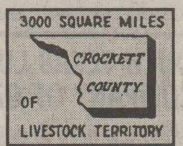


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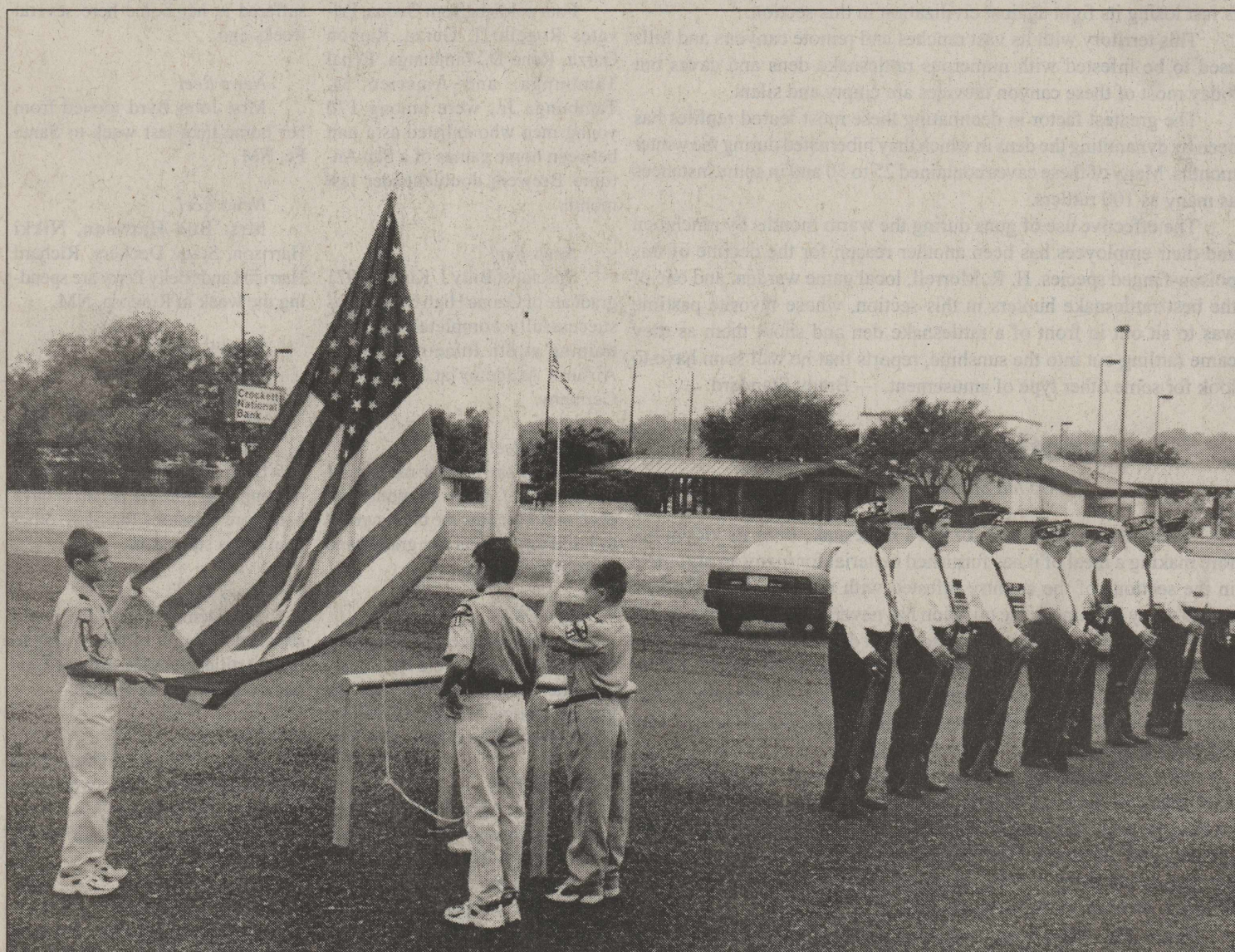


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SCOUTS LANE WHITE, WILSON WHITE AND LATHAM DUCOTE prepare to raise the flag as American Legion members from Big Lake stand ready to open Fourth of July festivities at Ozona Senior Citizens' Center. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore

See-saw effect... Tax base goes down, taxes go up

During a review Monday of proposed budget figures for 2003, commissioners were told that a decrease in the tax base will lead to a tax increase to generate the same amount of revenue as 2002. The tax base is expected to drop from \$1,217,000.00 to \$1,128,000.00 according to auditor John Stokes. Drops in drilling and gas prices are large contributors to the situation. The petroleum industry will pay approximately 91% of the taxes paid in Crockett County.

The current tax rate of .58 per \$100.00 valuation on a tax base of \$1,217,000.00 generated \$7,055,261.00 in tax dollars. To raise this much with the decrease in tax base, the rate needs to be .65 per \$100.00.

Dale Heiskell of Prichard and Abbott, the firm that does all the appraisal work for the county, was here for a meeting of the Appraisal Review Board Monday. He briefly spoke to commissioners,

telling them "you had a real good run in 2001 and 2002," while affirming that the county's financials would be "down some next year based on valuations."

Monday, July 15th's, commissioner's court meeting will be one of several where the budget is discussed and fine-tuned before being adopted.

The county will begin 2003 with a \$1.5 million surplus, a surplus they believe it wise to try to add a little to so if they have to go into it, there's something there.

This year \$400,000.00 was spent on roads, and court members see this as a need for four more years to get the county's highways and byways back in shape.

"Some of our roads hadn't been seal coated in 18 years," said Eddie Moore, roads and parks superintendent.

"With oilfield traffic, five to 10 years is the life of your road," commented Judge Johnny Jones.

Tax abatement agreement accepted

Crockett County commissioners heard from Robert Peña of Cielo Wind Power Monday before voting to accept that company's written proposal for a tax abatement on their Noelke Hill project. The 100% abatement begins Jan. 1, 2004, and ends Dec. 31, 2006. Construction will begin next year with the project to go on line in 2004.

Voting to accept the abatement agreement were Judge Johnny Jones and Commissioners Rudy Martinez and Frank Tambunga. Commissioner Freddie Nicks voted against and Commissioner Pleas Childress abstained.

SUBDIVISIONS

Renee Howes of Texas Land and Ranches, Inc. talked to commissioners about a property in the county to be purchased and subdivided. Ms. Howes said she had been trying to get on the court's agenda since June 14 with no success. Her request that commissioners hear her preliminary plan but take no formal action was refused, but she was told that she would be on a July 15 agenda. Additionally, she was instructed to

provide a concept plan for the property to Eddie Moore, the precinct commissioner where the property is located and the utilities companies as per Crockett County's subdivision regulations. Under the regulations, this is a required step before preliminary plans can be accepted.

An agenda item to consider and approve a preliminary subdivision plat for Erby Chandler Industrial Addition #1 was tabled when it was discovered that no concept plan had been provided. This property is a 5-acre plot sold to Duke Energy for their new office location.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

An emergency management plan drawn up by coordinator Steve Kenley was adopted by the court. The plan addresses natural, technological and security hazards.

REPORTS

Regular monthly reports were heard from department heads and others.

Sheriff Shane Fenton informed the court that Concho Valley Council of Governments has no budget money remaining for the 911 coordinator salary for July and August. This expense will be paid by his department, Sheriff Fenton said. The COG 911 salary budget for Crockett County beginning in September will be half what it has been, Fenton said.

R. B. Babbitt is retiring from his 911 job at the end of August, and applications are being taken for his replacement. In light of the budget cuts for the program from COG, commissioners voted to set the salary for the 911 maintenance personnel job at \$12.00 per hour for 12 hours per week.

Fenton reported 435 calls for service to his department during June. There were 36 persons placed in jail, 11 civil papers received and eight of those were served (three by the constable). A change to reporting all 911 calls, whether or not an officer or emergency vehicle was dispatched, showed 133 calls during June with 40 of those as actual emergencies. May's report showed 65 911 calls with 62 as actual emer-

gencies.

Constable Raymond Borrego reported 18 assists to the Sheriff's Office in June, three citations served for the department, 18 speeding stops made with one written warning and 17 citations issued. Borrego traveled to Austin and to Odessa to bring prisoners back to Crockett County Jail.

Crockett County Care Center currently has 45 residents. Administrator Benny Gibbs told commissioners Monday. The facility continues to operate in the black, and cost avoidance is still resulting through the callback system for employees rather than using agency personnel. Gibbs said his director of nurses has given notice and he is searching for a replacement.

In his report, Gibbs said the helicopter no longer lands at the medical complex, but rather at the airport for safety purposes.

Plans for building a larger laundry for the care center have not been forgotten. Gibbs said he hopes to hear on a grant request within the next two weeks.

He reported 31 ambulance runs by the Emergency Medical Service during June. Of these, 24 were local and seven were transfers.

The Helping Hands report submitted by Janet Hill-McDaniel showed 1,377 meals served in June.

Mrs. McDaniel is retiring from Helping Hands, but promised commissioners to help train the new director. The court informally approved hiring Mrs. Lynn English for the position. They will vote on her employment at their next meeting.

In her report on Crockett County Civic and Youth Center, Joyce Young said 829 people used the facility during June in addition to those going to the youth center. There were 21 functions held at the center last month.

Board members are holding a game night at the youth center each Monday. A banana split party will reward the winners July 29, and a back to school dance is being planned for Aug. 24.

Librarian Louise Ledoux said

the automation project is "moving right along". She is almost ready to send the last of the cards for conversion, then bar codes will be put on the books.

Commissioners voted to accept the library board's recommendation that Naina Bhakta be appointed to the board. She will replace Margaret Contreras who has resigned.

Court members voted to appoint Maria De La Rosa to the care center, health and emergency services board. Johnnie Perkins, who was appointed last month, is unable to serve.

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RAIN

A low pressure system that brought severe flooding to parts of Texas provided relief to portions of Crockett County last week. Rain started on Tuesday and continued into the weekend, dropping up to 5.90 at the Steve Kenley ranch south of Ozona.

West of Ozona, Tom Hill said he had 1.70 for the year up to Tuesday. That day he received two inches, all of which fell in 55 minutes.

Rainfall was sparse to the west according to Pleas Childress III. There they received .40 while the Turkey Roost ranch east of

Ozona got 4.2 inches.

Bill Armstrong totaled 4.53 inches at his place south of Ozona.

At Nat Read's on south Taylor Box, his total was just over three inches.

East of town, Johnny Jones said he had received .90 overall.

The Maggie Moore Ranch on Taylor Box Road recorded 4.7 inches.

Colleen Everett said they only got .10 west of Ozona for their first rain of the month. "The clouds went around us."

Official records for the town of Ozona indicate 1.4 inches for the period beginning July 2.



THE NEW FIELDHOUSE AT LION STADIUM is near completion. The bottom photo shows part of the roomy interior where the weight machines will be set up. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

News Briefs

Plan time to visit Crockett County Care Center to experience "Higher Places" July 15, 16 and 17.

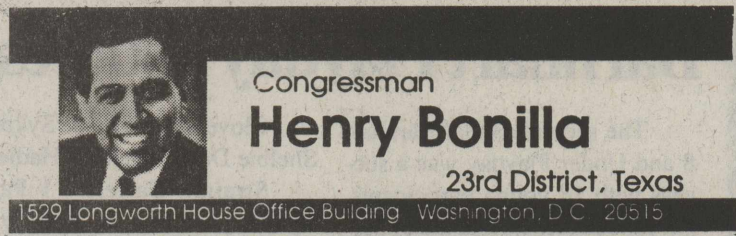
Cooking School July 24

Texas Cooperative Extension-Crockett County will have a cooking school July 24 from noon until 1:00 p.m. To register, call the Extension Office at 392-2721. Deadline to register is July 22.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School July 15-19 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

All children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend.



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THE ROAD TO THE CAPITOL

When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought I would one day be representing you in Washington as a United States Congressman. It was something of a feat for a student there to graduate, let alone go on to college and beyond. Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their whole lives, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission. However, Congress is full of self-made men and women who came from every background imaginable. Let me share a few examples with you.

At the young age of 20, Rep Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25. She worked as a stock trader and investment banker. After moving to California she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first company to provide background information on child-care providers.

Congress has also attracted its share of athletes over the years. Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma was a college All-American football player at the University of Oklahoma. He went on to play for the Canadian Football League, and after that became a youth minister. Rep. Steve Largent, also of Oklahoma, was also a professional athlete. He played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass receptions in 1989.

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes, its war heroes. Senator Bob Kerry of Nebraska served his country in an elite Navy SEAL team in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor after losing part of his right leg in action. Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano, Texas, is a retired Air Force colonel who endured nearly seven years of brutality - half of that period in solitary confinement - in a North Vietnamese prison camp.

Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington. My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

As students across America graduate from high school and move on to college and other ambitions, I'd like to remind them that America is still a country where the American Dream can become a reality. It's a country where a child living in a public housing project can grow up to become whatever he or she dreams of becoming.

***Abatement (Continued from front page)**

Financial reports were given by John Stokes, auditor, and Burl Myers, treasurer.

OTHER ITEMS

Tommy Anderson headed a group present to offer to donate equipment belonging to the Ozona Trap and Skeet Club to the 4-H Club. The equipment could be placed near the rifle range and also continue to be used by club members, Anderson said.

John L. Henderson said he and Mike Glover would donate their services to move one of the school's portable classrooms to the site if commissioners wished.

Two of the portable buildings have been given to the county.

The item was on the agenda for discussion only, and no action was taken.

Commissioners voted to leave vehicle registration fees at their present rate, opened fuel bids, but tabled action until their next meeting, and voted to reappoint all election judges. They also did their annual review of their contract with Shannon Medical Center for minor emergency and family practice services. The current 5-year contract is beginning its second year.

Rehab benefit Silver Spur Ball July 19

Boot scootin' dance music by Southern Image of Fredericksburg, a buffet of great foods and more than 100 auction items will be featured July 19 at the 12th annual Silver Spur Ball benefitting West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Additionally, there'll be a drawing for a hand-made, queen size quilt.

Scheduled at the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Angelo, the event annually attracts approximately 500 participants from San Angelo and the Concho Valley.

Tickets are \$30.00 per couple and are available at the Rehab Center and Citizens State Bank locations. Tables for 10 are available on a first come, first served basis. Because seating is limited,

advance ticket/table purchases are encouraged.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab Center provides outpatient rehabilitation care each year to more than 21,000 children and adults who've experienced disabling illnesses or injuries. Events like the Silver Spur Ball make it possible for WTRC to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial status.

More information is available by calling 915-223-6300.

Fifteenth annual Hunter Education Camp completed

By Mary Humphrey,
Wildlife Biologist

The 15th annual West Texas Hunter Education Camp was held on the weekend of June 7, 8, and 9, 2002. The camp was held on the Gene Perry Ranch of Crockett County and successfully certified six females and 14 males ages 12-15 for hunter safety as per a mandatory hunter education law that went into effect on June 1, 1988. Since June 1988, volunteer instructors, contributors, sponsors, and concerned citizens of Crockett County and the surrounding area have assisted over 268 students from Ozona and nearby counties in successful completion of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Education Course.

During the 3-day weekend students were instructed in firearms and ammunition; handling firearms safely in the field; wildlife management and identification; marksmanship and field dressing of big game; hunter ethics; wilderness survival; game laws; private ownership of firearms; poisonous snakes; archery, blackpowder and muzzleloading; and hunter first-aid. Students completed hands-on training on the firing range and shot .22 rifles, .243 rifles, .20 gauge shotguns, several different calibers of pistols, and blackpowder firearms. Students took their newfound knowledge to the field on Sunday and trekked through a shoot-don't-shoot walk-through and tracked wounded game on a simulated blood trail.

Students certified at the camp and their home towns include: Lakin Aaron, Parrish Aiguier, Ashley Anderson, Adrienne Bendele, Chris Fierro, Kayla Parks, Jorge Siller, Stevie Vargas, and Eric Williams all of Ozona; Zachary Burgess and Cristina Simpson of Ballinger, Cody Simpson of Zephyr; Julie and Melissa Hirt of Garden City; Lawson Poole of Midland; Garrett Douthit of Junction; Clay Garcia of San Antonio; and Edward, Luis, and Juan Rios of Lubbock.

This type of camp is successfully completed only with the as-

sistance of many people. Instructors, their hometown, and the courses they taught include: Dee Keilers, Ozona - - Firearms and ammunition, gun handling field exercises, wilderness survival, blackpowder and muzzleloading, firing range, and hunter first-aid. James Montgomery, Ozona - - Archery, firing range, marksmanship and big game vital areas, field dressing and care of game, poisonous snakes, and Hunter walk-through and tracking wounded game. Cindy Dusek, Barnhart - - Handguns and ammunition, responsible hunting tactics, hunting ethics, firing range, and hunter walk-through and tracking wounded game. Randy Dusek, Barnhart - - assisted with handguns on the firing range. Andy Birkenfeld, Barnhart - - assisted with shotguns on the firing range, orienteering, and hunter walk-through and tracking wounded game. Jack Gillit, Ozona - - gun handling field exercises, field dressing big game, firing range, and Hunter walk-thru and tracking wounded game. W. D. Haire, San Angelo - - Mr. Haire, long-time faithful instructor for this camp, has tried to retire somewhat from the rigors of the camp, but once again could not resist the temptation to return as our range-master for the firing range on Saturday morning. Lloyd Winkley, Ozona - - taught compass reading and orienteering course. Eddie Moore, Ozona - - assisted with shotguns on the firing range. Vonda Flanagan, Ozona EMT - - hunter first-aid. Reverend Bill Fuller, Ozona First Baptist Church - - Saturday evening campfire ceremony. Mark Blount, Crockett County Game Warden - - instructed students in hunter ethics, game laws, private ownership of firearms, firearm responsibility, and shotguns on the firing range. Mary Humphrey, Wildlife Biologist at Sonora - - wildlife management and conservation, wildlife identification, poisonous snake identification, firing range, hunter walk-through and tracking wounded game, and general paperwork for camp. Thanks to all the instructors for creating an informative, conscientious, and

well-rounded hunter safety course.

Many thanks once again to Ozona's Harvey Hill and chef recruits, Herbie Garcia of Floresville, Clay Garcia of San Antonio, Gloria Williams, Adela Rios, Dennis Clark and Jimmy Longoria of Ozona, and Justin and Cody Gotcher of Lamesa who prepared food and served all camp meals -- a tremendous and delicious undertaking. Thanks to Donna Bell of Calib's Restaurant for their scrumptious deserts; Linda Kramer and the kitchen staff at the Circle Bar Truck Stop and Restaurant for preparing tortilla shells and chips and briskets for several feasts; Mr. and Mrs. Fidel Rios for supplying participants with watermelons to cool off with; Julia and Jenna Henderson for their wonderful cookies; and the Ozona Texaco Gasoline Plant South for all the paper goods sup-

plied as camp amenities. And finally, thanks to Lucinda Birkenfeld of Barnhart, and Kallie and Kory Humphrey of Sonora for being the camp charmers and small-pint assistants.

Many, many thanks go to several local folks for behind-the-scenes preparations in making this camp such a success: Gene and Betty Perry; Gloria Williams; Perry Ranch Hunters and Friends; J. Cleo Thompson, Art Roane, Thompson Ranch Hunters and Friends, Crockett County 4-H Club; Co. Agent Roy Walston, Sheriff Shane Fenton; Dan Pullen; Ozona National Bank; Crockett National Bank; Ozona Lions Club and the Texas Game Warden Association for sponsoring the activities of this camp. Everyone spread the word! "We're looking forward to another successful camp next summer and we can start signing up kids right away."

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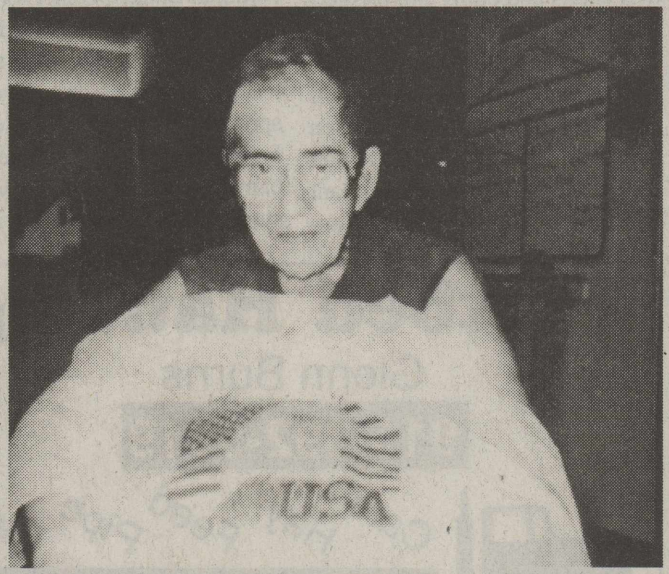
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ROAD & BRIDGE	827,397.29	108,715.67		(427,447.12)		508,665.84
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EMS:	5,307.14	6,474.25	15,024.99	(12,209.54)		14,596.84
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JULY 4TH AT THE CARE CENTER



Marie Gerlach hula-hoops during the 4th.



June Diehl wins a shirt donated by Duckwall's.



Alex Gonzales and Jose Martinez enjoy the flag raising.



Phyliss Ingham celebrates her July birthday.



Dave Nelson and Jesus Martinez attend the flag raising.

Barnhart Playday a success

The second annual Barnhart 8 and Under Playday was a success with 18 young participants. On June 29, riders had the opportunity to compete in five events, which made lots of possibilities to win prizes.

Winners are as follows.

Five and Under Girls

Poles - 1 Alexa Sykes

Cloverleaf - 1 Alexa Sykes,

2 Kinsey Chandler, 3 Bayley Frizzell

Straight Barrels - 1 Kinsey

Chander

Flags - 1 Alexa Sykes, 2

Bayley Frizzell, 3 Kinsey Chandler

Goat Touching - 1 Bayley

Frizzell, 2 Alexa Sykes, 3 Kinsey

Chandler

All Around Cowgirl was

Alexa Sykes of Sonora.

Five and Under Boys

Poles - 1 Tristen Adams, 2

Colton Stalcup, 3 Dustin Trevino

Cloverleaf - 1 Tristen Adams,

2 Dustin Trevino, 3 Jake Nanny

Flags - 1 Tristen Adams, 2

Jake Nanny, 3 Dustin Trevino

Goat Touching - 1 Tristen

Adams, 2 Dustin Trevino, 3

Colton Stalcup

All Around Cowboy was

Tristen Adams of Sweetwater.

6-8 Girls

Poles - 1 Hannah Hadley, 2

Shelbie Darr, 3 Sierra Stokes

Cloverleaf - 1 Paige Sykes, 2

Shelbie Darr, 3 Hannah Hadley

Straight Barrels - 1 Paige

Sykes, 2 Hannah Hadley, 3

Shelbie Darr

Flags - 1 Hannah Hadley, 2

Paige Sykes, 3 Shelbie Darr

Goat Touching - 1 Sierra

Stokes, 2 Hannah Hadley, 3

Bethani Trevino.

Hannah Hadley of Midland

was All Around Cowgirl.

6-8 Boys

Poles - 1 Sol Stokes, 2 Cuatro

Jones, 3 Daniel Newberry

Cloverleaf - 1 Sol Stokes, 2

Daniel Newberry, 3 Nolan Kinder

Straight Barrels - 1 Sol

Stokes, 2 Daniel Newberry, 3

Nolan Kinder

Flags - 1 Daniel Newberry, 2

Sol Stokes, 3 Nolan Kinder

Goat Touching - 1 Sol Stokes,

2 Daniel Newberry, 3 Nolan

Kinder

All Around Cowboy was Sol

Stokes of Ozona.

"We had two hard luck

winners," said Tonya Stalcup.

"Thankfully neither spill required

medical attention. Our Hard Luck

winner was Kelbie Renfore of

Ozona, and runner-up was Cuatro

Jones, also of Ozona. We thank

the Iron County EMS for being

on hand. We would also like to

thank all of our sponsors and those

who helped during the playday."

Protect yourself against identify theft

It's becoming all too common. Your neighbors are suddenly getting bills from places they have never been. Your relatives are denied credit or quit receiving their monthly credit card or bank statements. Collection agencies begin trying to collect debts that do not belong to you.

It's called identity theft and it is fast becoming one of the most prevalent and costly financial crimes in the country, affecting as many as 750,000 new victims each year and costing consumers, merchants and financial institutions billions of dollars.

Carelessness while doing business over the Internet can mean that your Social Security numbers, credit card or PIN numbers can be "borrowed" and used to establish credit for others using your identity to run up big bills or set up phony bank accounts that can ruin your good name and credit.

But, the Internet isn't the only place to exercise caution. Some thieves steal these vital numbers from your mailbox or by lurking over your shoulder while you use your ATM.

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) is working with its 40,000 banker members across the state to stop

this menace. But, they need your help.

IBAT and its members ask that you take the following steps to protect yourself against Identity Theft:

- Never carry your Social Security number in your wallet or print it on your checks.

- Check your credit card statements carefully each month and immediately report unauthorized purchases.

- Shred all credit card receipts and solicitations, cancelled checks and financial documents before throwing them away.

- Never provide any personal, bank account or credit card information to anyone who contacts you through a telephone solicitation. Insist that they mail you information.

- Never write down PIN numbers and passwords—memorize them and do not use any part of your Social Security number, mother's maiden name, your birth date or address.

- Never leave your purse or wallet in the car, even if they are hidden.

Identity theft continues to grow. Join in the IBAT campaign to curb this menace by taking personal responsibility to secure your own privacy.

Dive, point click

Researchers at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, a graduate department at the University of California at San Diego, have developed a computer mouse that works underwater. A research team is using the mouse, which works with an underwater computer screen, in studies to determine the health of coral reefs by analyzing the color of the reefs to determine if warmer temperatures are harming them.

The mouse allows the research team to study coral reef growth without taking samples out of the sea, a destructive process that harms the reef. The mouse is made with commercially

available parts, but the Scripps Institution has applied for a patent on the technology, which uses a sealed waterproof box and crystals for the mouse's optical display.

The mouse, part of a complete underwater computer system, was also designed to offset the pressure created under water, which can depress the buttons on a mouse.

The computer system is linked by a power cable to a ship or to a power source on shore.

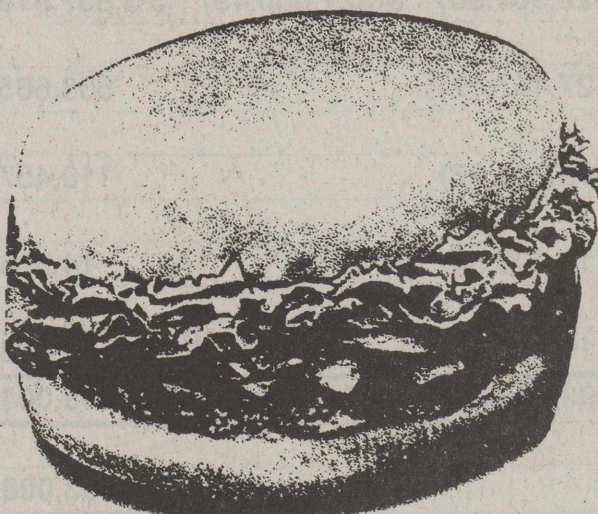
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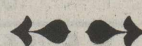
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Comstock youth rodeo draws Ozona contestants

The Comstock Rodeo Club held its 39th Annual Youth Rodeo Saturday, June 29. Winning All-Around Girl were Taylor Dunbar and Robin Balardo who received buckles donated by Tuffy and Carol Whitehead and Jay and Mary Dobbins. Receiving the All-Around Boy buckles were Murphey Black and Bryan Skehan. Donors were Justin and Ginger Burk and Hank and Mary Pat Skehan. The Tough Luck buckle, donated by Betty Zuberbueler, was won by Matt Gutierrez. Hank and, Mary Pat Skehan presented each rider in the 12 and Under and Little Britches divisions with ribbons.

Other winners and buckle donors are listed below.

Little Britches (6 and under)
Poles - 1 Reese Perry, 2 Matt Gutierrez, 3 Caroline Hildreth; T. J. Moore Lumber Yard

Barrels - 1 Matt Marshall, 2 Colby Sellers, 3 Matt Gutierrez; Val Verde Wool and Mohair

Boot Scramble - 1. Reese Perry, 2 Matt Gutierrez, 3 Sarah Luce; Tom and Maycee Collins Girls

Poles - 12 and Under - 1 Taylor Dunbar, 2 Jessica Dunbar, 3 Cheyanne Mueller; Crockett National Bank

Barrels - 12 and Under - 1 Steely Ingham, 2 Allie Black, 3 Brandyn Shae Tebbetts; The Bank and Trust

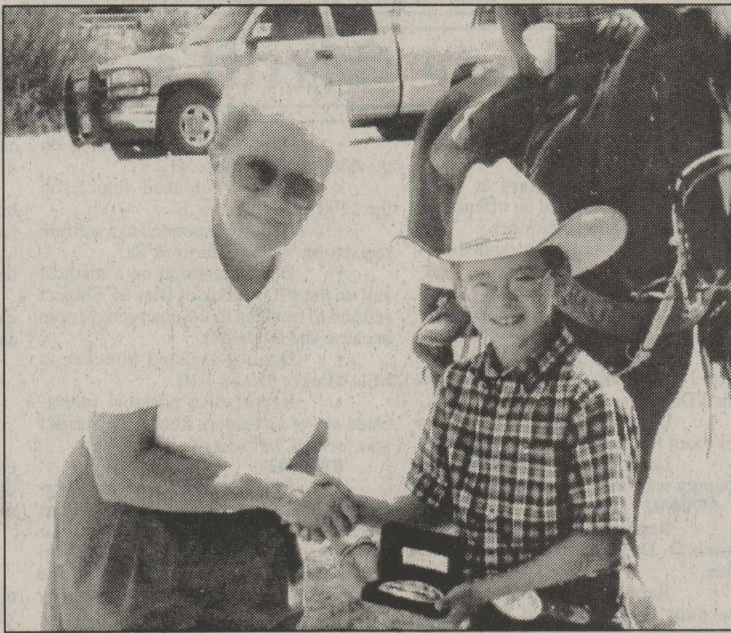
Flag Race - 12 and Under - 1 Taylor Dunbar, 2 Jessica Dunbar, 3 Steely Ingham; HEB - Del Rio

Goat Tie - 12 and Under - 1 Taylor Dunbar, 2 Allie Black, 3 Kyann Kothman

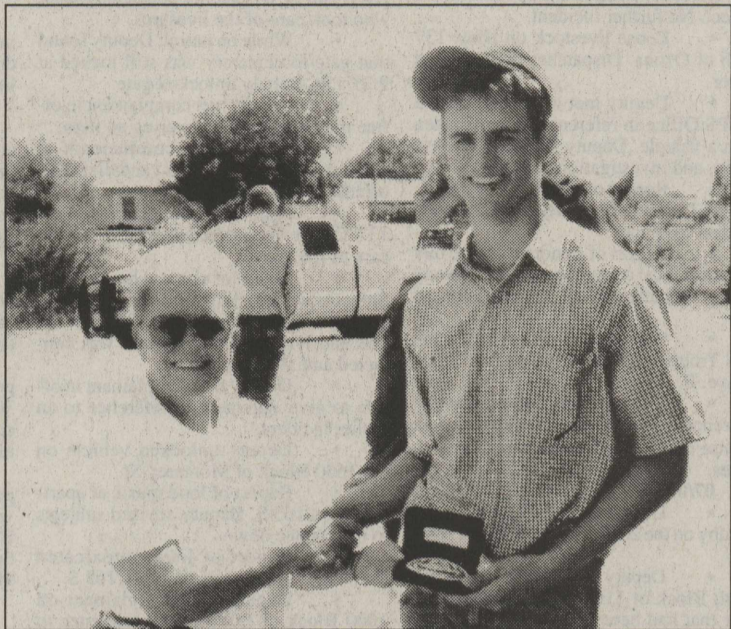
Poles 13-19 - 1 Robin Balardo, 2 Blair Baker, 3 Hope Bynum; Kelly and Susan Goble

Barrels - 13-19 - 1 Robin Balardo, 2 Allison Skehan, 3 Ashley Wortman; Metco Supply

Flag Race 13-19 - 1 Robin Balardo, 2 Wendy Wilson, 3 Allison Skehan; Murdoch Family



MURPHEY BLACK is presented the All-Around Cowboy buckle by Billie Lee Foster at the 39th Annual Youth Rodeo on June 29 in Comstock. *Submitted Photo*



BRYAN SKEHAN won the All-Around Cowboy buckle at Comstock's 39th Annual Youth Rodeo on June 29. Making the presentation is Billie Lee Foster. *Submitted Photo*

Breakaway Roping 13-19 - 1

Kristen Bunger, 2 Ashley Wortman, 3 Kimber Bean; NAPA Boys

Poles 12 and Under - 1 Murphey Black, 2 Houston Dobbins, 3 Cole Perry; Glenn, Graf and Bowers CPAs

Barrels - 12 and Under - 1 Houston Dobbins, 2 Murphey Black, 3 Levi Gutierrez; Edwards-Graham Insurance Agency

Flag Race - 12 and Under - 1 Murphey Black, 2 Houston Dobbins, 3 Levi Gutierrez; HEB - Del Rio

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Breakaway Roping - 13-19 - 1 Bryan Skehan; Edward Jones-Jay Dobbins

Tie-Down Roping 13-19 - 1 Bryan Skehan, 2 Craig Leonard; Pico Petroleum

Ribbon Roping - 13-19 - 1 G. L. Bunger, 2 Bryan Skehan, 3 Craig Leonard; Robertson Ranch in memory of Bob and Johnnie Robertson

Rescue Race 13-19 - 1 G. L. Bunger, 2 Will Edwards, 3 Craig Leonard; J&P Store

Local teen sets new technology buzz

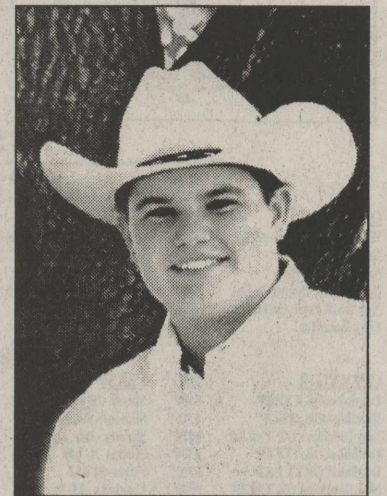
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Philip Baggett of Ozona was recently selected to join more than 1000 secondary school students from around the world for The International Summit of Young Technology Leaders (YTL Summit) taking place in Austin from July 7 through 16.

Designed to introduce exceptional students to careers in the ever-changing industry of technology, the YTL Summit will also pioneer relationships between these students and the business leaders and technology gurus of today.

"By participating in the YTL Summit, students like Philip Baggett will explore and meet with current industry leaders, and will forge their own pathways by learning to turn their concepts into reality," said Darryl Schumaker, Director of the Summit. "The fact that venture capital groups have

stricter requirements than ever means that these students need to be more creative than ever and must come to the table prepared with products and concepts that make business sense and will be used by consumers. We are extremely pleased that well-known professionals such as Michael Dell will see to it that these students have a greater understanding of what it takes to develop and sell critical ideas."

The YTL Summit will feature seminars led by technology professionals focusing on such topics as programming, gaming, web design and virtual reality, among others. Students will participate in roundtable discussions focused on issues affecting the technology industry, and visit with Austin's business community and education institutions. The companies and organizations providing expert content for the Summit include Dell Computers, FGSquared, Motive Communications, Isochron Data Corp., Motorola Semiconductor Products Sector, Southwest Texas State University, University of Texas at



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Austin and many others.

The YTL Summit is sponsored by Envision EMI, an education, management and marketing company. Founded in 1989, Envision EMI has offices in Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas, and is built on principles that educate, motivate and inspire young people to realize their full potential. For additional information on the YTL Summit, visit www.theinternationalsummit.com.

Economic injury loans available

The Secretary of Agriculture and U. S. Small Business Administration have announced that Crockett County is eligible for economic injury disaster loans resulting from the drought and high temperatures that occurred from Jan. 1, 2001, and continue.

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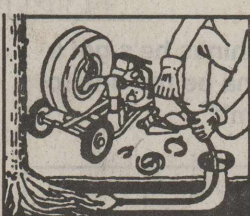
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