions came out red hot scalding the Lady Red Devils in the first half 25-12. The second half resembled much of the first as the Lady Lions continued to dominate the game smoking Rankin with a final score of 51-21.

Top scorers for the Lady Lions were Claressa Tambunga 17, Jessica Herring 12 and Lana Stewart 12.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 15 10 12 14 51
RANKIN 4 8 7 2 21

Scoring for the JV Lady Lions: Tambunga 17, Herring 12, Stewart 12, Erin Castro 4, Kimber Bean 2, Joyce Caldera 2, Tammy Alvarez 2.

Others playing were: Jordan Webster, and Colbey Crawford.

JV Lady Owls take Lady Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity Lady Lions began with a fast paced first quarter Dec. 7 in Ozona against the Reagan County Lady Owls. The Big Lake team only scored three points to the Lady Lions' 5.

Ozona began to get control of their game, outscoring the Lady Owls in the second quarter 9-2. The halftime score was Ozona 14, Big Lake 5.

Reagan County Owls beat JV Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity Lions hosted the Reagan County Owls in Davidson Gym Dec. 7. The first quarter was a tough one as the Owls outscored the Lions 21-9. In the second quarter, the Lions continued to struggle to stay up with the Owls.

The score at halftime was Owls 29 - Lions 13.

After the half the Lions came out

Ozona JV Lady Lions vs. Greenwood JV Ladies

In the Lady Lions' third game of the tourney on Friday, Dec. 10 they took on the Greenwood JV Ladies.

The Lady Lions captured the lead in the first quarter 10-5. In the second quarter Greenwood went to work and held Ozona to 5-3 points, but they still held on to the lead at the half 13-10.

After the half the Lady Lions continued to lead Greenwood 20-18 by outscoring them by 1 point.

In the fourth quarter Greenwood made their come back to win the game over the JV Lady Lions 27-22.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 10 3 9 2 22
GREENWOOD 15 5 8 7 27

Scoring for the JV Lady Lions were: Claressa Tambunga 7, Jordan Webster 6, Colbey Crawford 5, Erin Castro 2, Lana Stewart 2 and Joyce Caldera 2.

Season record: 6-4.

Ozona JV Lady Lions vs. Eldorado JV Lady Eagles

Saturday, Dec. 10, the Lady Lions battled the Eldorado JV Lady Eagles for third place in the tournament.

The Lady Lions trashed the Lady Eagles in the first quarter 16-4 and 14-10 in the second quarter, plus leaving the court at the half with a 30-14 advantage over the Lady Eagles.

After the half the Lady Lions came back onto the court ready to finish what they had started. In the third quarter Ozona continued to outscore Eldorado 17-11 and 8-5 in the fourth winning the game 55-30 and carrying home the third place trophy of the tourney.

Top scorers for the JV Lady Lions: Jessica Herring with 19 points followed closely by Claressa Tambunga with 17.

Score by quarter: 1 2 3 4 F
OZONA 16 14 17 8 55
ELDORADO 4 10 11 5 30

Scorers: Herring 19, Tambunga 17, Erin Castro 8, Tammy Alvarez 6, Joyce Caldera 2, Jordan Webster 2, Kimber Bean 1.

Others playing were: Lana Stewart and Colbey Crawford 3-point goals: Castro 1
Free throws: 14 out of 15.

The Ozona JV Lady Lions finished the tournament with a season record of 7-4.

In the third quarter, the Lady Owls took hold of the game, touching up their shooting skills and outscoring the Lady Lions 16-9, and in the fourth quarter 13-6. The final score was Lady Owls 34, Lady Lions 29. Lead scorer for the Lady Lions was Claressa Tambunga with 13 points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
OZONA 1 2 3 4 F
5 9 9 6 29
REAGAN CO. 3 2 16 13 34
Scorers: Claressa Tambunga 13, Erin Castro 6, Jessica Herring 3, Joyce Caldera 2, Tammy Alvarez 1. Season record 4-2.

ready to play; however, the Owls were just too tough to handle, outscoring and outmaneuvering the Lions in the third and fourth quarters. The final score was Owls 60, Lions 35.

Lion Lalo Garza led the Lions in scoring with nine points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
OZONA 1 2 3 4 F
9 4 8 14 35
REAGAN CO. 21 8 17 12 60
Scorers: Lalo Garza 9, Robert Ogle 6, Derek Faught 5, Hayse Worthington 4, Luis Cruz 2, Ricky Perez 2, Josh Tambunga 7. Season record 0-7.

Ozona Primary School

First and second six weeks Honor Roll

FIRST SIX WEEKS A HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Jose Aguilar, Murphey Black, Joe Borrego, Ricardo Borrego, Richard Chavarria, Sean Davis, Kyle Dean, Erik Estrada, Jesslyn Fierro, Trey Fierro, Brittany Fortney, Anthony Gutierrez, Leandra Hernandez, Abel Ibarra, Raevon Johnson, Duncan Knox, Russel Komechak, Rosendo Lara, Ashley Lewis, Jayce Logan, Jill Marquez, Kristen Mendoza, Emily Merrill, Sky Munoz, David Perez, Layla Perez, Rebecca Pierce, Jady Poindexter, Rebecca Ramos, Gabriela Rodriguez, John Simmons, Christian Smith, Austin Suddreth, Anthony Tambunga, Brenda Venegas, Nathan Weant

Second Grade

Luis Angeles, Vanessa Arellano, Kit Carson, Leonard Castillo, Kelsey Childress, Alejandra Cruz, Suzanne Davis, Matthew Fay, Shelbie Fierro, Andrew Galindo, Markaus Galindo, Brandi Glosson, Charlie Gravel, Julie Gutierrez, Damon Johnson, Tara Johnson, Corey Kelley, Evelardo Longoria, John Longoria, Alexandria Macias, Aubrey Martinez, Jayci Miller, Lauren Najar, Taylor Newton, Joshua Ramos, Kurtlan Reyes, Diana Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Kyle Sewell, Brandyn Tebbets, Adrianna Tijerina, Jaron Vasquez, Jay Villarreal, Katrina Villarreal, Lane White

A-B HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Rae Arredondo, Dakota Cox, Anthony Gonzales, Ricio Longoria, Brandyn McDaniel, Alejandro Mendez, Senny Morin, Phillip Munoz, Christina Quiroz, Eric Talamantez, Sylvia Unate, Irene Vargas, Crystal Vasquez, Francisco Vasquez, Jamie Venegas, Miguel Vergara, Christian Vitela, Emilee White, Stefan Wilson

Second Grade

Odelia Alba, Bailey Badillo, Jesse Badillo, Blair Chandler, Nathan DeHoyos, Stephanie Galindo, Jazveth Gonzales, Ariana Huerta, Damon Johnson, Zachary Leach-Amyx, Janette Lozano, Jordan Martinez, Michael Morelli, Jolissa Payne, Karina Quiroz, Andrew Stevens, Robert Torres, Augustus Trevino, Sophie Trevino, Antonio Villarreal, Manuel Villarreal, Sienna Wheeler

SECOND SIX WEEKS A HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Jose Aguilar, Murphey Black, Joe Borrego, Richard Chavarria, Sean Davis, Kyle Dean, Erik Estrada, Jesslyn Fierro, Trey Fierro, Brittany Fortney, Leandra Hernandez, Abel Ibarra, Duncan Knox, Russel Komechak, Rosendo Lara, Ashley Lewis, Jayce Logan, Jill Marquez, Kristen Mendoza, Emily Merrill, Phillip Munoz, Rebecca Pierce, Rebecca Ramos, Gabriela Rodriguez, John Simmons, Christian Smith, Austin Suddreth, Anthony Tambunga, Brenda Venegas, Nathan Weant, Emilee White

Second Grade

Vanessa Arellano, Leonard Castillo, Suzanne Davis, Matthew Fay, Shelbie Fierro, Andrew Galindo, Markaus Galindo, Brandi Glosson, Charlie Gravel, Julie Gutierrez, Damon Johnson, Tara Johnson, Corey Kelley, Evelardo Longoria, John Longoria, Alexandria Macias, Aubrey Martinez, Jayci Miller, Lauren Najar, Taylor Newton, Joshua Ramos, Kurtlan Reyes, Vanessa Rodriguez, Kyle Sewell, Andrew Stevens, Brandyn Tebbets, Adrianna Tijerina, Jaron Vasquez, Antonio Villarreal, Jay Villarreal, Lane White

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First Grade

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

12/07/99 through 12/14/99

12/07/99
 Report of stranded motorist 13 miles South on Highway 163. Deputy advised subject had been assisted by another motorist.
 Report of a dead deer in the middle of road at mile marker 367 on I-10 causing a traffic hazard. Deputy was unable to locate any deer in the area.
 Courtesy transport of a male subject from Ozona Family Health Clinic to his residence east of town by Deputy.
 Report of deer been hit by vehicle and still on roadway on 11th Street. Deputy was unable to locate any deer in the area.
 Report of a 911 hang up call Deputy was dispatched to location advised everything okay.
 Deputy assisted Trooper on a traffic stop on Avenue E.
 Deputy took offense report of criminal mischief.
 Report of male subject taking beer from local convenience store on Avenue E without paying for it. Deputy stopped vehicle at mile marker 383 and advised subject would pay for the beer.
12/08/99
 Report of a suspicious person on Avenue E and 3rd Street. Deputy advised unable to locate anyone in the area.
 Alarm going off at Ozona Primary School. Deputy advised alarm set off by teacher; everything okay.
 Report of a lady down on floor at Senior Apartments. Deputy assisted on picking up lady.
 Report of a disturbance on Avenue I. Deputy advised subjects to stay away from each other. No charges filed.
 Welfare concern of a female subject and her children. Deputy advised female and children were okay. Subject was put up for the night at local motel.
12/09/99
 Deputy advised a possible fire northwest of town while on patrol. Later advised it was a plant north on Vaughn Road and everything was okay.
 Report of School Principal wanting to meet with Deputy in reference to a fight between two students. Deputy advised that she met with Principal and may issue tickets.
 Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Only description given, headed west on I-10. Deputy advised unable to locate vehicle.
 Report of woman passing out in vehicle, brother called 911. Deputy assisted EMS.
 Report of people trying to pass stolen check. Deputy recovered check and was unable to locate actors.
 Report of people causing a disturbance and awakening the children. Deputy took report and spoke to the actors.
 Report of husband assaulting his wife. Deputy took report and made an arrest.
 Report of someone breaking into an apart-

ment and stealing Christmas presents. Deputy took report.
12/10/99
 Report of female subject at local convenience store needing to file accident report. Deputy advised subject hit a deer and issued a blue form.
 Unattended death on 5th St. Justice of the Peace was notified. Deputy took incident report and assisted Freddy Funeral Home.
 Report of alarm going off at local building. Deputy advised that they changed the locks and couldn't get in to reset the alarm. Everything was okay.
12/11/99
 Report of loud music on Ave. H. Deputy advised subject's to turn down their music.
 Report of loud party on Ave. A south side. Deputy advised one subject in custody.
 Report of possible firearm being discharged on Blas St. Deputy advised he met with subject and everything was okay.
 Welfare subject at Sheriff's office needed gas. Deputy gave subject's gas at local gas station.
 Report of an alarm at the school. Deputy advised that everything was okay. Building was secured.
 Report of damage done at station on Miller Lane. Deputy advised he went to Miller Lane to meet with complainant and look at damage.
 Report of male, female, and child. On Ave. E. Deputy advised subjects were gone from area and will keep an eye out for them.
 911 hang up call. Deputy advised child was playing with phone. Everything was okay.
 Welfare subject at Sheriff's office. Deputy advised subject was given gas from local gas station.
 Report of car broken down in the middle of intersection. Deputy advised car was already moved upon arrival.
 Report of someone breaking into school bus; property was taken. Deputy took report.
 Deputies assisted each other in reference to burglary at local gym.
12/13/99
 Report of no indication of lifeline response on Sunset Dr. Deputy advised subject had fallen and could not respond to lifeline. Deputy assisted subject to bed, reset lifeline bar, and advised everything was okay.
 Report of possible fire at recreational vehicle park. Deputy advised pole does have flames. Fire Department was notified.
 Report of male subject burning yard; smoke was going in her house. Deputy was unable to locate fire.
 Gas welfare for two subjects. Deputy assisted them with gas at local gas station.
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12/14/99
 Male subject called needing deputy to unlock vehicle. Deputy advised subject to call wrecker company.
 Report of vehicle driving westbound on eastbound side. Deputy was en route. Department of Public Safety advised vehicle was stopped by Sutton County 1 mile east of the county line.

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ARREST REPORT
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Producers Livestock Auction Co Report

San Angelo, TX

Cattle and Calf Auction:

Fri Dec 10, 1999
 Close and Weekly:
 Estimated Receipts for today: 1150;
 Estimated Receipts for the week: 3650; Last week: 3692; Last year: 3483.

Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls weak. Stock cows and pairs steady. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 55 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent yearlings, 10 percent stock cows and pairs. Of the feeders 50 percent were steers and 50 percent were heifers.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 116.00-118.00; 300-400 lb 104.00-113.00; 400-500 lb 94.00-105.00; 500-600 lb 85.00-95.00; few 95.00-98.00; 600-700 lb 78.00-87.00; set 89.00; 700-800 lb 75.00-78.50; Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 92.00-104.00; 400-500 lb 82.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-78.00; 700-800 lb 69.00-75.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 92.00-98.00; 300-400 lb 88.00-96.00; 400-500 lb 79.00-89.00; few 89.00-91.00; 500-700 lb 76.00-86.00; few 86.00-88.00; 700-800 lb 72.00-78.00; Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 82.00-92.00; 300-400 lb 79.00-88.00; 400-500 lb 70.00-79.00; 500-700 lb 69.00-76.00; 700-900 lb 61.00-70.00.

Slaughter Cows:
 Percent Lean
 Breakers 75-80% 1100-1400 lb 33.00-38.50
 Boners 80-85% 800-1200 lb 32.50-37.50
 Boners H-Yld 1000-1150 lb 38.50-40.00
 Lean 85-90% 800-1000 lb 28.00-32.50
 700-800 lb 23.50-28.00

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2400 lb 42.00-48.00; low dressing 1100-1500 lb 37.00-42.50.

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.
 Medium and Large 1-2 540.00-660.00.
 Medium 1-2 400.00-540.00.

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold Per Pair.
 Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 650.00-730.00.
 Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 560.00-650.00.

Stocker and Feeder Cows:
 Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 700-1000 lb 53.00-59.00 cwt; (young and middle age) 700-1100 lb 44.00-48.00 cwt; (middle age) 700-1150 lb 30.50-38.00 cwt.

Sheep & Goat Auction:

Wed Dec 08, 1999 Close and Weekly:
 Estimated receipts for today: 4000; Estimated Receipts for the week: 15250; Last Week: 14161; Last Year: 10296.

Compared with last week, slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes weak. Feeder lambs firm in a light test. Trading active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 60 percent slaughter ewes, 10 percent slaughter lambs, 2 percent feeder lambs, balance goats.

Slaughter Lambs:
 Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lb 80.00-90.00
 Good and Choice 1-2 woolled 65-90 lb 90.00-99.00

Slaughter Ewes:
 Good and Choice 2-4 35.00-45.00; few 46.00-47.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-47.00; Utility 1-2 34.00-40.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 27.00-34.00.

Slaughter Bucks:
 35.00-45.00; few 46.00-47.00.

Feeder Lambs:
 Medium and Large 1-2 45-60 lb 90.00-94.00; 60-80 lb 87.00-92.00; 80-90 lb 85.00-89.00.
 Medium and Large 2 50-90 lb 80.00-87.00.

Goats:
Slaughter - Meat Goats:
 Billies: 100-150 lb 80.00-120.00 per head; 150-220 lb 110.00-150.00 per head.
 Nannies: 70-115 lb 48.00-55.00 cwt; thin nannies 60-90 lb 38.00-48.00 cwt.
Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime 40-80 lb 82.00-92.00 cwt; Choice 40-90 lb 75.00-82.00 cwt; Good 40-90 lb 65.00-75.00 cwt.
Angoras: Choice 60-100 lb 48.00-52.00 cwt.
Kids: Choice 40-70 lb 81.00-92.00 cwt.
 Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News, San Angelo, TX

Permian Basin Weekly Rig & Drilling Summary

(Districts 7C, 8, 8A & New Mexico)

Weekly Rig Count

Dec. 10, 1999

Compiled by Hughes Christensen and Tracer Supply Inc.-San Angelo, Texas

DIST. #7C	DIST. #8	DIST. #8A	
Coke	0	Andrews 4	
Concho	0	Brewster 0	
Crockett	2	Crane 0	
Irion	0	Culberson 1	
Kimble	0	Ector 4	
McCullough	1	Glasscock 4	
Menard	0	Howard 4	
Reagan	1	Hudspeth 0	
Runels	0	Jeff Davis 0	
Schleicher	1	Loving 0	
Sutton	2	Martin 2	
Terrell	2	Midland 10	
Tom Green	1	Mitchell 0	
Upton	3	Pecos 6	
Total Dist. 7C	13	Presidio 0	
		Reeves 3	
		Sterling 1	
		Ward 4	
		Winkler 3	
		Total Dist. 8	46
		Total NM	43
		Total Dist. 8A	17

Total rotary rig count (P.B.-Texas) this week: 111

WEEKLY REPORT

Congressman
Henry Bonilla
 23rd District, Texas

1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-4511

"Suing for fun and profit"

Last year, juries made some trial lawyers in our country very happy. The top ten verdicts awarded in 1998 totaled \$2.8 billion. But of course, this is America, where we can always aim higher. Thus, some lawyers are now going after bigger and better awards. Their target? Gun manufacturers.

More than two dozen cities are suing gun makers, blaming the businessmen for the criminals who manage to get firearms illegally. Last week, the Administration announced it might try for a piece of this pie as well. The government has threatened the companies, saying that if they don't hurry up and settle the suits, the Department of Housing and Urban Development will file a lawsuit against them. HUD says it would be filing it on behalf of people who live in public housing projects.

If the government gets its way, the firearms manufacturers will have to shell out billions of dollars to the cities, agree to stricter rules such as limiting the number of guns a person can buy, or both. For the past seven years, the Administration's been looking for a way to chip away at the second amendment. Congress didn't let it happen. Now the Administration's found a way around the Constitution. The lawsuit HUD's threatening would cost companies millions of dollars, win or lose, leaving them little choice but to compromise.

When I first heard about this idea last week, the idea of suing a company for selling and advertising a legal product seemed preposterous. The argument goes something like this: if someone misuses a product, we should blame the person who made it. But perhaps President Clinton's on to something. Next he might want to sue the car makers. After all, more people die in the United States every year in auto accidents than from gun injuries. But let's not stop there. Someone should tell the Administration what McDonald's has been up to. Day after day, they entice you to the golden arches with promises of piping hot, juicy hamburgers and fatty fries. Everyone knows a bad diet causes heart disease. Heart disease kills more than seven times the number of people of firearms and cars combined.

Admittedly, the idea sounds ridiculous. But it's the "pass the blame" argument that these massive gun lawsuits are based on.

Gun manufacturers may lose. Some may go bankrupt fighting these cases in court, or fighting to keep them from ever getting there. But after the last check's been written, and the last lawyer's been paid, criminals will still exist. They will still find victims, and they will still find guns. Until we agree to lay the blame at their feet, and not those of law abiding citizens, we will not be able to launch the kind of nation-wide law enforcement effort needed to truly fight gun violence.

Texas Deer Show No Signs of Rare Disease

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a rare and fatal disease that destroys brain function in deer and elk, has been in the media spotlight this fall, but Texas animal health officials say the disease has not been diagnosed in the state. Furthermore, measures have been taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into Texas, and nationally, surveillance has been instituted to watch for possible cases.

"Since 1978, fewer than 200 CWD-infected deer and elk have been detected in the U.S.," said Dr. Gary Svetlik, Texas' assistant area veterinarian in charge for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services. "In a small contiguous area in Southeast Wyoming and Northeast Colorado, this rare disease is considered endemic, or naturally occurring in three to five percent of free-ranging deer. Infection also has been limited to four captive elk operations in South Dakota, and one each in Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado and Montana."

"More than 4,500 hunter-killed free-ranging deer and elk have been examined outside the endemic area, and no infected animals have been found," said Dr. Svetlik, who works extensively with this family of diseases called Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), of which CWD is a member.

CWD, first seen in 1967 at a Colorado wildlife research facility, is thought to be caused by a "prion," an agent smaller than a bacteria or virus, that lodges itself in the brain of deer and elk, resulting in emaciation, tremors, hyper-salivation and extreme thirst. Changes in the animal's behavior can include listlessness and lack of fear of humans. Death occurs within six to eight months after signs are exhibited. There is no live-animal test, so very dangerous to human health.

Dr. Svetlik said hunters should consider taking simple precautions when processing deer, to protect themselves from the possibility of exposure to parasites or disease. "Wear rubber gloves when processing deer," he said. "Also avoid processing or consuming lymph nodes, eyes, the spleen, brain, or spinal cord." In the remotest chance that the animal has been exposed to a disease, such as CWD, these tissues are most likely to be contaminated.

As for consuming venison, Dr. Svetlik tells hunters to handle the meat safely, by chilling and cooking it properly, as they would any meat product, and enjoy their meal. "There is no scientific evidence to indicate that CWD poses a human health risk. Since CWD is a disease of deer and elk, we would expect to see clinical disease in these species if it was introduced into the state," he said. "A brain disorder in humans, called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) also is a member of the TSE family. CJD apparently strikes randomly one in a million persons worldwide. Victims come from a wide variety of backgrounds and regions of the world. In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, conduct an epidemiological investigation on each case, to learn more about the disease."

"Can I say we're 100 percent certain we'll never see a case of CWD in Texas?" asked Dr. Svetlik. "No. Scientifically, 100 percent could be assured only if we harvested and collected samples from every deer and elk in the state. Then, what would hunters do on those beautiful fall days during the season? What we can do is enforce import regulations, conduct surveillance, stay abreast of the situation in other states and share this information with the production and hunting industry."

Texas monthly oil & gas statistics

SEPTEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION
 Texas preliminary September 1999 crude oil production averaged 1,073,952 barrels daily, down from the 1,192,416 barrels daily average of September 1998.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 1999 is 32,218,571 barrels, a decrease from 35,772,494 barrels reported during September 1999.

SEPTEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION
 Texas oil and gas wells produced 433,119,009 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September 1999, down from the September 1998 preliminary gas production total of 456,280,580 Mcf.

Texas production in September came from 143,843 oil and 52,660 gas wells.

Crockett County remains as sixth largest natural gas producing counties in the state of Texas for the month of September, 1999, with a total 10,403,410 Mcf for the month.

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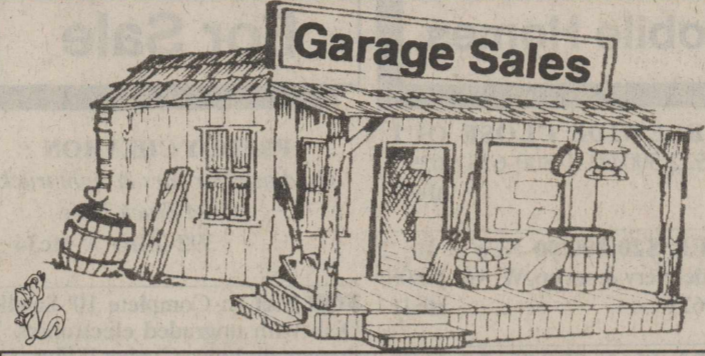
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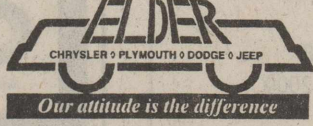
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