

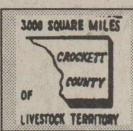
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PICTURED ARE THE EXHIBITORS FROM LAST YEAR'S 2001 LIVESTOCK SHOW. This year's show will be one day only, Saturday, Jan. 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The buyer's dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., recognizing all buyers from the 2001 show. Additional plates can be purchased at a \$5.00 charge with proceeds benefitting the Crockett County 4-H Club. The premium sale will begin around 6:30 p.m. following the award ceremony.

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School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions trustees make to their communities.

"Volunteer school board members serve countless hours working to improve public education," said Larry Taylor, Superintendent of Schools. In difficult times, school trustees develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues which impact the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility in Crockett county CCSD for an annual budget of \$14 million; 850 students, ages 5 years to 18 years; 160 employees; and four campuses.

"School trustees have a tremendous responsibility, preparing today's students - and tomorrow's leaders - for productive roles in our society. School board members are the voice of their

communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our school-children," said Taylor.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Taylor. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their commitment and dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," he said.

The men and women serving Crockett County CCSD and their years of service are: George Ybarra, 19th year; Elliott Barrera, 13th year; Veronica Tijerina, 8th year; Laurie Hale, 2nd year; Tom Anderson, Jack Baggett Jr. and Kenny Wadsworth, 1st year.



His and Hers

by Linda and Scotty Moore

Hers

New Year's resolutions are too hard to keep and I rarely ever make them, but a few weeks ago I thought I might make an exception this year, just for Scotty.

I went to the library and checked out *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* thinking I would gain some insight which would make me a better wife.

Right off the bat I should have known this book was written from a man's perspective. After all, the author, a man, did put women second in the title, didn't he?

In those early years of marriage I just couldn't understand why he wouldn't open up and talk to me of his innermost feelings. How I agonized over his lack of communicating.

If only *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* had been in print in 1961! Reading the book, I learned that when guys have a problem or concern, they go into their mental "cave" until they feel better or solve the problem. (Men don't ask friends for assistance in working out a problem any more than they ask for directions, it seems.)

Women, on the other hand, want to talk things out, analyze every little feeling or worry with their loved one or close friends.

The author's suggestion, at least the way I read it, is not going to help Scotty a bit. He suggested that while the man of the house is in his "cave", the wife should go shopping or on other fun excursions with her female friends. And here it is the time of year for all those big pre-inventory sales!

A few shopping trips might increase the level of communication in a lot of homes. On the other hand, soon there might not be anyone around to worry about lack of communicating with at all.

Actually, now that my mind is going and his hearing has gone, we've reached an interesting level of communication.

Last week I baked my first cherry pie in many a year. We were enjoying dessert with our elder son who had come home for Christmas when Scotty took a bite and grimaced.

"Oh, did you get a peach pit?" I asked with concern.

"Peach pit? So that's your secret," teased son.

By then I had realized my mistake and was starting to reply that all cherry pies needed a peach pit when Scotty chimed in indignantly with "Peach pits?" Needless to say, the conversation went downhill from there.

His

Gripe, gripe, gripe. I totally believe that all women are born grippers and numblers. If they would just slow down a bit and pronounce their words in a nice slow pace then we could understand them.

Mineral valuations make up 76.6% of tax roll

Crockett County's total tax appraisal roll for 2001 was \$1,265,553,830 with 76.6% of that, \$969,609,900, mineral value. The top 15 taxpayers and their valuation on the mineral roll account for \$734,768,700 or 55% of the total roll and 76% of the mineral roll.

Duke Energy renders taxes in two categories. Separately, they rank sixth and 13th. Combined, Duke Energy is in fourth place on a list of 14.

These top 14 and their valuation on the mineral roll include:

1. RME Petroleum Company \$182,536,770; 2. Occidental Permian Ltd. \$138,086,520; 3. Texaco Expl. & Prod. Inc. \$67,497,520; 4. Duke Energy (combined) \$57,302,080; 5. Thompson J. Cleo (WI) \$41,843,780; 6. West Texas Wind Energy Ptnrs \$41,200,000; 7. Devon Energy Prod. Co LP/Min \$33,238,510; 8. EOG Resources, Inc. \$30,488,880; 9. Harrison Interests Limited \$27,324,230; 10. Ricks Expl. Acquisition Corp. \$27,098,270; 11. Pure Resources LP \$26,286,780; 12. Encore Operating

LP \$24,084,740; 13. Pioneer Natural Res. USA, Inc. \$22,625,410; and 14. University of Texas \$15,155,210.

The breakdown of 2001 values includes: single family residences \$35,415,430 for 2.80% of the tax roll; multi-family residences \$1,443,220 for .11%; vacant lots \$939,840 for .07%; ranch lands \$31,044,880 for 2.45%; commercial properties \$68,968,760 for 5.45%; utilities \$134,158,450 for 10.70%; business personal property \$20,466,499 for 1.82%; and minerals \$969,609,900 for 76.60%.

Combined rates of the taxing entities in the county amount to \$1.92710, generating a levy of \$23,530,992. Crockett County's tax rate of \$0.445 per \$100 valuation levys \$5,416,049. The farm to market and lateral road rate of \$0.135 produces a levy of \$1,639,212. A rate of \$1.33325 produces a levy of \$16,312,291 for the school district, and Emerald Underground Water District's rate of \$0.1385 results in a levy of \$163,440.

Service recognition given at luncheon

At Crockett County's annual Christmas luncheon Dec. 19, there were 22 individuals who received certificates in appreciation of their service.

Bob Falkner was honored for 30 years with Ozona Fire Department. Receiving recognition for 20 years was Felix Trujillo with the fire department, and Rhonda Shaw.

Those with 15 years of service include Shane Fenton, Della Miller with the fire department and EMS,

Ray Don Myers, fire department, and Eddie Moore, fire department.

Recognition for 10 years of service was given to James Hearne, Rudy Martinez, Ninfa Preddy and Thomas O'Bryant.

Those honored for five years of service were Debra Brown, Amy Cervantez, Edward Chipman, Juanita De La Rosa, Mac Fierro, Mary Flores, Jimmy Gillit, Johnny McCary, Connie Marshall and Elisa Sentena.

State unemployment rate rises

AUSTIN - Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate moved up to 5.2 percent in October from August and September's 5.0 percent rate, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

In Crockett County, the rate fell from 2.9 percent in September to 2.5 percent for October. The August rate was 2.4 percent. October's figures showed a labor force of 1825 with 1780 employed and 45 unemployed.

The lowest rate in Crockett County this year was May's 2.3 percent unemployment. January and September had the highest unemployment rates for the year to date with 2.9 percent.

Nationally, "while the October rate was higher, the two-tenths percent increase in Texas appears fairly modest compared to the national rate of 5.4 percent, which reflects a five-tenths of a percent increase," said TWC chairman Diane Rath. "This was the first time since April that the Texas unemployment rate has been lower than the national rate."

October saw a loss of 27,800 nonagricultural jobs in Texas.

"The air transportation industry showed a sizeable loss of 5,500 jobs from September to October, reflecting the large number of announced layoffs from two of the three major airlines headquartered here," said Commissioner for Labor T. P. O'Mahoney. "But despite overall job losses, some industries experienced increased demand, such as trucking and warehousing, which gained 900 jobs in October."

"The mining industry, which includes the petroleum industry, lost 1,300 jobs in October - the largest monthly decline in the industry this year," said Commissioner for Employers Ron Lehman. "Oil and gas exploration activity and employment fell along with the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil, which sank to its lowest level since August 1999."

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in October was 1.5 percent in Bryan-College Station. Lubbock was next at 2.2 percent, followed by San Angelo at 2.9 percent

and Amarillo at 3.0 percent. Wichita Falls had the fifth lowest rate at 3.2 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 10.8 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, followed by Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito at 9.2 percent. El Paso had an 8.0 percent unemployment rate, followed by Beaumont Port Arthur at 7.4 percent. The Sherman-Dennison MSA had a rate of 6.3 percent.

"It is important to note that even though we are experiencing a national and statewide slowdown, many parts of the state had lower unemployment rates in October," said Rath. "In fact, the border areas experienced positive decreases in what are traditionally known as nationally depressed areas."

Ten weeks left to re-register brands

Reprinted from
the TSCRA News Update

Brand re-registration is under way in Texas and will continue through Feb. 28, 2002. A visible brand is the best way to protect cattle and horses against theft; however, many persons who don't own either register brands for historical or nostalgic purposes.

It is illegal to use a brand without first recording it, and re-recording is required every 10 years by Texas law. Brands that are not re-recorded by Feb. 28, 2002, will become available for other persons to use.

Brands must be registered with the county clerk in every county where

you intend to use them; therefore, if you run cattle in four counties, you must register your brands with each of those county clerks.

Brands used on horses must be registered separately, even if they are the same ones used on your cattle. Each county charges a small registration fee, ranging from \$8.00 to \$17.00.

A brand may be registered by more than one person in each county, if it will be used in a different place on the animal. Some ranchers prefer to register their brands in all locations to prevent others from using them.

For more information, contact County Clerk Debbi Puckett at 392-2022.

Jan. 2 last day to file for primary election

Jan. 2 is the last day to file for a place on the ballot for the March 12 Democratic and Republican primaries. Early voting by personal appearance will begin Feb. 25 and end March 8.

Local officials whose terms expire in 2002 are Judge Johnny Jones, Tax Assessor/Collector Tommy Stokes, County and District Clerk Debbi Puckett, Pct. 2 Commissioner Pleas Childress III, Pct. 4 Commis-

sioner Rudy Martinez and Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne. 112th District Judge Brock Jones is also up for re-election.

Those who had filed for a place on the ballot as of Thursday afternoon were Johnny Jones, Pleas Childress, Jim Hearne and Brock Jones.

Deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 2, reminds A. O. Fields, Democratic Party chairman. Len Hillman is chairman for the Republican Party in Crockett County.

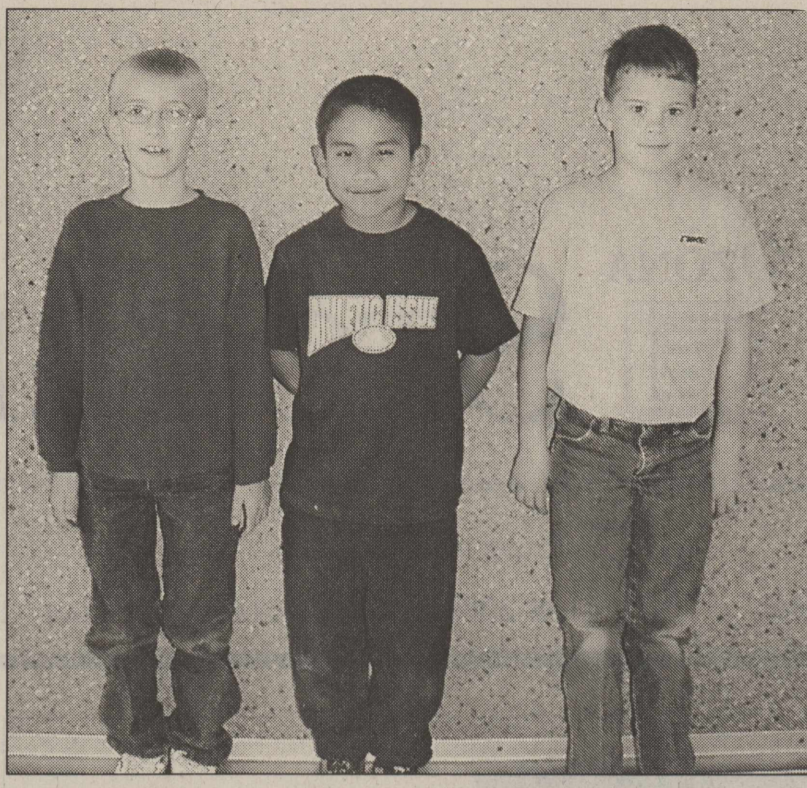


DARRYL SEIDEL of Blanco shot this huge 8 pointer with a 23-inch spread on the Armond Hoover "H Double O Headquarters Ranch."

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THIRD GRADERS PLACING IN A RECENT UIL LITERARY MEET were: (l. to r.) Jayce Logan, Abey Lara and Duncan Knox.
DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore.



WINNING HONORS in the fourth grade division of a UIL literary meet were: (l. to r.) Lalo Longoria, Wilson White, Tara Johnson and Marcos Galindo
DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore.



FIFTH GRADERS winning honors in a UIL literary meet were: (front row, l. to r.) Chelsea Spence, Chris Vergara, Kara Bird, Victoria Holtz, Keelin Wiley and Whitney Wilson. Back row: Danny Anderson, Nathan Knox, Ethan English, Lane White, Latham Ducote, Matthew Komechak and Ruben Rivas. Not pictured is Alysha Lara.
DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

Students win in literary meet

Students representing Ozona Intermediate School earned many placings during the recent UIL literary meet.

Third graders receiving awards were: Duncan Knox, first, and Jayce Logan, sixth in ready writing. Abey Lara fifth in spelling and Duncan Knox fifth in storytelling.

At the fourth grade level, Lane White was fifth in number sense, Tara Johnson placed fifth in oral reading, Markaus Galindo was fourth and Jayci Miller fifth in ready writing, and Lalo Longoria placed sixth in spelling.

Fifth graders won in seven categories. They are: 1 Ruben Rivas, 2 Asysa Lara and 3 Kara Bird, dictio-

nary skills; 2 Whitney Wilson, 4 Victoria Holtz and 5 Keelin Wiley, listening; 4 Latham Ducote and 6 Wilson White, maps, charts and graphs;

Oral reading winners were: 3 Ethan English, 4 Kara Bird and 5 Nathan Knox. Ethan English placed third in ready writing and Chelsea Spence was fifth.

In the science competition, Danny Anderson won first, Wilson White was second and Matthew Komechak fourth.

Chelsea Spence placed second for Ozona in spelling followed by Alysha Lara in fifth and Iris Vergara in sixth place.

Humor 1957

The following comments reprinted from *The Texas Mohair Weekly* and attributed to 1957 will ring a bell with many *Stockman* readers.

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00."
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long when \$5,000.00 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in

- the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in *Gone With the Wind* it seems every new movie has either 'hell' or 'damn' in it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000.00 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more. Those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the volkwagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Dallas or San Antonio anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick anymore. \$35.00 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

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—George Washington

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Ozona Stockman to announce their intentions to file as candidates for posts in the Democratic Primary Election on March 12, 2002.

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- Justice of the Peace**
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Pol. adv. pd. for by James M. (Jim) Hearne, P.O. Box 354, Ozona, TX 76943
- Pct. 2 Commissioner**
Pleas Childress III
Pol. adv. pd. for by Pleas Childress III, P.O. Box 877, Ozona, TX 76943



Wedding vows taken December 21

The First Baptist Church was the setting for the wedding of Merle Welty and Mary Hillman Friday evening, Dec. 21. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Bill Fuller. Attending the couple were Jack Gillit, Janet Hill, Rick and Hazel Storms.

After the nuptials the 12 attendees enjoyed dinner at the Hitchin' Post Steak House and shared the beautiful wedding cake made by Janet as a gift to the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Welty make their home at 510 Avenue J in Ozona.

Carbon monoxide dangers....

As Texans try to keep warm indoors, they may risk carbon monoxide poisoning, often without realizing the dangers, warn officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Invisible, odorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuel such as gasoline, natural gas, kerosene, charcoal or wood. Inside a home, CO can come from a gas-fueled furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, space heater, range or kerosene heater, fireplace or wood stove. At low concentrations, CO causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain for those with heart disease. At higher concentrations, however, CO inhalation causes impaired vision and coordination, headaches, dizziness, confusion, nausea and death.

Without good ventilation during use of fuel-burning appliances, carbon monoxide levels rise and when breathed in, replace oxygen in the bloodstream. The more CO in the air and the longer a person is exposed, the greater risk of illness or death.

"With any combustion source, there is a risk," said Kay Soper, TDH indoor air quality specialist.

Dangerous CO problems arise when home appliances are poorly maintained or used incorrectly. Non-vented gas and kerosene appliances have the greatest potential to produce dangerous levels of CO in the home, according to Soper.

In addition to these, smoldering or poorly vented fireplaces, slow burning fuels such as charcoal and vehicle exhausts also are potentially hazardous. New homes, or newly remodeled homes, have higher risks for carbon monoxide hazard because often they are sealed tighter than older homes.

Time to debunk cold-season myths

Your mother probably told you never to go outside with wet hair or you might catch a cold. But infectious disease experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say wet hair, cold temperatures or going without a coat outside can't cause a cold.

"Colds are caused by viruses transmitted person to person," says Daniel Skiest, associate professor of internal medicine. "Being outside with wet hair is not going to give you a cold."

A recent study found that nearly half of the people surveyed thought they could catch a cold by not wearing a coat in winter or by going outside with wet hair. Almost 60 percent believed chilly weather could cause a

TDH offers these precautions to help prevent CO poisoning:

*Be sure all appliances are installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

*Have the heating system inspected annually.

*Have ventilation systems, including chimneys, flues and vents, checked every year.

*Don't burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle, or tent - not even in a fireplace.

*Don't use an un-vented gas or kerosene heater in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.

*Never leave an automobile running in a closed garage or in a garage attached to the house even with the garage door open.

*Don't leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. Carbon monoxide from the exhaust can be pulled inside the car, van or camper.

One key to safety, Soper said, is to examine the color of a flame. A hot blue flame produces less carbon monoxide and more heat than a flickering yellow flame. A yellow flame in the furnace or stove burner is a signal to have the equipment re-adjusted to get more air to it. Not only will the stove or furnace be safer, but it also should be less costly to operate.

Soper said people with gas appliances should invest in a carbon monoxide detector. Widely available, CO detectors can warn people if carbon monoxide levels in their surroundings become dangerously high.

Anyone who suspects symptoms of CO poisoning should open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances and go outside. In cases of severe CO poisoning, call the 911 emergency services.

cold. But Skiest says these old adages don't hold up to scientific fact. "The best way to prevent yourself from getting a cold is to wash your hands to prevent spread of the virus through contact," he said.

Even if you can't catch a cold from going outside without a coat or wet hair, doctors state that common sense should prevail. Dry your hair and button up your coat.

Fredericksburg Pacific War Museum opens Combat Zone Exhibit"

A new outdoor exhibit at the National Museum of the Pacific War will showcase a collection of rare artifacts in a realistic World War II setting.

The Pacific Combat Zone opened in Fredericksburg on Dec. 7 as part of "Remember Pearl Harbor 2001," the official mainland commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. This was one of two official mainland events. Keynote speaker was former president George Bush who is a Pacific War veteran.

The new, 31/2-acre outdoor interpretive exhibit center, located two blocks northeast of the museum, features several of the museum's large, outdoor artifacts in true-to-life settings.

"Americans can't visit World War II battlefields in the Pacific as easily as they can similar historic combat sites in the U.S. and Europe," said Joe Cavanaugh, executive director of the museum. "In the Pacific Combat Zone, visitors will see how land, naval and air forces worked together to win the war. They also will better understand the realities of island warfare from the important roles of maintenance and logistics to the grim reality of burying dead in remote locations far from home."

The Pacific Combat Zone includes the following exhibitions:

* Hangar Deck of an American Aircraft Carrier. As they enter the Pacific Combat Zone, visitors will first step aboard the hangar deck of an aircraft carrier where it appears a B-29 Superfortress bomber is being armed and serviced for its next mission. This is the same type of bomber that former President Bush flew during his Pacific War naval service.

* South Pacific PT Boat Base. At the South Pacific forward base, a PT Boat prepares to sortie on a mission. Docked alongside a pier, the boat sits amidst a flurry of activity as its crew prepares for the next trip. Drums of

aviation gasoline and ammunition boxes along the dock, together with an original Packard V-12 PT boat engine, add to the scene's authenticity.

* Beachhead. Simulating an American landing on a Japanese-held island, this exhibit brings guests up close and personal with the reality of island warfare. An American landing craft, ramp down, faces a Japanese tank while dug-in bunkers and foxholes litter the landscape, depicting a beachhead immediately after an American invasion of a Japanese-held island.

* Hospital. A roughly constructed, corrugated steel Quonset housing a medical unit will be reminiscent of the stations charged with providing essential care to the thousands wounded during the war. Visitors will be able to observe a MASH-style aid station like those on Okinawa.

* Burial Ground. As quickly as possible after a battle, American servicemen were buried in temporary graves. All the graves were carefully marked with one of the person's dog tags buried with him, and the other attached to a board marking the burial site. Later, people were reinterred to veteran's cemeteries, mostly in Hawaii.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum, is a state historical site managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife and supported by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with current identification, and free for children aged 5 and younger. Special rates are available for schools and tour groups of 20 or more with confirmed advance reservations.

Detailed information on the Pacific Combat Zone and the commemoration is available on the Web (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/nimitz.htm>) or by calling 866-PEARL60, (866) 732-7560.



Baker, Anderle wedding plans told

Jeff and Robyn Anderle would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Candi Nicole, to John Baker, son of Fred and Kay Baker.

Candi is a graduate of Rotan High School and plans to attend Hill Coun-

try Junior College. John is a graduate of Ozona High School and is currently employed by Whitney EMS as a paramedic.

The couple plan a Feb. 2 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Rotan.

Christmas letter to our home community

Well, we've had quite an adventure since the Nov. 10 craft show this year. It seems around Thanksgiving my kidneys decided to quit! No warning, just feeling a little run down. Sometimes things happen in the twinkling of an eye God says, and they did! I'm now very weak, and still alive and going to dialysis 3 days a week. We don't know how much we can stand until God shows us.

Dub, Tooter and Dugan and family and I just want all of Ozona to know what a blessing you've been and thank you most of all for all the prayers. God knows what the future is to bring, and only Him - we can't change it.

Just thank you for all the things; phone calls, food, little things and kindnesses you all have shown.

I wish I had enough money to buy everyone a "light of love" but since I don't - I'd like to list some of you that

deserve one! Audrey Glynn for being there, Guy and Patsy Hester and Paula and Sammie for being there, Lupe Longoria and Sandra Ramon, The "Dan Fleming" family for all their encouragements and love, FB Church for their prayer chains and all the other churches in town, Emma Walls of Barnhart, the rest of our church family, Jim and Jill House of San Angelo for their offers of a place to stay and anything they could do -

There were many more of you who did nice things, and we thank you. We know God is in control and has the future already covered. If anyone out there would like mission projects - there are needs in the hospitals during the holidays, Rehab and dialysis.

God bless each one of you at Christmas time. Hang in there. It always gets better.

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Jan. 4 - Joe Moran, Douglas Bean, Bill Crowder, Ramon Ybarra, Timothy Longoria, Vince Huffman, Jean Jolly, Betty Elledge, Eugene Miller, Phillip Ramirez Jr., Kaylee Ramirez, Lina Dominguez, T. J. Hayes, Mark Ybarra

Jan. 5 - Randy Wilson, J. D. Borrego, Les Moore, Simon Longoria, John Baker, Tania Sanchez, Rogelio Sanchez Jr., Barbara Contreras, Ronnie Tippie, Ramiro Mendoza, Al Cardenas Jr., Julia Sanchez

Jan. 6 - Tina Caldera, Bryan Mendez, Santa Rios, Richard Cardona, Rey Rivera, Victor De La Garza, Christian Perez, Keshia Dean, Reynaldo Quiroz, Holly Babbitt, Wanda Diller, Ray Hill

Jan. 7 - Rhonda Shaw, Tyson Vordick, Ofelia Lara, Georgianna Guerra, Juanita Delgado, Johnny Tambunga Jr., Rebecca Aranki, Virginia Alvarez, Rita Rodriguez, Cristina Castellanos, Ann McMullan, Trinity Truitt, Calvary Truitt, Isabel Aguilar, Laura Pierce, Cody Sutton, Jennifer Marquez

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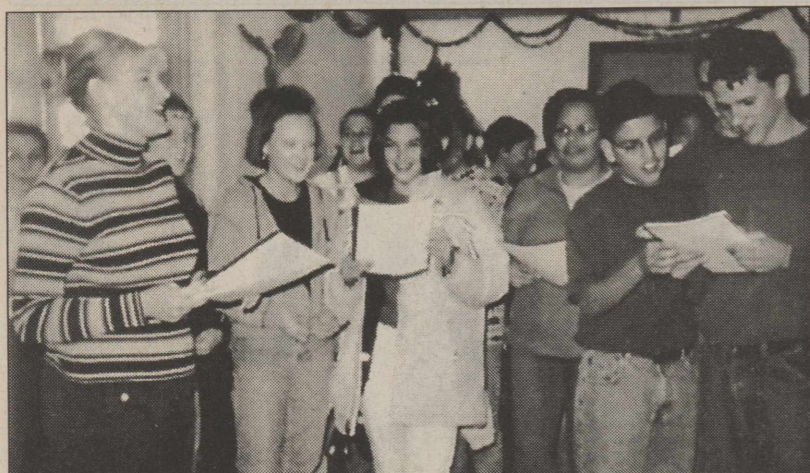
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Jan. 8 - Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Pineapple, Cornbread
Jan. 9 - Barbecue on Bun, Baked Beans, Tator Tots, Cookie
Jan. 10 - Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Veg. Salad, Fruit Cocktail
Jan. 11 - Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls
FAST FOOD
Jan. 3 - Corn Dog, Nachos, Corn, Applesauce
Jan. 4 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Tator Tots, Rolls
Jan. 7 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Peach Slices
Jan. 8 - Tacos, Pinto Beans, Pineapple, Cornbread
Jan. 9 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
Jan. 10 - Pizza, Nachos, Veg. Salad, Fruit Cocktail
Jan. 11 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Rolls
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THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS from Ozona Middle School sang Christmas carols for the care center residents. Submitted Photo

Silent Night

Last week I went to town to see an outdoor presentation about the birth of Christ. They had live camels, mules and even some boar goats (This is the West Texas version). There wasn't any wind. It was so clear and the stars were so bright. It was such a beautiful night.

As I watched the actors hurriedly trying to get ready for their parts and trying to be in the right place and on time it reminded me of life. Many times life can be a fast, hurried, frantic pace and may seem like there is no end. Often during the holiday season we are totally exhausted with all the extra things to do.

Maybe our circumstances or work schedules hinder us from enjoying the holidays. There could be a hundred other reasons like health, finances or family problems.

We do not have control over many of the things that happen to us

in life, but we are not without hope. I saw that demonstrated last week in the frantic moments before the presentation started when the actors formed a circle in front of a large, beautiful wooden cross and had prayer. They asked God to be with them, and they asked for God's help in putting on the play. They also wanted to tell the story of how God loved us so much and how He sent His Son to live and die for us and that through Him (Jesus) we can find forgiveness of sin, hope and a new life.

The presentation turned out wonderfully. It reminded me of how life can be if we put our hope and faith in Jesus we will not be disappointed (1 Peter 2:6, John 3:14-17. One thing, we must be willing to take time to include Him in our lives.

See you in church on Sunday. Brother J

Care Center Chatter

Christmas morning there was a lot of excitement for residents who were expecting visitors or residents who were going out to eat with family members.

Our dietary department served turkey and dressing with the trimmings. Thank you, dietary, for a very delicious meal.

Wednesday morning it was time for our Christmas decorations to be taken down and stored for another year. The care center was very pretty this holiday season.

It is hard to believe the year 2002 is almost here. When questioning our residents about the years' past, some stated "I would never believe I would live this long, even to think into the year 2002." But they said it is good to be alive and doing as well as they are for their age.

Thanks go to our new physician's assistant, Jim Trees, at the clinic for taking time out of his busy day for our residents Friday afternoon.

We welcome Fred Young to our facility. Fred is the father of Garland Young.

Once again, thanks go to everyone who helped for our Christmas here at the care center. I really believe this was the best Christmas we have ever had.

Thanks go to Deanne Lucky for the fresh fruit for our residents.

Thanks go to C.N.A. Tracy Trevino and family members Sierra and Armando for doing our residents' room calendars for the month of January.

From our staff and residents, we wish all of you a happy new year.

Jan St. Clair
Activity Director

When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.
—John M. Richardson, Jr.



Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin lookalike contest.

May we introduce...



VELMA FIERRO

Velma Fierro, accounts payable/medical records clerk at Crockett County Care Center, graduated from Ozona High School in 1983. She is originally from Arlington.

Her children are Krystle, age 15, and Christopher, age 9.

Velma enjoys watching her children participate in basketball, track and football.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE OZONA STOCKMAN



THESE STUDENTS FROM RONDA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE entertained the care center residents before Christmas. Submitted Photo



THE CARE CENTER RESIDENTS enjoyed the Christmas carols sung to them by OMS eighth grade students. Submitted Photo



THESE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS visited with Mae Gomez at the care center over the holidays. Submitted Photo



THE CARE CENTER RESIDENTS enjoyed the dancing of Ronda's School of Dance students during the holidays. Submitted Photo

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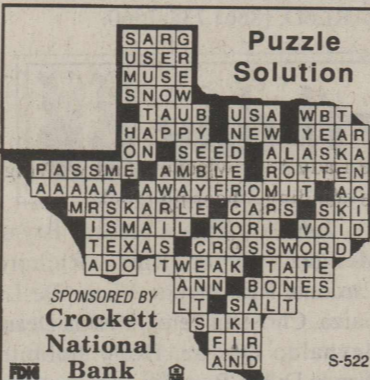
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The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom (skillful and Godly wisdom)! [For skillful and godly wisdom is the principal thing] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation) Proverbs 4:7



Puzzle Solution

The Pulpit or a Stage?

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

A young boy with leukemia is fighting for his life. He is sick and vomiting from high levels of chemotherapy. As he prepares for a bone-marrow transplant, a psychiatrist comes into the room for an interview. Why? Part of her job is to determine if this boy is a worthy recipient. You have it. If the psychiatrist were to determine that this boy, or anyone else, was not a worthy recipient for the treatment, the hospital would have the option of passing on to someone who was worthy of the treatment. We live in an amazing age. The world is the stage of life. And the actors have authority over life and death. Should this be the case? It depends on your worldview. If you believe we are the products of evolution, then it is the survival of the fittest. And the job of the psychiatrist is to help determine the most fit to receive treatment. It is all quite logical. On the other hand, if you believe human beings were created by God in His image, the scene changes. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. And we are to give to our neighbor the treatment we would desire for ourselves. The criterion for judgment changes when God is in the picture. But, you say, there is evidence for evolution. And there is no evidence for God. Listen, "What was from the beginning, what we have had, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life - what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you" (1 John 1:1 & 3). You see, Christianity is not a game! The church is not an entertainment center! You don't go to see a make believe play on a stage. Christianity brings a serious message for a world in need.

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Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

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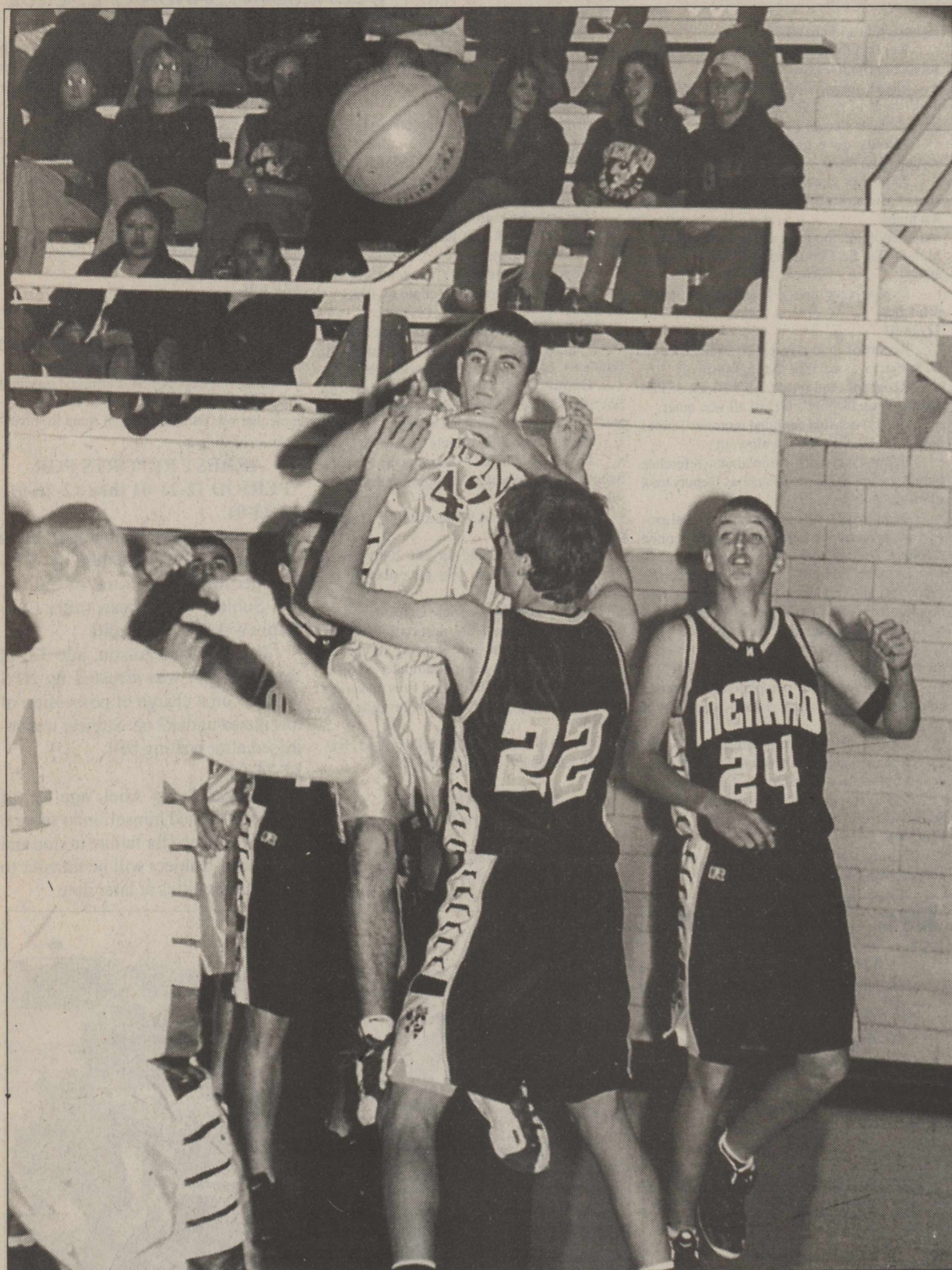
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ROBERT OGLE FIRES OFF A PASS TO DEREK FAUGHT (l.) in the Ozona Lions swatting of the Menard Yellowjackets. Faught led the Lions in scoring with 19 points. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*

Ladies wow fans with victory

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions played their best game of the year Dec. 17 at Davidson Gym as they competed against the Menard Lady Yellowjackets. If you weren't there, then you missed an incredible game. The Lady Lions upset the Lady 'Jackets, winning 39-36.

In the first quarter, the Lady Lions played great, leading the Lady Yellowjackets 13-10 by the end of the quarter. Colbey Crawford scored a sweet three for the Lady Lions' first score of the game. Jessica Herring led in scoring with five points, Joyce Caldera had three points, and Taylor Oglesby had two.

In the second quarter, the Lady Lions struggled to make their shots, scoring only six points to the Lady Yellowjackets' 12. With 3:30 remaining in the quarter, Lady Lion Oglesby tied the game 17-17 as she nailed a free throw.

Also scoring for the Ladies were Katy Churchill with three points and Jordan Webster who added in two points. The Lady Yellowjackets took a three point lead over the Lady Lions at halftime 22-19.

The Lady Lions were pumped in the third quarter as they regained their momentum, bouncing back and scoring 12 points while holding the Lady Yellowjackets to only seven points.

Lana Stewart began the third quarter by draining a three for the Lady Lions. Others scoring in the third quarter were Herring with four, Webster with three and Churchill with two. The Lady Lions led the Lady Yellowjackets by two at the end of the third quarter.

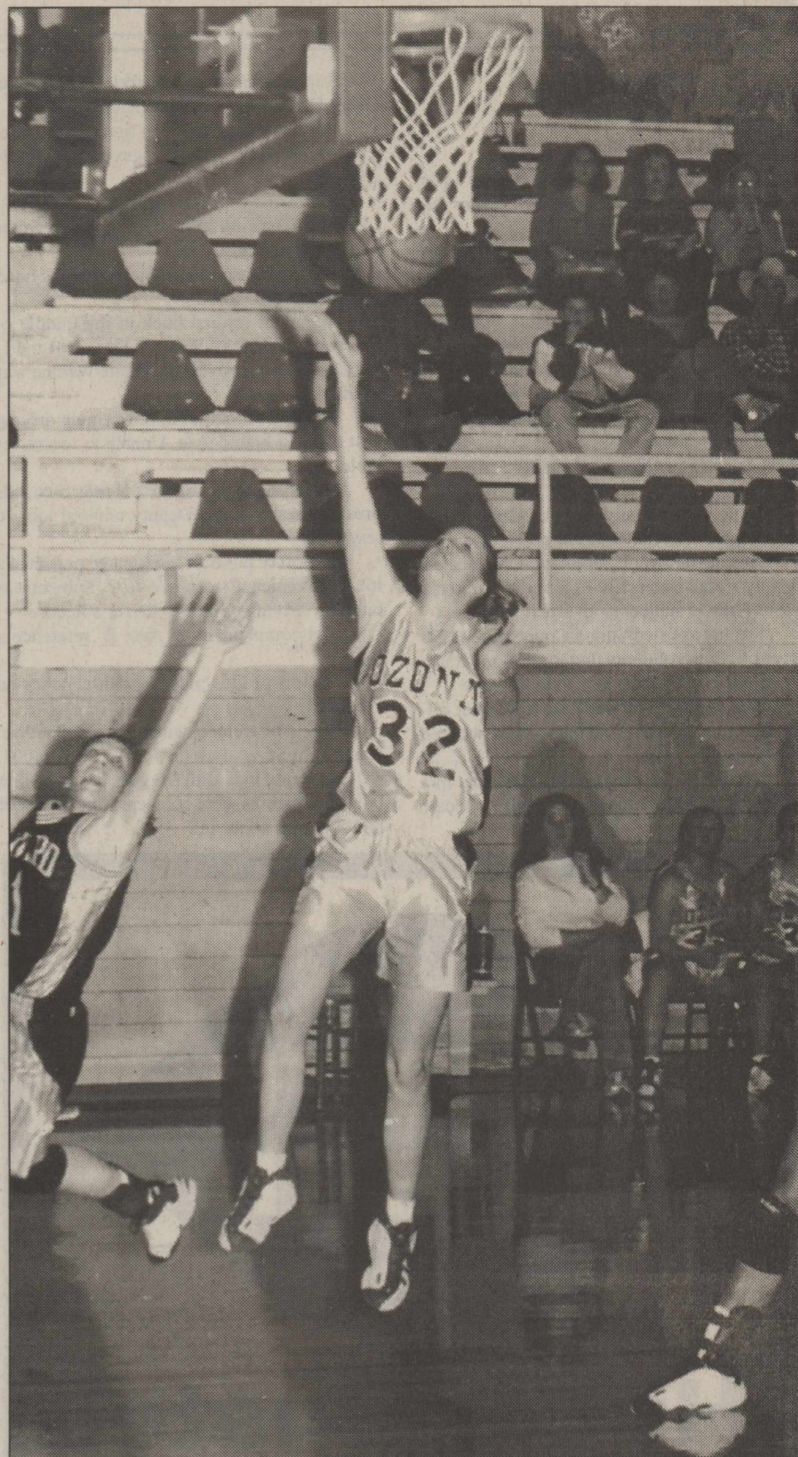
In the final eight minutes of play, the Lady Yellowjackets were grasping for straws. Churchill scored four points, and the 'Jackets kept fouling Webster, making her score from the free throw line. Webster hit four of nine free throws, keeping the Lady Lions up by three. With time running out, the Lady Yellowjackets had to shoot a three and make it just to tie the game. But that would never happen as the Lady Lions won, upsetting the Lady Yellowjackets and wowing the standing, cheering fans.

The Lady Lions played an awesome game against a tough team and came out on top.

Ozona shut down Menard's lead scorer, Lacey Blau, in the second half as she was only able to score three points and would foul out late in the fourth quarter. The Lady Lions outscored the Lady Yellowjackets in the second half with 20 points to 14.

Team effort was a key point for the Lady Lions in winning this game as eight of the 12 players scored, and those not scoring gave just as much effort in other aspects of the game.

Only four Lady Yellowjackets scored. Lacey Blau played a great game, making 20 points, but when the Lady Lions shut her down in the second half, other Lady Yellowjacket teammates could not pick up the slack and would thus lose the game. The Lady Yellowjackets only scored two of eight free throws while the Lady Lions scored nine of 19. Leading the Lady Lions in total rebounds was Churchill with an incredible 11 rebounds followed by Casey Ybarra with six, Herring with five, Oglesby with four, Webster with three and

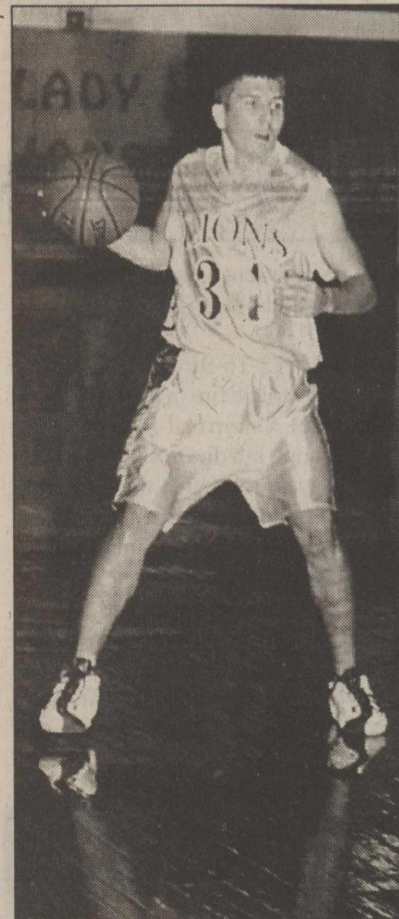


JESSICA HERRING puts up the ball for two points in the Lady Lions exhilarating 39-36 victory over the Menard Lady Jackets. Herring contributed nine points to the Ladies' win. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*

Caldera with two.

The Lady Lions also had 14 team total rebounds for a whopping 46 total rebounds. Oglesby had two assists, Herring, Webster and Crawford each had two steals, and Churchill had one. The Lady Lions made 21 points off the bench.

Scoring nine points each in the game for the Lady Lions were Herring, Webster and Churchill. Lady Lions scoring three points apiece were Crawford, Caldera, Oglesby and Stewart. Also playing were Paige Tambunga, Kimber Bean and Bekah Cowen.



JARRYD TAYLOR added seven points to the Lions' 45-point victory over the Menard Yellowjackets on Dec. 17 in Davidson Gymnasium. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller*

Lions hand out huge loss to Yellowjackets

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions hosted the Menard Yellowjackets on Monday, Dec. 17, at Davidson Gym. The Yellowjackets suffered a huge loss to the Lions who overwhelmed them to win the game by a mystifying 45 points.

In the first quarter, the Lions' quickness and ball handling frustrated the Yellowjackets as Ozona scored an awesome 21 points and held the Yellowjackets to under 10 points. Brad Mayfield led the Lions in scoring with five points followed by Derek Faught and Arron Garza with four points apiece and Lalo Garza, G. L. Bunger, Robert Ogle and Bryan Skehan each adding two points.

The Lions held the Yellowjackets to three while racking up 11 points.

Skehan led in scoring with five points, including three free throw points. Faught had four including sinking a three and one free throw, and Lalo Garza added a 2-pointer. The Lions led the Yellowjackets by 21 points at halftime, 32-11.

After the half the Lions scored twice what the Yellowjackets made. The Lions raked in 22 points to the

Jackets 11.

Faught and Mayfield each scored seven points, Skehan had four points, and Arron Garza and Jarryd Taylor also added two points each.

In the final eight minutes of play, the Lions held the Yellowjackets to five points, and the Lions scored a sweet 19 points. Taylor played well in the fourth, leading the Lions by scoring five points. Skehan sank four of four free throws and Faught also scored four points. Arron Garza drained a three, and Ogle scored three points. The Lions scored 13 of 23 free throws. The Yellowjackets only made eight of 22 free throws.

The Lions thoroughly overpowered the Yellowjackets in all aspects of the game. Ozona had 20 steals, 16 assists and 44 total rebounds in the game. The Yellowjackets had two steals, one assist and 16 total rebounds.

Lion Scorers: Derek Faught 19, Bryan Skehan 15, Brad Mayfield 12, Arron Garza 9, Jarryd Taylor 7, Robert Ogle 5, Lalo Garza 4 and G. L. Bunger 2.

Three-points: Faught 1 and A. Garza 1

JV Lady Lions defeat Menard JV

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV Lady Yellowjackets from Menard lost to Ozona's JV girls Dec. 17 by a vast 28 points.

In the first quarter of the game in Becky Childress Memorial Gym, the Lady Lions began their attack, outscoring their opponents by four points, 7-3. Ruth Cervantez led the Lady Lions with three points, nailing three of four free throws, followed by Jessica Galan and Melanie Bullard each with two points.

The second quarter was much like the first. The Lady Lions scored 13 points to the Lady Yellowjackets' six. Galan led the Ladies with six points as Hilary Huffman sank a three and Brandi Buchanan and Kristen Fierro each added two points. The Lady Lions led the Lady Yellowjackets at half-

time 20-9.

In the third quarter, the Lady Lions shut out the Lady Yellowjackets completely, racking up eight. Scoring in the third were Cervantez, Fierro, Bullard and Arianna Lira with two points each.

In the final seven minutes of play, the Lady Lions wreaked havoc on the Lady Yellowjackets, overpowering them by scoring 14 points and holding the Lady 'Jackets to only five points. Bullard and Galan made four points, Cervantez scored three of four free throws, Fierro scored two points and Huffman added a free throw.

The Lady Lions won the game by 28 points, 42-14.

Lady Lion Scorers: Jessica Galan 12, Ruth Cervantez 8, Melanie Bullard 8, Kristen Fierro 6, Hilary Huffman 4, Arianna Lira 2 and Brandi Buchanan 2

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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12-21-01

- Deputy escorted inmate to clinic
- Report of loose livestock on FM 1676, County Road 207 and 208. Ranch owner was contacted by dispatcher
- Dispatcher assisted on welfare concern request from local citizen. Harris County Police and Sheriff's office were contacted to check welfare of citizen's daughter. Later in the day subject made contact with concerned party
- Deputy assisted on medical call from a rig 8.2 miles on Hwy. 137. Victim was taken to hospital in San Angelo via ambulance
- Report of a reckless driver by the tennis court. Subject was identified and JP's office was contacted
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Cenisa St.
- Report of a reckless local driver in tan and white pickup on Ave. J. Subject was not located. Deputy stated suspect is 18 yrs. old and reckless driving is subject to an arrest
- Deputy assisted Sutton County with a gas drive off. Sutton County unit located and transferred subjects back to convenience store
- Met complainant on Mesquite Street reference child custody. Subjects later worked things out
- Report of kids throwing firecrackers in a dumpster on Santa Rosa St. Unable to locate kids

- Report of continuous barking of a dog on Cedar Drive. Owner was contacted
- Report of kids throwing firecrackers from a pickup on Ave. A. Deputy gave kids a verbal warning
- Report of a person with a "CALL POLICE" sign on 1-10 MM 369. Subject's vehicle was given a jump
- Deputy transported subjects to local hotel on old Sheffield Road
- Report of injured buck in the middle of the road, 3 miles east between Hwy. 290 and 1-10. Deer was destroyed and Game Warden was notified
- Report of motorist in red vehicle driving east on west bound lane. Unable to locate vehicle
- Met complainant on Ave. H reference kids breaking sewer lines. Deputy advised kids to stay away
- Report of possible intoxicated person at a local convenience store on Ave. E. Subject was cited for driving without a driver's license
- Met complainant on Ave. E reference a bike
- Report of kids playing with matches on Piedra St
- Report of accident with no injuries on Ave. B and 11th St.
- Report of kids with BB guns breaking into building. Parents were contacted and owner of building also contacted

- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local variety store on 11th St.
- Courtesy transport of subjects from hotel to bus station
- 12-22-01**
- Report of an alarm on Post Oak. All was ok
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on 11th St.
- Report of suspicious vehicle on Ave. E. Subjects were changing a part of a wheel
- Deputy assisted on a medical call on Ave. E
- Report of an unattended death at care center. JP was contacted
- Officer contacted Sutton Co. of a stranded motorist on MM 383
- Report of a tractor-trailer's light left on. No one was around to turn it off
- Deputy assisted a stranded motorist on Exit 363. Duty wrecker was contacted
- 12-23-01**
- Deputy assisted duty wrecker in translating for people that didn't understand English at local hotel
- Deputy spoke with caller in reference to an injured juvenile
- Deputy transported an inmate to ER
- Report of a vehicle hitting dumpsters on Hwy 163 S
- Report of reckless driver in 18 wheeler driving at a high rate of speed on Hwy 163 N. Deputy stopped driver and a citation was issued
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Laredo St.
- Report of gas drive off from local store. Subject was located and returned to pay for his fuel. Subject had used his credit card outside

- and machine did not take it
- Report of grass fire on Angus St. It was a subject burning leaves
- Deputy responded to fight in progress on 400 Block of Ave. G. One male subject was brought in as sleeper for the night
- Deputy gave gas welfare and food to stranded motorists
- Report of fireworks complainant in the area of Monterey St. Kids were advised to call it a night
- Report of loud music on 200 Block of Man-O-War St. Deputy advised all quiet upon arrival
- Deputy gave ride to locate subject to his residence
- 12-24-01**
- Report of loud music 100 Block of Ave. D. Subject was advised to turn music off
- Report of loud music 1000 Block of Piedra St. Upon Deputy's arrival all was quiet
- Deputy assisted stranded motorist 3 miles west on 1-10. Subject had blowout
- Deputy met with complainant reference burglary of coin operated machine. Deputy took offense report
- Deputy met with complainant at local grocery store reference burglary of coin operated machine. Deputy took offense report
- Deputies and DPS Trooper responded to fight in progress on Monterey St. Subjects were brought into Sheriff's Office for statement
- Deputy gave subject a ride to clinic
- Deputy removed a barricade that was in the middle of the road on Hwy. 163 N
- Deputy met with complainant reference complainant's son being pushed around by a 16-year-old
- Deputy met with complainant on Swaps St. reference subject not wanted at that residence. Subject was asked to leave the residence
- Deputy responded to an alarm on Post Oak St. Subject advised all was o.k.
- 12-25-01**
- Deputy assisted motorist with welfare. Subject was given fuel and food

- Deputy met with complainant at the office reference status on warrant
- Report of gas drive off from local store. Direction was travel was east Deputy went out west and was unable to locate
- Deputy took offense report on burglary of a business on Ave. E
- Report of kids popping fireworks in the area of 300 Block of Ave. I. Deputy advised no one around in the area
- Deputy met with complainant on Ave. J reference he found a pit bull dog in his yard. Dog was taken to vet clinic
- Deputy responded to 911 medical on Piedra St. Subject was taken to clinic by EMS
- 12-26-01**
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at truck stop
- Deputy assisted with 911 medical call at Shot's #4. Subject was taken to clinic by EMS
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office reference child custody. Subject was advised to contact attorney
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Ave. M
- Deputy responded to alarm at the Primary School Deputy checked all doors and all was secure
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at T & C store parking lot
- Report of 911 hang up FM 2083 ranch. Deputy advised all ok, just kids playing on phone
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at Texaco
- Report of small child standing in the middle of the street not wanting to move. Deputy took child to her grandmother's house
- Report of juvenile lighting fires on someone else's property on Ratliff St. Juvenile was advised
- Report of kids throwing fireworks at cars. Deputy was unable to locate any kids

- 12-24-01**
- Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of coin operated machine. Unknown person(s) gain entry to machine at 916 11th and stole undisclosed amount of money. Investigation continues
- Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of coin operated machine. Unknown person(s) gain entry to machine at Hwy. 163 S and stole undisclosed amount of money. Investigation continues
- Sheriff's Deputy file an assault causes bodily injury report. Case was forwarded to Justice of the Peace Office
- 12-25-01**
- Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of business report. Unknown person(s) entered a secured building on Ave. F and stole undisclosed amount of currency. Investigation continues
- Sheriff's Deputy filed a criminal mischief report reference damage done to locks on vehicle that was parked on Santa Anna St. Investigation continues

ARREST REPORTS FOR PERIOD 12-21-01 thru 12-26-01

- 12-23-01**
- Kelley, Michael Allen, age 30, of California was arrested by DPS Trooper for U.U.M.V out of California. Subject was released after California would not extradite
- Farrow Dana Austin, age 33, of Boulder, CO, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Subject was released after posting bail
- 12-26-01**
- Salazar, Jesus Abel, age 21, of Lubbock turned himself in to serve 6 months sentence for failure to stop and render aid. Subject will be transfer to state jail facilities at later date

OFFENSE REPORTS 12-21-01 thru 12-26-01

- Sheriff's Office filed an unattended death report after local citizen at the care center was pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace



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Fire Department Report

2001-114
1420 12-13-01 Responded to a motor home on fire at mile marker 381 eastbound. Vehicle was fully involved.

2001-115
0815 12-16-01 Responded to a reported vehicle fire in the 1800 Block of Walnut. On arrival found that the fire was out, but due to suspicious circumstances, requested the Fire Marshal come to the scene. Chief, Asst. Chief, Fire Marshal, one truck, 5 firefighters.

2001-116
1715 12-16-01 Responded to a reported motor vehicle accident on Lancaster Hill. Handled traffic until the scene was clear. Asst. Chief, one truck, 8 firefighters.

Sonora also sent a unit. Fire Marshal, one unit and 4 firefighters.

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RIG LOCATIONS

General location information for Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Reagan and Val Verde counties of Texas

As of Dec. 21, 2001

Crockett County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Anadarko Pet/Mid.	10000'	Childress Ranch S. #901	Cleer Drilling #9	Drig. ahead 8597'
New RME Petro Co/Mid	7000'	Helbing -17-45	Patterson Drilling/A #38	Drig. ahead
Texaco E & F/Midland	6600'	Liloff South 27-31 -A- #1	Key Energy (O) #40	Drig. ahead 6700'x

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Louis Dreyfus/OKC	8700'	Hicks -22- #10	Patterson Drilling/A #122	Drig. ahead 8597'
Louis Dreyfus/OKC	8325'	Richardson -138-#10	Patterson Drilling/A #120	Drig. ahead
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC	8100'	Shannon -51-#8	Patterson Drilling/A #108	Drig. ahead
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC	7100'	Shurley -110-#14	Patterson Drilling/A #107	Drig. ahead
Far Minerals Corp. (Horiz.)	7000'	Allison Ranch #1	Key Energy (O) #4	Drig. ahead 6258'
New Louis Dreyfus/OKC	6600'	Meckel -A-#33	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Drig. ahead
Louis Dreyfus/OKC	6200'	Fields -21- #13	Patterson Drilling/A #40	Drig. ahead

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Exxon/Mobile Dev. Co.	15500'	Banner Estate #24	Patterson UT/M #81	Drig. ahead 12856'
Conoco/Mid.	14000'	Alex Mitchell -1-49	Nabors Drilling (O) #730	Drig. ahead
Atharox Texas	13000'	Mitchell -6-#7	Cleere Drilling #6	At T.D. 11158'
EOG Res./Mid (Horiz.)	10800'	Noelke -A-#3801 H	Patterson Drilling/A #39	Drig. ahead

Val Verde County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Mustang Fuel Corp.	16000'	Wardlaw State Gas Unit #1	Nabors Drilling (O) #442	Drig. ahead

Edwards County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
No report...				

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
TXP, Inc.	7800'	University -23-#6	Cleere Drilling #4	Drig. ahead 6095'

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Pioneer Nat/Trv	8800'	Sherrod Unit #3201	Patterson UT/Mid #464	Drig. ahead 6680'
Pioneer Nat/Trv	8800'	Sherrod Unit #3608	Patterson UT/Mid #465	Drig. ahead 8280'
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John Stokes, Crockett County Auditor, Ozona, Texas 2c48

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District: San Angelo Contract 6075-42-001 for SEALING CRACKS AND JOINTS in SUTTON County, etc will be received on January 23, 2002 until 11:00 am and opened on January 23, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$55,478.50.

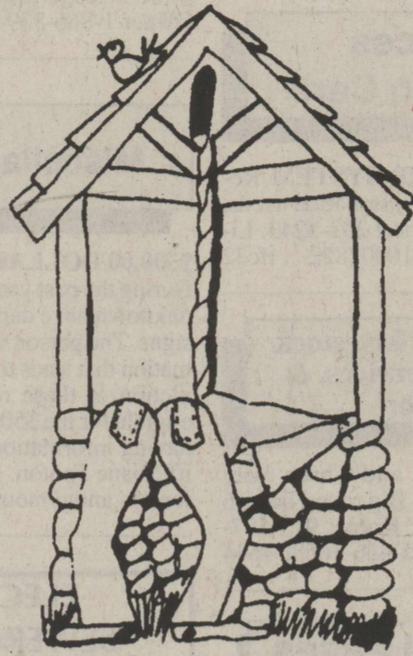
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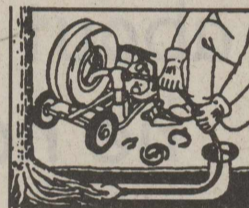
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District: Odessa Contract 6077-59-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE in PECOS County, etc will be opened on February 12, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$16,912.00.

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. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 5560

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District Office(s)

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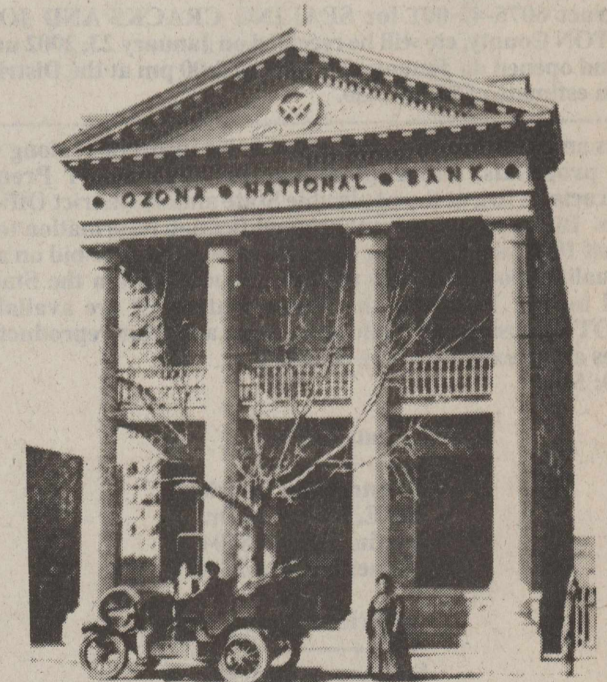
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