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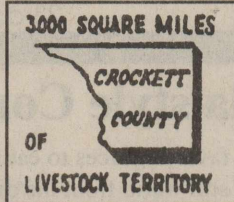
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Traffic stop nets dollars, truck

An early morning traffic stop by Deputy Tyler Roy on April 19 resulted in the seizure of \$60,965.00 and a Kenworth truck/tractor. Deputy Roy stopped the truck for speeding at the 361 mile marker on I-10 at 3:49 a.m.

Conflicting stories about where they were going from the two persons accompanying the driver led Roy to have a check run on the driver and truck through the El Paso Information Center.

As a result, Deputy Roy learned that another truck belonging to the same company, Quaker Transports of Lancaster, PA, had been stopped in Kingsville by a DPS trooper. That truck was carrying 454,000 grams of marijuana.

Roy was given verbal consent to search and found a shoebox containing a large package wrapped in a brown paper bag and fastened with grey duct tape. Upon being asked what was in the package, the suspects replied that they didn't know, saying they had found the box in a restroom at a truck stop.

Deputy Roy opened the box, which contained \$60,965.00. Later \$420.00 was found in baggage in the truck.

The truck and money were seized based on "probable cause that they were used in illegal enterprise." The driver and two other occupants were released.

Included in the larger amount of money were 2,406 \$20.00 bills.

Farris, Porter, Shurley named to all-star cast

Ozona High School's one act play cast had three students honored with all star status at regional competition April 14. Named to the all star cast at the conclusion of the contest at Abilene Christian University were Tripp Farris and Ty Porter with Kayla Shurley receiving honorable mention.

Cast and crew members are: Ty Mitchell, Ty Porter, Laken Villarreal, John Austin Stokes, Amanda Carson, Scarlett Tylor, Brittney Ellis, Erica Birkenfeld, Tripp Farris, Thomas Mossman, Koby Fenton, Michelle Camarillo, Terri Duncan, Paige Tambunga, Lana Sanchez, Kayla Shurley and Mario Barrera. The directors are Ty Payne and David Porter.

The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
April 17	84	61	-0-
April 18	90	65	-0-
April 19	97	50	.21
April 20	85	44	-0-
April 21	87	47	-0-
April 22	87	60	-0-
April 23	90	54	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 83	Hi 87
Lo 57	Lo 60
partly cloudy	mostly sunny
Friday	Saturday
Hi 91	Hi 89
Lo 61	Lo 59
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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BONILLA speaks to a large group of Ozona Middle School students on the courthouse square during his visit to Ozona April 19.

DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway

County to receive tobacco money

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Ryländer is sending \$100 million this week from the Texas tobacco settlement to 288 Texas cities, counties and hospital districts to help offset costs of providing indigent health care.

Crockett County will receive \$131,786.82 according to the comptroller. "This is a lot better than I expected," said County Auditor John Stokes.

The check amounts were determined by a formula, established by the Texas Department of Health, based on the amount spent on unreimbursed indigent health care in the previous year.

In 1999 the county received approximately \$75,000.00, a percentage of the tobacco money based on population. "Our figures were combined with those of other entities to arrive at a figure," Stokes explained.

To determine the amount the county will receive in 2000, he was required to report the amount of total medical related expenditures by the county in 1999. This included indigent health care, nursing home, clinic and EMS costs, approximately \$1.6 million.

"Last year the legislature changed the indigent health care qualification rules, and this is now being phased in," Stokes said. Income limitations are

going up. Whereas there were 10 qualifying in the county there will be 25 to 30 in the future.

In 1999, indigent health care cost Crockett County approximately \$60,000.00. "This was the most we ever had," Stokes said. "We pay up to \$30,000.00 (per individual). After that, the hospital has to absorb the loss.

The funds being distributed now are from the \$2.28 billion Texas tobacco settlement reached in 1998, and are separate from the \$15.3 billion

settlement between tobacco companies and the state. An initial \$450 million was set aside for payments in 1999-2001. The 1999 payment totaled \$300 million

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the comptroller's office will distribute \$50 million in April 2001. The remaining \$1.8 billion was set aside in an untouchable fund, with interest to be distributed annually beginning next year.

Ozona School calendar set for 2000-2001

By Ted Cotton
Assistant Superintendent

In their regular monthly meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 18, members of the Ozona School Board approved the 2000-01 Crockett County Consolidated Common School District School Calendar as recommended by the school district's district-level site-based decision making committee.

The new school calendar will have students beginning school on Monday, Aug. 14, and this is three days later than they reported this year (Aug. 11). Teacher staff development

days will be held on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 10 and 11, before the beginning of school. Other important dates are: Thanksgiving holidays Nov. 23-24, Christmas holidays Dec. 21-Jan. 2, Spring Break March 12-16 and the end of the 2000-01 school year and graduation on May 25.

The trustees made short work of four new business agenda items, completing the meeting in two hours. They approved amendments to the 1999-

2000 school year official budget, approved the financial component of the board-approved 2000-01 and 2001-02 district technology plan and a budget amendment to implement the financial portion of the 2000-01 school year plan, and they approved a certification of election certifying that Veronica Tijerina had no opposing candidate for District #3 and Laurie Hale had no opposing candidate for District #4; therefore, the above un-

opposed candidates are declared elected to office.

During the meeting the members were given an engineering project demonstration by the award-winning Ozona High School Engineering Team. The meeting was adjourned following an affirmative vote to set the date and time for the board's regular May meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Region II rodeo contestants qualify for state

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona will be well represented at the National High School Rodeo Association's state competition in June. Seven Ozona High School rodeo team members are among those qualifying from Region II.

NHSRA is not a U.I.L. event, but it is a high school extra curricular ac-

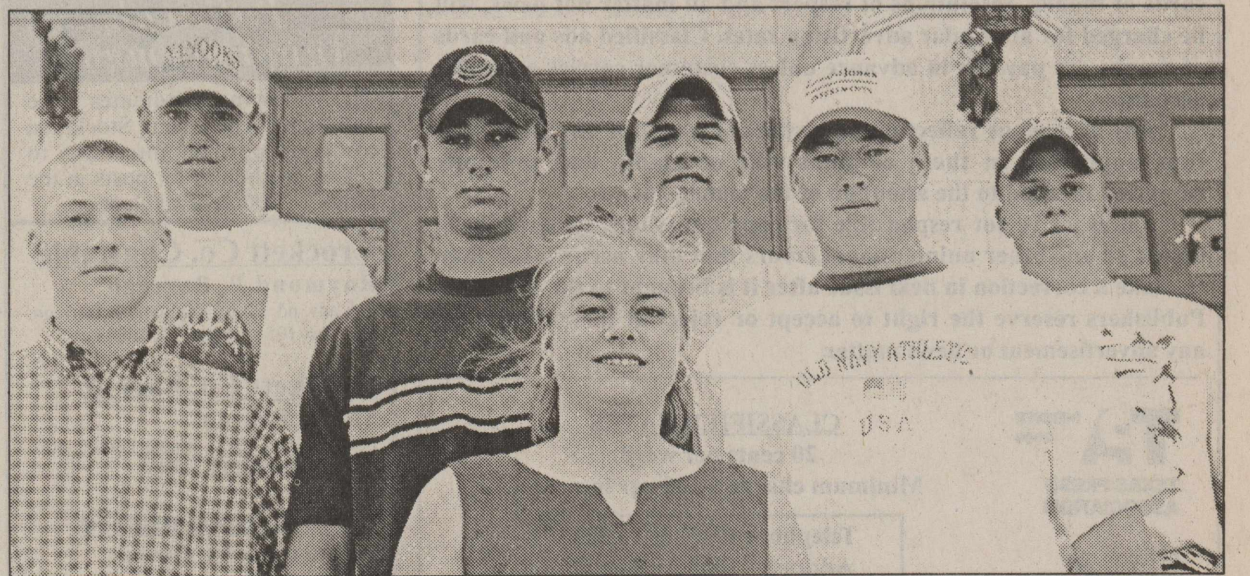
tivity. The top 10 athletes in each event from 10 regions in Texas will compete at state. From there, the top four go to the national level.

Representing Ozona at state will be Ty Allen, Kimber Bean, Trey Hale, Cole Wadsworth, Cade Clark, Ryan Bean and Hayse Worthington. The team is sponsored by Rod Miller.

Final standings in Region II for

the 1999-2000 year show Allen first in the cutting horse competition. Kimber Bean is seventh in both the pole bending and breakaway roping and ninth in barrel racing.

Team ropers Trey Hale and Cole Wadsworth are ranked fifth, Cade Clark and Ryan Bean seventh and Hayse Worthington and partner Nick Coates of Wall are ninth.



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO STATE QUALIFIERS are: (back row, l. to r.) Cole Wadsworth, Cade Clark, Ty Allen and Trey Hale. Front: Hayse Worthington, Kimber Bean and Ryan Bean. DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway


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Cafeteria style Constitution

One of our family's favorite places to eat is a cafeteria style restaurant. You walk in, grab a tray still warm from the dishwasher, and start down the line. You take what you want, leave what you don't, and in minutes have a meal perfectly suited to your tastes.

Some pseudo intellectuals have been trying the same thing with the Constitution for years - defending the parts they like, but trying to change the parts they don't. Many have dedicated their lives to studying the Constitution, to understanding her, and to telling everyone else why we don't understand her. Take the Bill of Rights, for instance. These liberal intellectuals generally see themselves as defenders of the First Amendment. That's the one that guarantees the rights of freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech.

It's the Second Amendment that drives them to distraction:
 "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."


There must be some mistake. Or so the liberal scholars believe. They've tried for years to find a loophole in this simple sentence. It would sound ridiculous, were it not for the fact that they have been largely successful.

Today there are many legal experts, judges, and lawyers who think the Second Amendment only supports the right of the states to have guns, meaning to maintain the various National Guards. In other words, they believe the Constitution does not guarantee a private citizen the right to own so much as a hunting rifle.

That's why what happened last year is so important. As reported by The National Journal, a judge right here in Texas, "...ruled outright - for the first time ever - that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own a gun, and that the right cannot be arbitrarily meddled with by Congress." U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings wrote that, "The rights of the Second Amendment should be as zealously guarded as the other individual liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights."

A federal appeals court is expected to decide whether to overturn Cummings' decision this summer. Meanwhile, both supporters and opponents of the right to own guns are holding their breaths.

The Bill of Rights should not be viewed as a work in progress, a document whose sentences can be deleted and edited at the whim of special interest groups and self appointed experts. More than 200 years ago, states insisted it be created to make sure their rights would never be trampled on by an overly ambitious federal government. It is every bit as vital to the rights of America's citizens today.



ROLLING ALONG

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The ghost of John Wesley Hardin

Leon Metz of El Paso has written sixteen books about the Southwest. Some of them are about notorious folks like Billy the Kid and John Wesley Hardin. He works extremely hard while writing his books and tries to get inside the minds of the people he writes about. John Wesley Hardin gave him some trouble.

"I was pretty well into the life of John Wesley Hardin and gradually it began dawning on me that this guy was communicating with me," says Leon. "I felt as though he didn't like what I was writing about him."

Leon got to the point he was having trouble traveling. "I would be lying in my hotel bed at night and get the feeling that Hardin was in the room with me. He never spoke to me, but I could sense his presence. I began to have nightmares in which sometimes I would shake so violently that my wife would lay across me to keep me from falling out of bed."

He went to see his doctor who

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Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Ozona Stockman to announce their intentions to file as candidates for posts in the Nov. 7, 2000 general election.

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

State Representative
 Robert (Bob) Turner
 Pol. adv. pd. for by Committee to elect Bob Turner, 1907 12th St., Brownwood, TX 76801

News Reel

News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman

MAY 6, 1971

News Reel
 Jim Bob Bailey and Anne Tillman were named all-around winners in the senior and junior divisions respectively, of the Annual Crockett County 4-H Horse Show last Saturday.

News Reel
 Two Crockett County 4-H members, Melissa Zapata and Elaine Zapata, qualified to enter the State 4-H Food Show at Texas A&M in June when they were named district winners of their food groups at Stanton Saturday.

News Reel
 Next week will be the final week of school for the fifty-five seniors in the Class of 1971 at OHS.

News Reel
 Funeral services for Otho E. Rink, 72, father of Mrs. Mike Miller of Ozona, were held Saturday morning at 10:30 from Robert Massie Funeral Chapel in San Angelo.

News Reel
 Ozona High School cheerleaders were elected last week by next year's student body. Winning in the run-off Friday were Jan North, Jan Pelto, Gayla Cutright, and Mary Jo Hyde.

News Reel
 Gary Sutton of Ozona was co-

winner of the "Uncle Jim Crow" defensive award during Baylor spring training.

News Reel
 Mrs. J. M. Baggett is visiting relatives in Austin this week.

News Reel
 Mrs. Brock Jones and Mrs. Charles Black, Jr., left Tuesday for a tour of Europe.

NEWS REEL
MAY 7, 1941

News Reel
 Pat Mahon resigned this week as manager of the Crockett county Water Control and Improvement District. Buddy Moore has been hired to fill the vacancy.

News Reel
 Mrs. Bryan McDonald will head up the new slate of officers for the PTA during the coming year.

News Reel
 Miss Ruth Graydon, teacher of violin and piano, will present a group of pupils in a violin and piano recital in the Hillery Phillips home Sunday afternoon.

TxDOT approves individuals mowing/baling right-of-way forage

Austin - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said the Texas Department of Transportation has notified the Texas Department of Agriculture that farmers and ranchers who obtain written approval from TxDOT district offices can mow and bale vegetation on highway rights-of-way in Texas.

"With the miles of highway rights-of-way in Texas, this will be a help to livestock producers whose hay supplies are dwindling due to drought and supplemental feeding starting earlier than usual," Combs said. "We appreciate TxDOT's quick attention to this matter and in assisting our livestock industry."

In January, Combs requested TxDOT's approval for producers to mow and bale highway rights-of-way.

"In addition to providing forage for producers, the potential threat of wildfires is reduced by removing vegetation as a fuel source," Combs said. "And with the Texas Forest Service classifying most of the state in moderate to high wildfire danger, this is another important way to protect our agricultural lands from wildfires."

Producers interested in mowing and baling highway rights-of-way need to contact their district TxDOT office for written permission before any mowing or baling.

Mowing and baling is generally restricted to areas along rural roads

and other areas that do not create a safety hazard to travelers. The landowner immediately adjacent to the requested rights-of-way has the "right of first refusal" to mow and bale it.

Leon was in Austin one time doing some research on Hardin and after spending time in libraries he went back to his hotel. "It was about five in the afternoon and I'm surfing through the television channels and all of a sudden I had this cold feeling as if Hardin was in the room. I scared the daylights out of me. I didn't know what to do. I tried watching some television, reading, I tried looking out the window, I even prayed. Finally I just got out and walked the streets until about midnight at which time I was feeling a little better. I went back to the hotel, went to bed, slept pretty good, got up the next morning, jumped in my car and drove 600 miles back to El Paso."

Hardin was killed in the Hacienda Cafe in El Paso by deputy John Selman on August 19, 1895. He was 42 years old. On the 100th anniversary of Hardin's death, a historical group went to the Hacienda Cafe and created a re-enactment of Selman shooting Hardin in the back of the head. Leon narrated the story.

"We did it every hour on the hour for 8 hours, then at 9 o'clock at night we took everybody who was there to Hardin's grave in Concordia cemetery, had a drink of wine and wished him well on his way. On this particular day, I wasn't troubled at all by the ghost of John Wesley Hardin."

Leon's book, JOHN WESLEY HARDIN, DARK ANGEL OF TEXAS, was published about five years ago. Hardin's spirit, or whatever it was, bothered Leon for over a year. "Hardin did not begin to slack off until after the book was finished. Once the book was finished, he gradually began to recede into the background."

Leon is pretty well over the experience now, except he doesn't like to travel much.

NOTICE OF NO ELECTION

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSL COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with law, the School Board of Trustees, at their regular meeting on February 9, 2000, ordered an election to be held on May 6, 2000 for the purpose of electing a school board trustee for Single Member District No. 3, and Single Member District No. 4. No proposition was to appear on the ballot.

In 1995, the Texas Legislature amended the Election Code to permit the cancellation of an election if the candidates on the ballot are unopposed and no write-in candidates have filed to challenge them and if no proposition is to appear on the ballot. This new law is in Section 2.051-.054 of the Election Code.

On March 27, 2000 the Business Manager for the School District certified to the Board of Trustees that Veronica Tijerina had no opposing candidate for District No. 3, and Laurie Hale had no opposing candidate for District No. 4, and no write-in candidate had filed to be placed on a list of write-in candidates.

Therefore, by action of the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held April 18, 2000, the above-named unopposed candidates were declared elected to office. The Certification of Election, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, will be posted at the polling place on May 6, 2000.

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- April 27 - Food For Thought, Methodist Church, Noon - 1:30 p.m.
- April 29 - Friends of Library Book Sale, Hotel Ozona, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- May 1-6 - Library Book Sale Continues, Hotel Ozona 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- May 4 - Ozona Community Center Graduation, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- May 7 - Vintage Style Show, Crockett County Museum, 11 a.m.
- May 8 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg. 9 a.m.
- May 9 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 7 p.m.
- May 14 - OHS Baccalaureate, OHS Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- May 16 - Head Start Graduation, Civic Center 10 a.m.
- May 19 - Ozona Middle School Promotion Ceremony, OHS Auditorium, 1:45 p.m.
- May 19 - OHS Graduation, Lion Stadium, 8 p.m.
- May 19 - Project Graduation
- May 22-26 - Ozona Community Center "Camp Corral"
- May 27 - Ft. Lancaster Cemetery Cleanup, 9-4
- May 30-June 2 - Ozona Community Center "Camp Munchies"
- June - Friends of the Library Summer Childrens' Programs, Each Monday Morning
- June 5-9 - Ozona Community Center Camp Wild Things
- June 10 - Big Bad Billy Goat Bustin', Fairgrounds Arena
- June 12-16 - Ozona Community Center Camp Pow-Wow
- June 16-17 - World Championship Goat Roping
- June 17 - Goat Ropers Ball, With Eddie Raven, Featuring Brian Hankins and The Heat
- June 17-18 - Crockett County 4-H JMGA Sanctioned Cactus Classic Goat Show
- June 19-23 - Ozona Community Center Camp Buggie
- June 21 - Social Security Rep, Courthouse Annex, 10-11:30 a.m.
- June 26-30 - Ozona Community Center Camp Outer Space
- June 26 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Advertising for Rural Business, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
- July - Friends of the Library Summer Childrens' Programs, Each Monday Morning
- July 17-21 - Ozona Community Center Camp Tra La-La
- July 24 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Accounting Basics For Small Business, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 4-5 - Ozona Lions Club Jr. Rodeo
- Aug. 5 - 8th Annual David Crockett Birthday Festival, Town Square, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Aug. 5 - Friends of the Library Lawnmower Race (With Festival)
- Aug. 5 - David Crockett Trail Ride, Noon (With Festival)
- Aug. 6 - Jay Miller Memorial Roping
- Aug. 28 - Small Business Seminar w/ ASU-SBDC: Excellent Customer Service For Rural Businesses, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1 - Southwest Boer Goat Breeders Summer Classic Sale, Convention Center 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19-21 - TX Rural Development Council & Concho Valley RC&D Area Inc. Economic Development Project/Resource Team
- Sept. 21 - Town Meeting, Ozona Civic Center, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 25 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Marketing on the Internet, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 - Ft. Lancaster Annual Living History Special Event 9-4
- Oct. 14 - Pioneer Heritage Day, Crockett County Museum
- Oct. 23 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: The Business Plan: A Roadmap to Success, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 - Arts & Crafts Guild Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 11 - Ft. Lancaster Civil War Living History Day 9-4
- Dec. 1 - Christmas Lighting Ceremony by Ozona Woman's League
- Dec. 2 - 13th Annual DeerFest Wild Game Dinner, Fair Park Convention Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes

To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551 or contact Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

Crockett County Library News

by Louise Ledoux

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Crockett County Public Library will be having their Annual Book Sale beginning Saturday, April 29 and during the first week in May through Saturday, May 6, 2000. The sale will be held at the old Hotel Ozona on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with the sale, please call the Library at 392-3565. We have a great selection of books and materials this year, including best-selling fiction and nonfiction, old collectible books, children's books, Spanish books, and even books on cassette tape.

CCPL is now accepting donations for the sale. All donations are examined, and materials are added to the Library collection or placed in the sale to generate funds for new books and equipment for the Library. Here are some helpful hints before you bring in your used books, but don't feel limited to only these items We take all donations.

The Library Needs: Ozona telephone books 1950s or before; Materials about Ozona and Crockett County History - maps, family histories, clubs, businesses, churches, etc.; Ozona High School yearbooks (any year).

We Also Like: Books, paperbacks, records, cassette tapes published in the last five years; Recent bestsellers; Clean copies of "classic" titles; Readers Digest Condensed Books; Cookbooks.

About Tax Statements: If you need a receipt for tax deduction purposes, count the books you are donating. We give signed, dated receipts for the number of items, but we cannot access the value.

Now's the time to clean out those packed shelves, garages, closets and back rooms. Bring your donations to the Hotel Ozona. We do take donations during the sale, so visit often to see what's new. Come check it out.

Louise P. Ledoux
Crockett County Librarian

Ozona Woman's Forum News

The Woman's Forum met at the Crockett County Library on Tuesday, April 18, at 3:30 p.m. Twenty-six members and two guests were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that the balance of the club's account remained unchanged from the previous month.

Dorothy Montgomery, reporting for Vada Pridemore, project chair, read a report regarding various needs from the Senior Citizen's Center. Mrs. Montgomery moved, and it was seconded and approved that the Woman's Forum give \$500.00 to the Senior Citizen's Center.

President Jane Black welcomed the guests, Mary Perner Daniels and Helen Owensby, to the meeting.

Project Graduation was discussed and after motion made by Katharine Russell, and seconded, it was voted to give \$100.00 to the project this year.

Willa Perry, program chair for the upcoming club year, asked for suggestions for programs.

Mrs. Louise Ledoux, librarian, gave a talk about the expansion of the library and then gave a tour of the facility.

The next meeting will be held in the Crockett County Museum on Tuesday, May 16, when the new officers will be installed.

Ann Light
Recording Secretary, Reporting

**Stefny Sutton
bride-elect of
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Revival planned for First Baptist

Rev. Jim Hancock, former pastor of First Baptist Church from 1967-69, will lead revival services here April 30-May 3. Rev. Barry Owens, minister of music from Crescent Park Baptist Church in Odessa will direct music.

Evening services are scheduled for Sunday at 6:00 and on Monday through Wednesday at 7:00.

Bro Jim has served Second Baptist in Odessa and First Baptist Church in Canyon, becoming Director of Missions, Caprock-Plains Baptist Area, Plainview 1993-95, and Director of Missions, Lubbock Baptist Association, Lubbock 1995-99, when he retired for reasons of health. He serves the Lord now, preaching for churches when their pastor must be absent, in revivals and as interim pastor.

On Sunday, April 30, following morning services the First Baptist Church youth will host an all-church dinner in Hoover Hall. Donations will be used for the youngsters to attend church camp at Glorieta, NM. The youth will furnish the meat and everyone else is asked to bring vegetables, salads or desserts.

Bro. Jim will lead in Bible study at noon Monday through Wednesday with meals provided by the hospital-ity committee. All are invited to come hear Bro. Jim and Barry as they lead in the noontime service.

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as they lead in the noontime service.

The youth of First Baptist Church will be having a pot luck luncheon after the revival services on **Sunday morning, April 30**. Donations will be used for the kids to attend church camp at Glorieta, New Mexico. The youth will furnish the meat and everyone else is asked to bring vegetables, salads or desserts.

Care Center Chatter

Top bingo winners for last week were Lillie Belle Halydier and Manuel Ibarra.

Monday afternoon Nancy Mossman had Bible study in the day room for our residents. Each resident received palm leaves from Nancy.

Wednesday afternoon residents enjoyed the local band, Len Hillman, Otis Nester and Waldo Rivero. The local band is a very popular activity. Our main lobby is full with visitors and residents.

Thursday morning Jo Ann Williamson, Kay Baker, Carol Adcock, Alena Faye Hokit and Barbara Howell volunteer for beauty shop for our residents and update residents on current events about town. Thank you, ladies.

Thursday afternoon residents enjoyed a visit from Jo and Stacy Davis during exercise. Stacy is the granddaughter of Francis Flanagan. Stacy was celebrating her first birthday by entertaining our residents with her dancing.

Our garage sale will be May 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and May

6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

I need at least a two week notice for activities outside or inside the care center as our activities are planned in advance.

Daughters of the care center mothers will host the Mother's Day party May 12 at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to help, you may contact me or Glenda Henderson.

Residents who have birthdays for the month of May are Alvin Jenson, Jeff Owens, Jessie McCarey, Ruth Nelson, Manuel Ibarra and Anne Parker.

A huge thanks goes to Commissioner Freddie and Pat Nicks for the cookies for the Easter party and Janet Hill-McDaniel for the beautiful cake for our Volunteer Appreciation Day and the cupcakes for our Easter party.

On Friday morning residents had their Easter egg hunt. Prizes were donated by Westerman Drug and Village Drug. Thank you.

Prize egg winners were Mary Flournoy, Francis Flanagan and Bea Beckett. Neva Palmer had 32 eggs and Manuel Ibarra had 23 from the Easter egg hunt.

Staff Easter egg hunt winners were: nursing staff Ginny Everett, dietary Jennifer Villarreal and house-keeping Inez Ortiz.

The Friday afternoon Easter party was on the front porch. Punch, cookies and cupcakes were served. The party was enjoyed by all.

Education is...hanging around until you've caught on.

-Robert Frost

To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by [a series of] many convincing demonstrations [unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs], appearing to them during forty days and loathing [to them] about the things of the kingdom of God.
(10) And while they were gazing intently into heaven as he went, behold, two men [dressed in white robes] suddenly stood beside them.
Acts 1: 3,10 (Amplified Version)

Card of Thanks

The family of Justin Caleb Browne would like to thank everyone for all their love, support, and prayers. We want to express how grateful we are for all the beautiful flowers, plants, cards and memorials that were sent to the church and to the home. We can't tell you how helpful and wonderful all the food was and we thank you so very much. We would like to thank the church, the pastors, the choir, the special music, everyone who helped with the luncheon and all the people who came to express their sorrow, love, and support. We could not have made it through the past two weeks without all of the wonderful friends that have been here for us. We will never be able to express how grateful we are to all of you. Justin was our beautiful precious child who touched so many lives and we thank you all for showing us how special he was to you. Justin Browne scholarship memorials can be sent to Box 1476, Ozona, TX 76943.

Obituaries

April 26 rites for Mrs. Vargas

Maria DeHoyos Vargas, 58, of Ozona died at 10:48 on April 24, 2000, at the Crockett County Care Center.

She was born Nov. 25, 1941, in Ozona to the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Zapopan DeHoyos. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Ercilia Tambunga, her brother Onecimo (Oleo) DeHoyos, and a son, Sammy Vargas Jr.

She was a Catholic and belonged to various organizations such as Crusillistas, Guadalupanas, St. Jose, and was a CCD teacher and leader in some of the posadas.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel G. Vargas of Ozona; two brothers, Thomas DeHoyos and wife Alda of Ozona, Hector DeHoyos Sr. and wife Adela of Sterling Ciy; one son, Santiago Vargas of Ozona; and four daughters, Imelda Robledo and husband Armando of San Angelo;

Melissa Vargas and husband Manuel, Marisa Rebelez and Joe and Irma Alba and husband Noe, all of Ozona.

She had 11 grandchildren and numerous nephew and nieces; two stepsons, Larry Martinez and wife Janie of Del Rio and Ray Vargas of Ozona.

Wake will be at the Thomas and Alda DeHoyos residence. Funeral services will be at 4:00 p.m. on April 26 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Lima Cemetery under the direction of Freddy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be: Orlando DeHoyos, Ricky DeHoyos, Rene Tambunga Jr., Roland DeHoyos, Blas Perez and Gabriel Longoria Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Michael Vargas, Romeo Perez Jr., Raul Arredondo, Tommy DeHoyos, Adriann DeHoyos and Lalo Longoria.



BEA BECKETT received the "Easter Egg Grand Prize" along with residents Mary Flournoy and Francis Flanagan
Submitted Photo

Levis and Lace Club holds Easter dance

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club held an Easter dance at the Comfort Inn on April 22 that any Easter bunny would have envied. Dyed and decorated Easter eggs were part of the fun fare consumed by all the dancers.

John Geen from San Angelo called the dance assisted by Skip Miller, recent graduate from caller school. Skip will be a great asset to the Texas State Callers Association as his calls are easy to understand and dance to. He has a great singing voice and has won honors singing with *The Tonemen* from San Angelo.

Happy Birthday was sung to Raul De La Rosa and granddaughter Emily Rodriguez from Odessa. All present joined in the rendition and wished them many more great birthdays. As we all know, Raul is only 39 (and holding). Sarah Rodriguez, another of Raul and Maria's granddaughters, en-

tertained everyone with her rendition of "Homeward Bound". She sang this very beautifully acapella.

Nora Geen, wife of John, taught a new line dance called "Chaka, Chaka" to all interested dancers. Many other line dances were practiced between tips.

Thursday night, April 27, will be graduation for the students and will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Crockett County Care Center for all the residents' enjoyment. This will be a real treat for all the residents as they have never had a chance to watch a square dance graduation before.

The next dance will be held May 27 with Tracey Dowell, well-known caller from McCaulley, doing the calling. He and his wife, Charlotte, make the dances a super fun time for everyone.

Carol Adcock reporting

Rural development/financing seminar planned for Brady

A free rural development and financing seminar will be held May 10 at the Brady Middle School Cafeteria on Hwy. 190 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Small businesses, agri-businesses, producers, manufacturers, farmers and ranchers are encouraged to attend. Topics covered include federal and state assistance programs, business planning, financing and mar-

keting. Lenders will be available to discuss your needs.

The seminar is presented by the U. S. Small Business Administration, Texas Department of Agriculture, the McCulloch County Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center.

For more information or to register, call 915-597-1295 by May 5.

To Seek the Lord

by Dr. Dennis Prutow

People inevitably have questions. Why are we here? What is the meaning of life? Some scientists, the X-Files, and movies like Mission to Mars tell us we descended from aliens. As far as these folks are concerned, the thought of God is alien.

Oddly, these individuals often long to penetrate the supernatural. Scientific materialists probe the paranormal and hunger for extra-normal spirituality. The yearning exists in their hearts because God exists. "That which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them" (Romans 1:19).

The Bible also gives us reasons for being. Here is one of them. It relates to God. "He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God" (Acts 17:26-27). Why did God place us on the earth? God put us here so that we would seek Him.

We don't fulfill this purpose as we should. God often uses extreme measures so we will. David prays about people who regard God as alien. "Pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your storm. Fill their faces with dishonor, that they may seek Your name, O Lord" (Psalm 83:16-17). We encounter storms, real and emotional, to get us thinking, praying, and seeking

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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 Corner of Secretariat & Man 'O War Pastor Bernardo Solis Sunday School: 9:45 a.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.	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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Letter to the Editor

Scotty and Linda,
Thank you so much for all the great publicity you gave us on our festival. We really appreciate it and all the help you give us during the year. You help keep our club dancing and that means a lot to us.
Sincerely,
Levis and Lace Square Dance Club, Leroy and Carol



CELIA WEST was bestowed the "Horticultural Excellence" award for this gorgeous lily at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show held in the Civic Center April 20. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*



JONEL STOKES brought home the "Horticultural Excellence" award for her Madagascar palm and also received the horticultural sweepstakes award at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*



MARY JO MASON received an "Award of Merit" ribbon at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show for her orchids. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

Ozona Garden Club News

by Charlotte Harrell

The Ozona Garden Club presented its annual flower show at the Ozona Civic Center on Thursday, April 20, from 4-6 p.m. Despite a brief rain and hail storm the night before, there were many excellent horticulture entries, and the imaginative floral design entries submitted were, of course, unaffected by the weather. Chris Beckham was chairman of the Flower Show Committee, and Debi Hamilton was her co-chairman. This year's theme was "A Creative Escape," judged by Inez Boyd, Alma Fecher, and Irene Meitzen, all of San Angelo.

Mary Jo Mason won the Sweepstakes Award, having won the largest number of awards in the flower show. She received the Tricolor Award for her entry in the "Rain Forest" category, and she received the Designer's Choice Award for her entry in the "Wash Day Blues" category. Her Phalaenopsis orchid "Elaine" received the Award of Merit.

Ella Clegg is to be congratulated for receiving the First Award in the Special Award category (a special class for novice designer's only) for her entry, "Less is More." Charlotte Harrell, Jerri Lynn Pierce, and Cheryl Whitesides also entered designs in this category.

Chris Beckham received the First Award for her "Honey I Shrank It All" entry. Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, and Marge Smith also entered designs in this category.

Marolyn Bean received the First Award for her "Easter Parade" entry. Chris Beckham, Camille Jones, Dorothy Montgomery, and Carmen Sutton also entered designs in this category.

Mary Jo Mason received the First Award for her "Wash Day Blues" entry. Sue Burns, Ella Clegg, and Jan Van Shoubrouck also entered designs in this category.

Marolyn Bean received the First Award for her "Millennium Memories" entry. Chris Beckham, Jerri Lynn Pierce, and Carmen Sutton also entered designs in this category.

Jerri Lynn Pierce received the First Award for her "Radical Energy" entry. Debi Hamilton, Marge Smith, and Jo Nel Stokes also entered designs in this category.

Mary Jo Mason received the First Award for her "Rain Forest" entry. Debi Hamilton, Virginia Hubbard, and Dorothy Montgomery also entered designs in this category.

In the horticulture division, Carmen Sutton received the Flower Show Award for her "Judy Fischer" miniature roses. Celia West received the Award of Merit for her "Taco Supreme" iris and the Horticulture Excellence Award for her hybrid Asiatic lily. Marolyn Bean received the Arboreal Award for her Pittisporum tobica variegata. JoNel Stokes received the Award of Merit and the Flower Show Award for her Madagascar palm euphoria. Chris Beckham received the Collector's Showcase Award for her pea family collection.

This year's special exhibits included Camille Jones' herb collection as well as floral arrangements by Baskets & More and Petals & Pearls. Crockett County Extension Service

Agent, Miles Dabovich, presented a display of pictures and materials entitled "Suggested Native Plants for Landscaping." Carmen Sutton presented "Scenic Beauty in Europe," a collection of photographs from her family's trip to Europe last year.

In the middle of a sleepless night, it occurred to me that some might be interested in just how a flower show is judged. For the past two years, I have served as one of three clerks who follow the judges and take notes on their comments. The role of a clerk is to listen, remain silent, but be on hand to answer any questions, should the judges have them. Clerks are never to offer an opinion though, of course, they have them.

According to the judges, Ozona always presents an excellent flower show. All of the entries are outstanding. However, they then realize that they've driven many miles to decide on the winners of the show. These polite, genteel and knowledgeable gurus of flower show design then hunker down and begin comparing the entries in each category against one another. I have gleaned that flower show judging isn't an exact science. The judges often disagree about the fine points of an arrangement. For instance, some tolerate traditionalism whereas others are definitely avant-garde. Not one iota of a design escapes their attention.

Here in no special order are comments overheard: top not good, needs more height, design not very good, good color in background, rocks good, strong lines, beautiful background well organized, yellows agree, dramatic, great frame, pointed leaf takes eye off design, simple but dramatic, not good use of height vs. background, two flowers compete with two circles, lacks design, birds need freedom, interesting container, blue too intense for other colors, less black at bottom otherwise design has fluid motion, too parallel, components compete with flowers, good fresh flowers, good imagination, too much bare stem, bottom flower could be raised and turned toward other flowers. Judge one, takes a quick break to put on more comfortable shoes.

The judging resumes: marble base gorgeous, leaf could extend over hat, hat dominates the design, arrangement could come out of hat, too perfect, basket under glass container bothersome, balance good, light and airy, need something over lip of container, base looks too heavy. Judges two and three also break to put on more comfortable shoes. The judging continues: loves bubbles, well integrated but sculpture almost predominates, gather up base cloth some, wilted plant material needs water, color okay, minimal plant material, papier mache head good idea, good sculpture but not too Easterly, great design, good contrast, put Easter colors on background, what does this note about Gertrude (Stein) and Georgia [O'Keefe] mean?, sculptural design not well placed, needs some green leaves, fantastic lighting. Two of the judges now remove their shoes entirely.

To continue the judging: more shrinking maybe, great material,



MARY JO MASON was awarded the "Designer's Choice" ribbon for her winning entry in the Washday Blues category of the Ozona Garden Club Flower show. She also was selected for the "Tri-Color Award" ribbon and won the sweepstakes award for design. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

smaller container could be smaller for more dramatic feeling, stems could have been painted yellow for striking effect, red and green very pleasing but not very interesting, third color would add pizzazz, containers too aligned, very creative, needs taller background, doesn't need tiny container, flowers look like two eyes, variation of texture good, very unusual, theme not discernable, knots and color good, flat design, use stronger flower, exceptional, perfect placement, this one would be better than the other one except the flower droops, maybe stronger wood, so clever, flowers should have been less, great idea but flowers are not placed creatively, too forward.

After the judging ended, several of us were gathered around one design, in which the judge's notes described the flowers as turgid. None of us could remember for sure just what "turgid" meant. At home I consulted Webster's and found this definition: swollen; distended beyond its natural state; inflated; bombastic or pompous. How could such an ominous adjective be applied to a little bunch of innocent flowers by such a nice lady? I still don't know if the judge who wrote that intended to use another word or if she still hadn't removed her shoes! Guess judges have feet of clay like the rest of us.

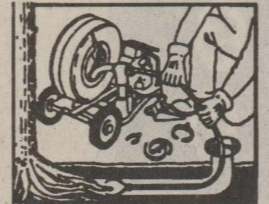
The following members of the Ozona Garden Club participated in the flower show and thank all who came to view our efforts: Marolyn Bean, Chris Beckham, Sue Burns, Ella Clegg, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Virginia Hubbard, Camille Jones, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Marge Smith, JoNel Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouck, Celia West, Cheryl Whitesides, Grace Williams, and Jonesy Williams.



CHRIS BECKHAM won the "Collector's Sweepstakes" ribbon for her pea family collection at the Ozona Garden Club Flower Show held April 20 in the Civic Center. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

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Soil and Water Conservation District marks 50th Anniversary

By Stephen Zuberbueler
District Conservatoinist

The first step was taken by a group of Crockett County ranchers to form a soil conservation district in this county in the winter of 1949. A petition signed by 51 ranchers seeking an election to determine the sentiment among all landowners was submitted to the State Soil Conservation Board by County Agent William Bergfeld. The State Board then set a public hearing for Jan. 10, 1950, to further inform the public of the proposed formation of the soil conservation district. Following the public hearing an election was set for March 10, 1950. Forty-five people cast votes at the election with 42 in favor and 3 against. A certificate of organization was issued from the Secretary of State's office on April 25, 1950, certifying that the Crockett Soil Conservation District #235 had been duly organized as a governmental subdivision of this State and a public body corporate and politic.

For the purpose of giving legal status to the district while in the formation stage, two directors were

named by the State Conservation Board. The two directors were Ralph Jones and T. A. Kincaid Jr. The final steps in the organization of the District was to elect the remaining three members to the Board of Directors and prepare a program and plan of work. The three men elected to comprise the first board of directors of the Crockett Soil Conservation District were Troy Williams, R. A. Harrell, and L. B. Cox Jr. T. A. Kincaid Jr. was elected as the first chairman, R. A. Harrell was named as vice chairman, and Ralph Jones, secretary.

All of these procedures were met because the landowners of Crockett County were concerned about the deterioration of the rangeland in the county. This board of directors prepared the first program and plan of work for the District. One basic objective was to convince all those who use or manage land, that America's future depends on the use of each acre of land within its capabilities. The District will bring to the landowners and operators the needed technical information and assistance of State and Federal agencies designed to assist agriculture through a cooperative planning program. Therefore, the United State Department of Agriculture placed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) here in Ozona to assist the District in carrying out its conservation programs.

All of the objectives of the District established in 1950 are still in place today. New concepts, methods, and programs for conservation have been developed through the years and are available to the District. One important aspect of the District is that all phases of assistance are completely voluntary. The current board of directors is Earl Acton as chairman, Larry Williams as vice chairman, Pleas Childress III as secretary and members are Paul Perner III and Jack Baggett Jr. Past members of the board include Charles E. Davidson Jr., Bill Clegg, Dick Henderson, Fred Hagelstien, W. R. Baggett Jr., Charles



AUG. 23, 1956, RANCHERS FROM CROCKETT COUNTY inspect work done by root plowing and seeding with blue panic and buffel grasses on the Dolph Brisco Ranch near Carrizo Springs. Pictured are: R. A. Harold, Jack Wilkins, Roy Henderson, Boyd Clayton, Bob Scott, Cap West, John Childress, Dick Ketchem, Dick Henderson, Bob Bissett and G. T. Rode.

submitted photo

E. Davidson III, Joe Couch, Gene Perry, Donald Hoover, and Steve Wilkins. Along with the original board of directors, all of these men have been dedicated to the conservation of our natural resources.

One of the most important projects completed by the District was the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Project work on Johnson and Gurley Draws. After a disastrous flood occurred in June of 1954, resulting in the loss of 17 lives, the District and the Crockett County Commission-

ers Court co-sponsored an upstream watershed protection project in the area above Ozona. Seven dams were constructed along with two miles of channel improvement through town. The sponsors have the responsibility for the operations and maintenance of all works of improvement on the watershed. These dams have prevented several minor floods and are designed to prevent the occurrence of a flood such as the one in 1954.

The Crockett Soil and Water Con-

servation District #235 celebrates its 50th Anniversary by thanking all of the landowners, businesses, organizations, and agencies for their past and present support. No person, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Crockett County Soil Conservation Service File Photo

Twice a widow or widower? Higher Social Security benefits could be in your future

By Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager

While visiting a senior adult center, a 70-year-old woman told me she had been widowed twice - once at age 48 and 18 years later at age 66. When her second husband died, Social Security automatically converted higher spouse's benefits to widow's benefits based on his record. I asked her permission to check her file to determine whether she could be receiving a higher benefit on her first husband's record.

Sure enough, because her first husband had a higher earnings record, we advised her to file a new claim. As a result, her benefits were immediately increased.

When a spouse dies, Social Security's practice is to automatically convert the spouse's benefit to a widow or (widower) benefit based on the deceased spouse's record. The conversion letter suggests the person should contact Social Security if she or he had been a widow or widower from a previous marriage. In some cases, the surviving spouse may be eligible for a higher benefit based on the previous spouse's record. Unfortunately, some people who may be eligible for the higher benefit do not contact us.

Some divorced women and men also may be eligible for benefits based on a deceased ex-spouse's record if the marriage had lasted at least 10 years.

Information about survivors benefits is available by contacting the San Angelo Social Security office, calling the Social Security toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and by visiting this website: www.ssa.gov.

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DPS Trooper Kevin Wright

Wright new DPS trooper

Trooper Kevin Wright began work in Crockett County April 16, shortly after completing academy training in Austin.

Originally from Houston, Wright calls Stephenville home. He is a 1995 graduate of Tarleton State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Before entering the DPS Academy, he was employed three years by the Stephenville Police Department, two years as a patrol officer with one year of assignment to the narcotics task force.

Wright's parents reside in Stephenville and his brother lives in Houston.

The girls' game began at 1:00

One vehicle roll-over injures David Ridgeway of Big Lake

David Ray Ridgeway of Big Lake was banged up but not seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident in Crockett County April 21. The wreck occurred at 9:35 a.m. 2 1/2 miles northwest of Ozona near the Hwy. 137 and 190 interchange.

Ridgeway was eastbound on Hwy. 190 when he reached for something in the pickup. When he looked away from the highway, he ran off the south side of the road onto the sloped shoulder. Unable to correct, the 1996 Ford slid sideways off the north side of the road and rolled over one-half time.

Cpl. Ben English of the DPS

praised the fire department and EMS for an outstanding job. They responded as quickly as anyone could have, English said.

He also praised the use of the Jeep as a first responder vehicle. "This is great," English said. "All of them do a really good job."

Fire marshal Steve Kenley estimated that the first responder arrived at the wreck 10 minutes ahead of the ambulance.

"We've always had a first responder," Kenley said. "We've just never before had a vehicle and been able to keep the emergency equipment in it."



EMS PERSONNEL take care of their patient at the scene of an April 21 auto accident. Pictured is the first responder vehicle. photo by Steve Kenley

Lady Starz win in San Angelo

Ten of the 12 Ozona Lady Starz were present to play against the San Angelo Lady Raiders April 22. The score at the end of the game was 30 to 24 with Ozona gaining the victory.

"The girls were very excited and happy because all their hard work was put into practice and they prevailed," said Rita Rios, coach for the Starz.

The high scorer of the game was Malorie Moran with 12 points. Ali Bean scored six, Chelsea Tobar made four, Mandy Fierro, Victoria Miller and Kayla Pratt made two points and Allison Skehan and Tyler Cunningham contributed one each. The other players were Lori Lozano and Kerri Mendez. Unable to attend were Jessica Moore and Chawna Tambunga.

The girls' game began at 1:00

p.m. at Lee Junior High School. They were also introduced at the opening ceremony, which took place at 3:30 p.m. at Central High School.

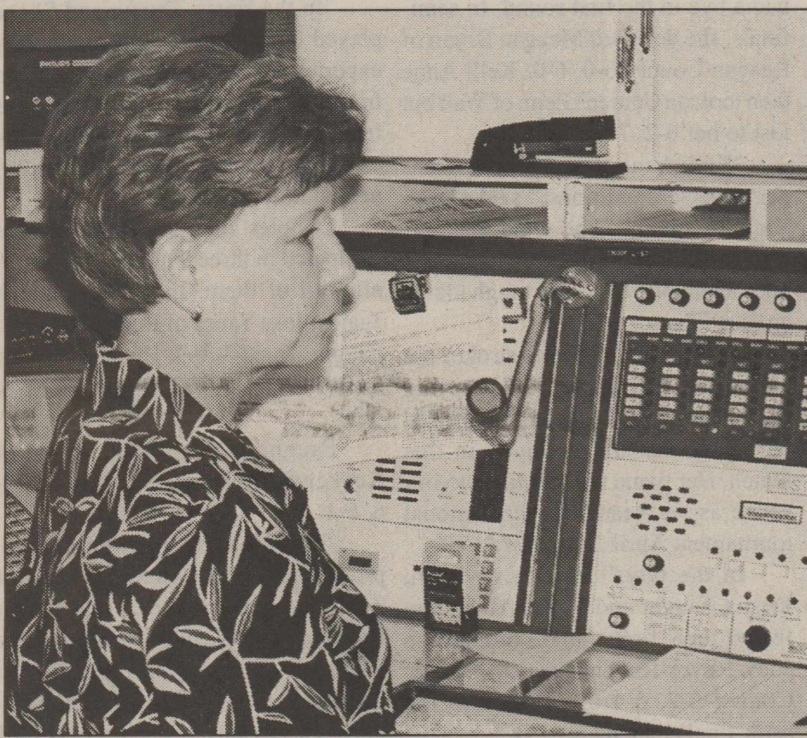
The coach and the Lady Starz 6th grade team would like to thank all the parents for taking them to practices and the games that are played in San Angelo every Saturday. Thank you also to the fans for showing your support and encouraging the girls.

The games will end on Saturday, May 20. The Starz' next game will be Saturday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Lee Junior High Gym. The game will be against the Super Sonics from Sonora.

Everyone is welcome to go and watch the girls play. Go and cheer for the youngsters of Crockett County and let them know you are behind them all the way.



CPL. BEN ENGLISH of the DPS investigates a rollover accident north of Ozona. Olympus 2500L Digicam photo by Scotty Moore



Judith Justiss - DPS Dispatcher

Justiss new dispatcher at DPS

The voice of Judith Justiss is the newest one heard from the Department of Public Safety's communications radio. Justiss began work as DPS dispatcher March 1. In addition to her on the job training, she will attend various schools in Austin for continuing education units.

"I'm excited to be working out here," said Justiss. "People here and family and friends are very supportive."

Formerly employed in the bookkeeper/comptroller field, she enjoys golf, reading, listening to classical music and singing in the church choir. She is a member of the board of Crockett County Museum and Ozona United Methodist Church.

Born in Fort Pierce, FL, Justiss says she came to Texas as a one-year-

old and is the only member of her family not born in Texas. She grew up along the Gulf Coast, graduated from a Jackson, MS, high school and moved to Odessa the next day.

Judith Justiss is the mother of three children and grandmother to four. Her son Jay makes his home in Dallas, daughter Kathleen Edinburgh is a resident of Ozona and Jennifer Beasley is in San Angelo.

See archeology in action at laboratory

The Texas Historical Commission invites Texans to visit the Public Archeology Laboratory in Victoria.

Visitors can watch archeologists at work as they clean and analyze artifacts from the THC's excavation of Fort St. Louis, the first European colony in Texas, and the Spanish presidio, La Bahia. The excavation is on private property near Victoria and is not open to the public, so the Public Archeology Laboratory is a great way to experience the latest developments in the investigation.

The lab features exhibits containing artifacts from Fort St. Louis and La Bahia, including the eight iron cannons that led archeologists to the site. Visitors can view video footage of archeologists conducting field work and track their progress through a photo-

graph display. The lab also features artifacts and information about the THC's 1996-97 excavation of the Belle, French explorer La Salle's ill-fated flagship.

The lab is located at 113 West Santa Rosa in downtown Victoria and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To schedule a group tour, contact the lab's education coordinator, Maureen Brown, at 361-570-1356.

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Ozona Head Start for Children will have a trike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Research Hospital Thursday, April 27.

Youngsters will be riding their bikes and tricycles around the county park from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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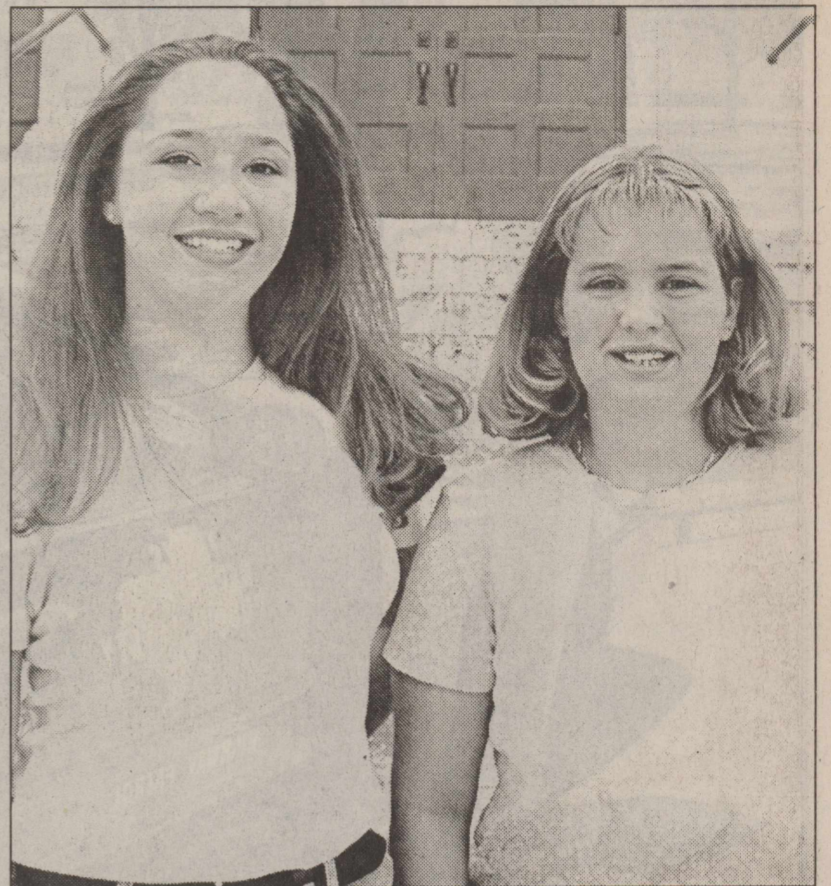
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THE OHS LION AND LADY LION TRACK AND FIELD REGIONAL QUALIFIERS are: (l. to r.) Dustin Faught, Josh Tambunga, Martin Sanchez, Tammy Alvarez, Codi Richardson, Kristen Tambunga and Laken Villarreal. Not pictured are Ken Sessom and Cade Clark. DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway

All District 8-2A Lady Lion Golfers



OHS LADY LION GOLFERS AMANDA CARSON AND AMY KING (r.) have been selected for the 8-2A All District girls golf team.

Ozona regional tennis qualifiers participate in Big Lake meet

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

and Faught/Albers advanced to the finals. There they lost to Ward/Falcon of Crane 7-6, (7-4), 6-1.

The Lady Lions and Lions' regional tennis qualifiers were in Big Lake to compete in the Reagan County Regional Qualifiers Tennis Meet April 22.

In girls' singles, Kelli Anne Goble had a bye in the first round. In semi-finals, she defeated Meagan Bryan of Reagan County 6-0, 6-0. Kelli Anne then took on Caitlen Glenn of Wall but lost to her 6-2, 7-5.

"Kelli Anne played very well under adverse conditions," said Coach Rick Bachman. "The wind was terrible but she kept her composure, and once again played a very tough match against Glenn."

"Kelli Anne's ground strokes are extremely solid, and she is improving her net game daily. I was impressed with the way she volleyed in this match. Her game will continue to improve as we head into the regional tournament April 26 and 27."

In the boys' doubles division, Dustin Faught and Shane Albers defeated their first round competition Joey Reyes/Ruben Sosa of Reagan County 6-2, 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals match.

Number one seeds Chopra/Hawkins of Monahans failed to show,

"I was totally pleased with our first round victory over Reagan County as both boys played great doubles," said Coach Bachman. "We returned serve very well, put away our volleys and were very aggressive."

"In the finals, Dustin and Shane played up to the challenge of a very experienced and solid doubles team from Crane. The experience we gained from this match should be beneficial as we participate in the regional tournament this week."

Doubles alternate Derek Faught competed in three dual matches, winning all of them. In his first match against Jose Yanez of Reagan County, Faught won 6-1, 6-2. He then took on Lane Puckitt of Wall to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Faught also cruised past Matt Kuykendall of Reagan County 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. "Derek Faught continues to improve his match toughness as he went 3-0 in the dual matches," said Coach Bachman. "These matches have given Derek an opportunity to continue to play at an advanced level of competition. He has played some very skilled players in the last two weeks and has not been beaten."

Ozona competes in Wall Regional Qualifiers Meet

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Several of Ozona's student athletes were in Wall April 20 to com-

Wall Hawks edge past Lions 10-9

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions got off to a great start here April 18 against Wall with Kenny Vargas ripping a double into left field, then going on to third on a throwing error. Vargas then rounded home plate on a passed ball for the Lions' first run to lead the Hawks in the first inning.

In the second inning, Ernie Hernandez got on base by an error from the Hawks' shortstop. Hernandez advanced to second on a wild pitch and on to third by a passed ball before finally running to home plate for the Lions' second run of the game.

The Lions had one hit and four runs in the third inning. Lalo Garza was first up to bat for the Lions in the bottom of the third with a walk to first. Next up was Vargas who also walked to first, moving Garza to second. Peter Rodriguez walked to first on a full count.

With the bases loaded, Tim Maldonado hit a single, sending Garza home, Vargas to third and Rodriguez to second while safely reaching first. Hernandez came back up to bat and was hit by a ball, sending him to first and bringing Vargas home.

Vargas made his second run of the game as Hernandez stole second base, advancing Rodriguez to third with Rodriguez and Hernandez both running in to lead the Hawks 6-0 at the beginning of the fourth inning.

This inning was an eye-opener for

the Hawks who scored four runs to narrow the Lions' lead 4-6.

Up to bat in the fourth for the Lions was Able Rodriguez who hit a single up the right centerfield to get on base. Garza had a walk to get on first, moving Rodriguez to second. Vargas then advanced to first on a walk, sending Rodriguez to third, Garza to second and Vargas to first.

With bases loaded, Rodriguez waited for precise timing to reach home safely and score the Lions' seventh run.

Hawk McClintock ripped off a triple and made it back home several plays later to score another run for the Hawks.

The Lions scored two more runs in the fifth. Maldonado hit the ball to the shortstop who made a throwing error with Maldonado getting on base. Quay Oglesby then knocked down a double, advancing to second and Maldonado to third. Abel Rodriguez hit a single, sending Maldonado home to score a run and Oglesby home for the other run.

The Lions led the Hawks 9-5 at the top of the sixth inning.

In the sixth, the Hawks started ripping off hits, managing to score a whopping five runs to edge past the Lions by one run, 10-9.

The Hawks' sealed the Lions' fate, holding Ozona for the remaining of the game. The Hawks had their final run scored in the seventh inning to win the game by edging past the Lions 11-9.

pete in the Wall Regional Qualifiers Track and Field Meet.

Josh Tambunga competed in the 1600m run, placing third, and in the 3200m run, coming in fifth.

Martin Sanchez competed in the pole vault.

Codi Richardson was second in the 400m run. Laken Villarreal came in third in the 1600m run in a time of

5:56 and fourth in the 3200m run with a 13:10. Kristen Tambunga competed in the 200m run and Tammy Alvarez in the discus.

Cade Clark did not compete in the Wall meet on Thursday; however he traveled to Iraan on Friday to compete in the qualifiers' meet. Due to lack of competitors for the meet, Cade practiced the pole vault.

Broncos gallop past the Lions 6-1

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions lost to Sonora 6-1 in baseball play April 20 in Sonora.

The Lions held the Broncos to no runs in the first three innings. Lion Lalo Garza scored a run in the third inning.

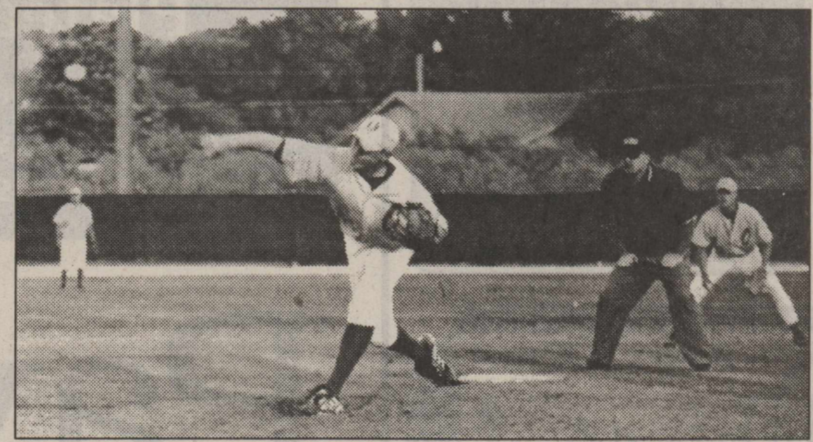
The fourth inning proved to be more than the Lions could handle as the Broncos scored five runs off five hits.

The Broncos held the Lions throughout the game, allowing no more runs, while the Broncos added

another run in the sixth inning, Sonora galloped past the Lions to win the game 6-1.

Quay Oglesby pitched for five innings with Kenny Vargas pitching the last two innings. Tim Maldonado made the only Ozona hit in the game, a single in the fourth inning.

Starting lineup for the Lions was: Kenny Vargas, Peter Rodriguez, Ray Ramos, Tim Maldonado, Ernie Hernandez, Quay Oglesby, Koby Fenton, Lalo Garza, and Luis Cruz. Substitutions were Daniel Landin, Dominique Perez, J. T. Lara and Alex Onofre.



QUAY OGLESBY pitches in the Lions bout with Wall. Photo by Stephen Zuberbuehler

Rodeo team competes in Ft. Stockton

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

J. R. Medina of Sheffield was ninth. Rocksprings' Renn Rudasill was second in goat tying and Kendra Jones of Sonora came in fifth. Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado finished eighth in poles and Kimber Bean took 10th.

The Ozona High School rodeo team competed in Fort Stockton April 15.

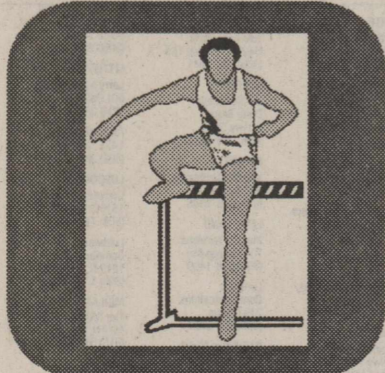
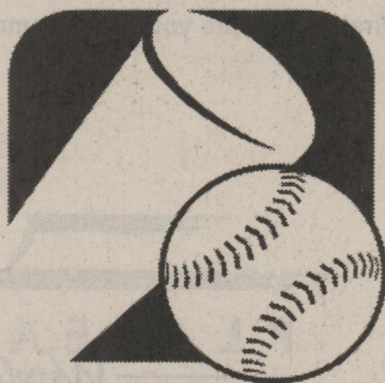
Results follow. Kimber Bean placed 10th in barrels and Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado was 12th. Will Schneeman of Big Lake placed first and Ty Allen captured second place in cutting horse competition. Kimber was second in breakaway.

Thomas Schenkel of Sonora took second in calf roping. Joe Bill Carpenter of Rocksprings placed eighth and

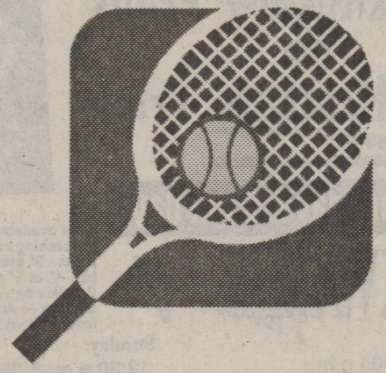
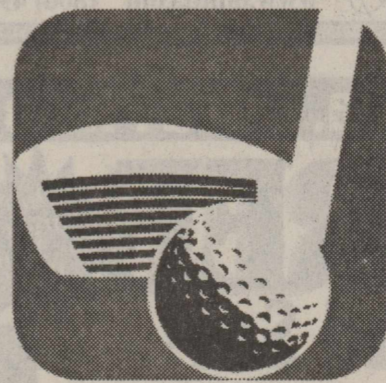
In team roping, Thomas Schenkel of Sonora and his partner, G. L. Bunger, came in second place. Colby Schneeman and JoJo Lemand of Big Lake placed fifth. Cory Lloyd of Eldorado and Stetson Hall of Sonora took seventh. Trey Hale and Cole Wadsworth finished ninth. Cade Clark and Ryan Bean placed 11th and Ty Allen and J. R. Medina of Sheffield placed 13th.

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THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE OHS BAND are proud to have earned Division I rating in the concert portion of the band contest held April 19 in Coleman. They are: (back row, l. to r.) Terry Davis, Miriam Gonzales, Michelle Camarillo, Robert Quiroz, Thomas Mossman, Daniel Gonzales, Eric Ten Eyck and Daniel Landin. Front row: Ernie Hernandez, Margo Sanchez, Pricella Tambunga, Jaline Smith and Amanda Hightight.

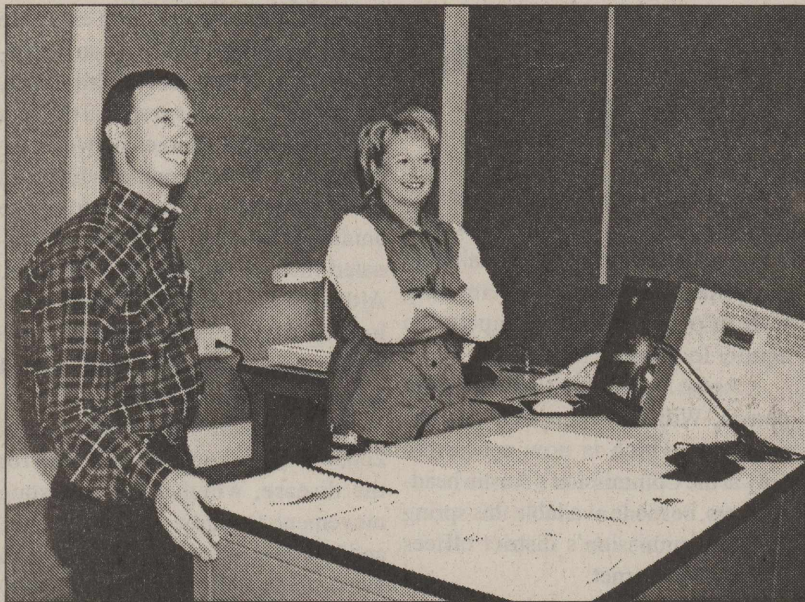


THE COMMUNITY WAS INVITED to attend a Distance Learning Showcase April 19 in the high school library. All 12 video sites within Region XV were linked to demonstrate the capabilities of the distance learning and teleconferencing classroom. Pictured are: (front l. to r.) assistant superintendent Ted Cotton, primary school principal Bob Lacey, primary school computer coordinator Julia Holmes, Elaine Castro, (back) Vickie Davis and Sue Ellen Crawford.

Video Showcase Day at Ozona High School connected video sites at Bronte, Brownwood, ESC Region XV, Grape Creek, Mason, Menard, Ozona, San Felipe Del Rio, Schleicher County, Sterling City, Wall and Winters.

A tour of the network operations center began the session followed by a Texas Tech Writing Project presentation, curriculum sharing on the topic *Early English Settlement*, and a virtual field trip to the Orange County Marine Institute.

Course credit was highlighted followed by a question and answer session.



OHS TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR ROD MILLER and his assistant Sheba Minnick prepare to begin the Distance Learning Showcase on April 19.

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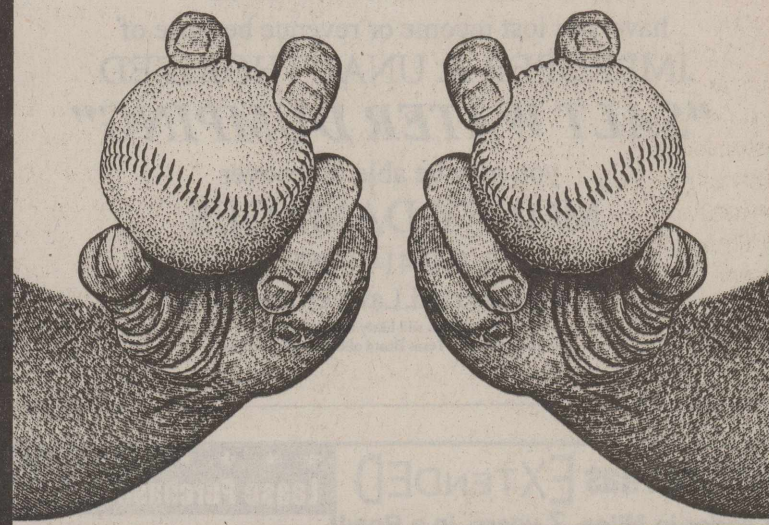
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May 4 - Chicken Nuggets, Gravy,
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May 5 - No School - *Bad Weather Day*

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May 3 - Chickburger, Burger Salad,
Tator Tots, Cookie
May 4 - Cheeseburger, Burger Salad,
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May 5 - No School - *Bad Weather Day*

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Cereal
May 3 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or
Cold Cereal
May 4 - French Toast or Cold Cereal
May 5 - No School - *Bad Weather Day*



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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

4/18/2000 through 4/25/2000

4/18/2000

Report of a minor accident out by local truck stop. Subjects requested blue forms. Deputy took forms to subjects.

Subject requested the assistance of a deputy to escort them to local convenience store where one of their family members was broken down. Subject was unaware of the location.

4/19/2000

Report of a reckless driver in small pickup on Heracio St. Deputy was unable to locate. Report of an alarm activated at a bank drive through. Deputy reported everything okay.

Report of a disturbance between neighbors on Swaps St. Deputy spoke to both parties involved.

Report of a truck that hit the canopy at Days Inn. Deputy issued a blue form to subject.

4/20/2000

Report of gas welfare at the Baptist Church. Deputy assisted family with gas.

911 call of a male subject with medical problems at a fast food restaurant on 14th St. Deputy assisted EMS on call.

Report of an alarm activated at a school building on Ave. G. Deputy reported everything okay.

Report of an alarm activated at a school on 14th St. Deputy reported everything okay.

Report of a dog bite on Mulberry St. Dog involved was the family dog. Deputy reported the dog did have current shots.

Report of persons in a red pickup driving by and yelling at other people at a residence on Martinez St. Deputy stopped the vehicle and warned the subjects to go home for the night.

Report of a gas drive off at convenience store on Ave. E. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

4/21/2000

Report of a gas drive off at convenience store in Sutton County. Deputy was unable to

locate vehicle.

Report of a vehicle accident on Hwy. 190, 20 miles south of Big Lake. Deputy assisted EMS and DPS on call.

Complaint from a citizen of his neighbor's dog going into his yard. Deputy met with complainant and dog owner.

Report of a subject pumping gas and did not have a card. Deputy met with complainant and reported everything was okay.

4/22/2000

Report of a stranded motorist at mile marker 360. Deputy reported the subject had already gotten a ride to town.

Report of a gas drive off at convenience store on Ave. E. Complainant later called back and reported subject returned and paid for gas.

Report of a stray dog in subjects yard at 1100 Block of Ave. E. Deputy reported that everything was okay. It belonged to neighbor next door.

Deputy met with a complainant at the office and took a report of vandalism.

Report of some kids spray painting on Besente Street. Deputy located and spoke to subjects involved.

Report of an assault. Deputy reported the victim did not want to press charges.

4/23/2000

911 call at apartment complex on Hwy. 163. Deputy reported person at apartment had dialed wrong number.

911 call of a vehicle fire on Ave. C. Deputy arrived at scene and reported no vehicle fire. Vehicle was just smoking.

Report of kids throwing rocks at a school building on Ave. G. Deputy located and spoke to kids involved. No damage was done.

Report of loud music from 6th St. area. Deputy located the loud music and warned subjects to turn the music down.

Report of gas welfare at fire station. Deputy reported subjects left without help.

Report from off-duty Deputy of a vehicle accident with no injuries at fairground park. Duty Deputy assisted DPS at the scene.

4/24/2000

Report of a man walking in the middle of Hwy. 163 North. Deputy took subject north of town to county line.

Report of a subject needing gas. Deputy determined the subject had enough gas to get to the next town.

Report of a possible kid driving a police car westbound from east county line. Deputy reported it was a real young police officer going to Midland to school.

Kids at DPS office reported a fight in progress in draw. Deputy reported the kids had made the story up.

Report of a vehicle blocking traffic at the intersection of 13th St. and Martinez St. Deputy

was en route and had to go on another emergency call.

Report of a disturbance on Mulberry St. Man with a knife. Deputy located male subject involved and found a handgun on subject during a search. Subject was arrested on a charge of assault family violence.

ARREST REPORT 4/18/2000 through 4/25/2000

04-18-00 Martinez, Chona Vela, age 61, of Richland Hills, Texas was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of an outstanding warrant from Tarrant County. She was released after posting a bond.

04-19-00 Trujillo, Frank III, age 33, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of offense of public intoxication. He was released after pleading guilty in J.P. Court and paying his fine.

04-20-00 Tambunga, James Patrick, age 26, of Ozona surrendered himself at the Sheriff's Office on a charge for an outstanding county court

warrant. He was released after the County Attorney recalled the warrant.

04-23-00 Estrada, Miguel Ramon, age 54, of El Paso was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released after posting bond.

04-24-00 Lombrana, Daniel, age 33, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of assault-family violence. He was released after pleading guilty in J.P. Court. He was issued a maximum suspended fine, and ordered to report to anger management counseling.

OFFENSE REPORT 4/18/2000 through 4/25/2000

04-19-00 Sheriff's Deputy conducted a seizure of large amount of currency and a tractor truck following a routine traffic stop on I-10.

04-23-00 Sheriff's Deputy seized a 94 Dodge Spirit after detaining two Mexican citizens for illegal entry. Border Patrol Officers took custody of the subjects.

Williams: RRC innovates access to critical well information

Upgrade Good News for Exploration and Production, Public, Environment

Austin, TX - Things just got easier for the thousands of Texans who each year contact the Texas Railroad Commission wanting information about the state's hundreds of thousands of oil, gas, disposal and injection wells.

According to Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, the Commission's well mapping systems have been upgraded with state-of-the-art ArCInfo™ software, thanks to funding from a U.S. Department of Energy environmental grant. The upgrade is geared at making it easier for Texans to determine location, ownership and production information for wells throughout the state.

"In the 21st Century oil and gas business, high-tech means higher production," said Williams. "ArCInfo technology is another step toward not only innovating how to locate wells, but helping to determine Texas' prime areas for exploration and production of oil and natural gas."

Williams, who has made Texas' environment a top priority, also stated that ArCInfo could prove a "valuable environmental tool for determining well information as it compares to aquifer location."

As the Agency's technology point person, Williams requested that the software, which is now accessible only at the Commission's Austin headquarters, be made available this spring in the Commission's district offices and on the Internet.

He also has asked that ArCInfo data will be made available to other interested state agencies such as the Texas Water Development Board, the General Land Office, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Coalition and the Bureau of Economic Geology.

Texans wishing to view a demonstration of the software at the Agency's Austin office may set up an appointment by calling Bobby Heith in the Railroad Commission's Public Assistance Office toll-free at 877/228-5740 or e-mail OPA staff at publicassist@rrc.state.tx.us.

Alternatives for selling untested equine

In fall 1999, House Bill 1732 of the 76th Texas Legislature went into effect, requiring equine, including horses, donkeys, mules and asses to be tested for the virus Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (sometimes called "Coggins") within 12 months prior to undergoing a change of ownership, whether through trade, gift or sale by private treaty or at a market. The 12 commissioners of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, adopted regulations to comply with the law.

to slaughter only at auction markets. The complaints (in bold) and the TAHC's responses follow:

Some sellers arrive at a horse sale without knowing about the testing law and TAHC regulations.

Articles and pamphlets have been distributed widely by the TAHC to inform horse owners. If, however, a seller arrives at the market without being aware of the requirements, the TAHC inspector on duty will be glad to provide information on the law and regulations.

If untested equine gets to the market, the animal has to go to slaughter, right?

No. The seller has several options.

1. The equine can be returned home; tested for EIA by an accredited veterinary practitioner, then sold within a few days if the test is clean.

2. Some markets have a practitioner on site to draw the necessary blood sample, as well as a closely situated EIA laboratory, where the one-hour version of the EIA test may be run.

3. The seller can always opt for the slaughter alternative for reasons known only to them. The choice—and responsibility for having the animal tested—is in the seller's hands. If the seller elects not to have the EIA test run on the animal being sold, then, by law and the resulting TAHC regulations, the equine will be restricted to sale for slaughter only.

So what can be done?

Sellers can be encouraged to have the EIA test run before they haul an equine to market, so the test-negative animal can be sold without restriction. In most cases, the selling price will be higher for tested equine.

Ask the market owner to consider arranging for a closely situated "off-site" laboratory and a veterinarian, so that equine can be tested before the sale.

The only exceptions to the EIA testing requirement are nursing foals, regardless of age, if they are transferred with their test-negative dam and Texas zebras changing hands. All other untested equine are restricted for sale to slaughter only, where blood will be collected for testing at state expense.

Regulations and laws for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) were developed to protect equine from exposure to this incurable virus that can be harbored by infected, but healthy-looking equine. The virus is spread through blood-to-blood contact between infected and "clean" equine, which can occur when biting flies move from one animal to another, or when contaminated medical instruments are used. Although some infected equine may look healthy, others stricken by the virus can develop acute symptoms and become extremely ill, or die.

In calendar year 1999, nearly 200,000 Texas equine were tested for the disease, whether for interstate movement, for shows, fairs, sale, etc., and 154 were found to be infected with the virus. In 1998, 230 of the 180,000 tested were positive for the disease, while in 1997, there were 579 found to be infected.

Recently, several horse owners complained to the TAHC about untested equine being restricted for sale

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Producers Livestock Auction Co Report
San Angelo, TX
Cattle and Calf Auction:
Thu Apr 20, 2000 Close and Weekly:
Estimated Receipts: 2100; Last Week: 2770; Last Year: 1372:
Compared with last week all classes steady. Trading and demand moderate. Quality plain. Supply included 60 percent calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 15 percent stock cows and pairs, 5 percent yearlings; of the feeders 60 percent were steers and 40 percent were heifers.
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-200-300 lb 141.00-150.00; 300-400 lb 122.00-137.50; 400-500 lb 105.00-115.00; 500-600 lb 98.00-106.00; 600-700 lb 90.00-96.00; 700-800 lb 84.00-87.50.
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 131.00-140.00; 300-400 lb 110.00-122.00; 400-500 lb 96.00-105.00; 500-600 lb 89.00-98.00; 600-700 lb 81.00-90.00; 700-800 lb 76.00-82.00.
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-200-300 lb 130.00-142.50; 300-400 lb 108.00-117.00; 400-500 lb 97.00-106.50; few 110.00; 500-600 lb 86.00-94.00; 600-700 lb 84.00-88.00; 700-800 lb 77.00-80.00.
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 117.00-125.00; 300-400 lb 98.00-108.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-97.00; 500-600 lb 76.00-86.00; 600-700 lb 74.00-84.00; 700-800 lb 70.00-77.00.
Slaughter Cows:
Percent Lean
Breakers 75-80% 1000-1450 lb 36.00-43.50, few 45.00-46.50.
Boners 80-85% 850-1200 lb 37.50-43.50.
Boners Hi-Yld 80-85% 950-1200 lb 43.50-48.00.
Lean 85-90% 800-1000 lb 33.50-37.50.
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2100 lb 48.00-54.50; hi-dressing 57.50; low-dressing 1200-1700 lb 43.00-48.00.
Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: All sold by the head.
Medium and Large 1-2 640.00-680.00. Medium 1-2 490.00-620.00.
Cow/Calf Pairs:
Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-400 lb calves 800.00-910.00.
Medium 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 610.00-790.00.
Stockers and Feeder Cows:
Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 750-1000 lb 62.00-67.50 cwt; (young and middle age) 800-1000 lb 54.00-59.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1200 lb 43.00-47.00 cwt.

Sheep Auction:
Wed Apr 19, 2000 Close and Weekly:
Sheep Auction: Estimated Receipts for today: 4500; Estimated Receipts for the Week: 15500; Last Week: 22600; Last Year: 11699:
Compared with last week slaughter lambs steady. Slaughter ewes firm to 1.00 higher. Feeder lambs weak. Trading fairly active, demand moderate. Quality average. Supply included 60 percent slaughter ewes, 15 percent feeder lambs, 5 percent slaughter lambs, balance goats.
Slaughter Lambs:
Choice 2-3 shorn and woolled 90-125 lb 74.00-80.00; new crop 90-120 lb 85.00-87.00.
Slaughter Ewes:
Good and Choice 2-4 36.00-46.00, few 46.00-49.50; Good 2-3 52.00-60.50; Utility and Good 1-3 45.00-53.00; Utility 1-2 40.00-46.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 33.00-40.00.
Slaughter Bucks:
42.00-49.00, thin 25.00-35.00.
Feeder Lambs:
Medium and Large 1-2 new crop 40-60 lb 107.00-117.50; 60-70 lb 105.00-114.00; 70-80 lb 103.00-110.00; 80-95 lb 99.50-108.00.
Medium and Large 2 new crop 40-60 lb 96.00-107.00; 60-80 lb 95.00-105.00.
Medium and Large 1-2 old crop 70-90 lb 77.00-78.50; 95-115 lb 74.00-75.00.
Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: set 2 year old ewes 80.00 per head; ewes and lambs 35.50-47.00 per head.
Goats:
Slaughter - Meat Goats:
Billies: 100-150 lb 60.00-95.00 per head; 150-250 lb 100.00-150.00 per head.
Nannies: 70-115 lb 50.00-60.00 cwt, set 64.00 cwt; thin 60-90 lb 42.00-51.00 cwt.
Kids and Yearlings: Choice and Prime 40-85 lb 85.00-93.00 cwt; 90-130 lb 77.00-82.00 cwt. Choice 40-80 lb 78.00-85.00 cwt. Good 40-80 lb 68.00-78.00 cwt.

Permian Basin Weekly Rig & Drilling Summary
(Districts 7C, 8, 8A & New Mexico)

Weekly Rig Count
April 20, 2000
Compiled by Hughes Christensen and Tracer Supply Inc.-San Angelo, Texas

DIST. #7C	DIST. #8	DIST. #8A	
Coke	0	Andrews 4	Bailey 0
Concho	0	Brewster 0	Borden 0
Crockett	2	Crane 4	Cochran 0
Irion	0	Culberson 0	Cottle 0
Kimble	0	Ector 3	Crosby 0
McCullough	0	Glasscock 3	Dawson 1
Menard	0	Howard 2	Dickens 0
Reagan	1	Hudspeth 0	Floyd 0
Runels	0	Jeff Davis 0	Gaines 4
Schleicher	0	Loving 1	Garza 0
Sutton	2	Martin 2	Hale 0
Terrell	2	Midland 12	Hockley 3
Tom Green	0	Mitchell 1	Kent 0
Upton	2	Pecos 5	King 1
Total Dist. 7C	2	Presidio 0	Lamb 0
NEW MEXICO		Reeves 3	Lubbock 1
Chaves	1	Sterling 0	Lynn 0
Eddy	24	Ward 7	Motley 0
Lea	28	Winkler 1	Scurry 0
Roosevelt	0	Total Dist. 8 48	Terry 2
Total NM	52	Yoakum 4	Total Dist. 8A 16

Total rotary rig count (P.B.-Texas) this week: 125

Weekly Drilling and Completion Report
Compiled by Charles Lewis Communications, Lindale, Texas
April 26, 2000
Rising Star Energy has brought the No. 307 Roy on line in Crockett County's Ozona Field ten miles southwest of Ozona.
It flowed 184,000 CF gas per day on a 1-in. choke. The open flow rating came in at 826,000 CF.
The well went to total depth of 7,000 feet and was plugged back to 6,907. Production is in the Canyon Sand, 6,150 to 6,660 feet into the hole.
Texaco Exploration of Midland is planning a trio of 8,200-ft. developmental wells in the Ozona Field from 10 to 11 miles southeast of Ozona.
The ventures will be known as the No. 5 J. M. Scheuber "C", No. 29 Scheuber-Wilkins and No. 31 Scheuber-Wilkins. The J. M. Scheuber well is in a 320-acre drilling unit in the TCR Survey A-3483. The Scheuber-Wilkins wells are in a 2,621-acre lease TCR Survey A-4685.
Crockett County's Davidson Ranch Field will see more developmental action when the No. 7 Scheuber-Wilkins is spudded about nine miles southeast of Ozona.
Carrying permit for 8,200 feet of hole, it is in a 2,621-acre lease in the TCR Survey A-4644. Texaco Exploration is the operator.
WTG Exploration Inc. has filed first production data for a newly completed oil well in Crockett County's Tippet Field. It is known as the No. 3 Amacker "B".
It showed ability to pump oil at the rate of 25 barrels per day.
Bottomed at 5,560 feet, the well was plugged back to 4,860 and will produce from the lower Leonard Formation. The production interval is 4,618 to 4,671 feet into the wellbore.
Two 6,500-ft. developmental wells are scheduled for spudding in Crockett County's Northeast Ozona Field. The wells will be known as the Nos. 12 and 13 A. R. Kincaid Trust "C". They are in a 1,970-acre lease in the GC&SF Survey A-4450 and A-3979. Drill sites for both wells are about three miles southeast of Ozona. Production in the Canyon Sand is the target.
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below.

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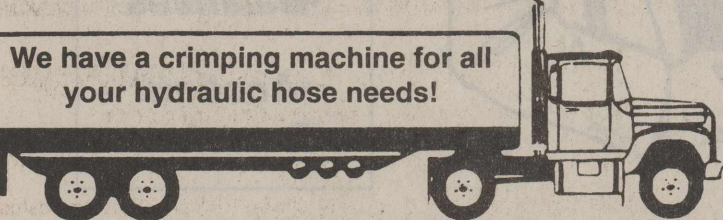
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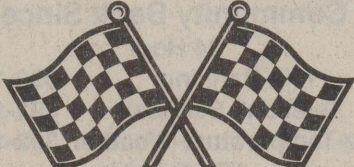
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