

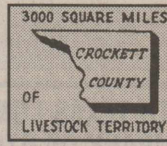
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Lions trounce Eagles, 61-54

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions beat the visiting Grape Creek Eagles in an exciting game on Jan. 28. The Eagles arrived fired up and ready to play, keeping the score close and the fans in suspense for most of the game. In the end, however, the Lions claimed the victory with a final score of 61-54.

"This was a huge win," stated Coach Steve Osborn. "It was one of our most complete games with the exception of a short stretch in the third quarter." The third quarter was the only

time in the game that the Eagles actually went ahead with a two point lead.

"My bench was big in this game. Arron Garza, Ryan Wiley, Dennis Taylor, and Robert Ogle combined for 11 points, five rebounds, and three assists. Most importantly, they had no turnovers. Grape Creek's bench got two points and three rebounds, that was probably the difference in the game," commented Osborn.

The Lions also shot over 64% in free throws to the Eagles' 36%. In the fourth quarter, Derek Faught and Bryan Skehan combined to make 12 out of 12 free

throws. That made a big difference in the game for Ozona.

The leading scorer for the Lions was Derek Faught with 26 points. Every team member contributed to the score in this game. Bryan Skehan had eight points, Lalo Garza put in eight, Jarryd Taylor added six, Arron Garza scored five, Ryan Wiley put in a three pointer, Dennis Taylor and Brad Mayfield each contributed two points, and Robert Ogle added one point.

Skehan led the Lions in rebounds with eleven. Derek Faught had nine rebounds and Brad Mayfield had six rebounds.



ARRON GARZA dribbles the ball toward the basket in the Ozona Lions 61-54 district victory over the Grape Creek Eagles.
Photo By Stephen Zuberbueller

Mrs. Childress retires as museum director

Crockett County Museum held its annual appreciation dinner Monday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Building. Patsy White, president of the museum's executive board, headed up the program.

The topic of the night was "Sharing our Memories, Experiences, Papers, Conversations of Past Memories". Mark White read a story written by his father, Ted White. Memories were shared by Lefty Walker, Crystelle Childress, Carmen Sutton, Georgia Kirby and Kay Stewart.

Mrs. White presented Geniece Childress with flowers as she retired after 29 years as museum director. Mrs. Childress was also presented a beautiful flower arrangement from her children and grandchildren.

Also receiving flowers were vice president Jean Odom and Crystelle Childress.

Geniece Childress presented outgoing president, Patsy White, with a framed appreciation certificate. She also made the announcement that Mrs. White would be the next museum director. Geniece talked about all her good years at the museum. She will now become museum director emeritus.

New executive board members for 2003 were introduced. Officers are: Alberto Galindo, president; Jean Odom, vice president and Claude Hudspeth III, treasurer. Other board members include: Linda Ramos, Benny Gail Hunnicutt, Carolyn Wilson and John Fluth.

New employees for the museum were also introduced. Carmen Ramos is the museum coordinator and Renee Padier is the museum aide.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to outgoing board members Al Fields, treasurer, and Lara Sue Baggett and Scott Kelley.

Helen Owensby received a certificate of appreciation for being a museum volunteer. Other certificates of appreciation for contributions to the museum were

awarded to Bud and Marilyn Cox, Friend, Eugene Miller and The Mr. and Mrs. Reid Holmsley, Oscar Kost, Renee Padier, Clayton Linda Moore.



Geniece Childress

'To touch the face of God'

By Rep. Henry Bonilla

More than thirty-three years ago America made reality out of a dream. We put a man on the moon. We achieved a feat that many on Earth thought was impossible.

Those of us from the black and white TV generation remember where we were on that July day when Neil Armstrong lowered himself onto the moon's surface and uttered the words: "This is one small step for man and one giant leap for mankind."

That monumental mission - and the dozens that have followed it - remind us that dreams really can become reality. But with reality comes tragedy and sorrow. Sadly, on Saturday, February 1st, 2003 we were reminded of this fateful fact.

Seven brave and dedicated astronauts lost their lives while pursuing a national dream. Words cannot express the gratitude we owe to those courageous souls, their families and loved ones.

I think President Ronald Reagan said it best in 1986 when he expressed a national gratitude to the space program after learning that the Space Shuttle Challenger had been lost. I would like to leave you today a portion of his poignant remarks:

"Perhaps we've forgotten the courage it took for the crew of the shuttle. ...they were aware of the dangers, but overcame them and did their jobs brilliantly. We mourn seven heroes. ... We mourn their loss as a nation together...For the families of the seven, we cannot bear, as you do, the full impact of this tragedy.

But we feel the loss... Your loved ones were daring and brave, and they had that special grace, that special spirit that says, 'Give me a challenge, and I'll meet it with joy.'

"They had a hunger to explore the universe and discover its truths. They wished to serve, and they did. They served all of us.

"We've grown used to wonders in this century. It's hard to dazzle us. But for 25 years, the United States space program has been doing just that... We've grown used to the idea of space, and perhaps we forget that we've only just begun. We're still pioneers. They, the members of the Challenger crew, were pioneers.

"The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave. The Challenger crew was pulling us into the future, and we'll continue to follow them...I've always had great faith in and respect for our space program. And what happened today does nothing to diminish it. We don't hide our space program. We don't keep secrets and cover things up. We do it all up front and in public. That's the way freedom is, and we wouldn't change it for a minute...We'll continue our quest in space. There will be more shuttle flights and more shuttle crews... Nothing ends here; our hopes and our journeys continue.

"The crew of the space shuttle Challenger honored us by the manner in which they lived their lives. We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved goodbye and "slipped the surly bonds of earth" to 'touch the face of God.'"

Fire damages Rex Fenton home

Firemen rushed to the home of Rex and Jo Ann Fenton Jan. 29 to find "smoke coming out of every crevice," said Fire Marshal Steve Kenley. The smoke was discovered by the Fentons' grandson, Koby, who lives next door when he came home from school for lunch.

Firemen kicked in the front

door to rescue the Fentons' dogs before entering the home, which was pitch black from smoke.

No flames were evident, just the thick smoke, when Roland DeHoyos took the fire department's thermal imaging camera inside. A search with the camera led to the master bathroom where the camera could "see" the fire.

The fire had started under a dressing table and was possibly electrical, Kenley said.

"This is the first time we've used the (thermal) camera going into a burning house," Kenley said. Thanks to the camera, firemen were able to go straight to the hot spot. "We got the hose and put the fire out," said Kenley.

Due to the quick discovery of the fire's location, fewer than 100 gallons of water were used.

In addition to the heat damage to the bathroom and adjoining bedroom, the remainder of the home was smoke damaged. Everything would have to be taken out of the house, according to Kenley.

Answering the 12:15 p.m. call were 13 firemen with two pumper trucks.

Gray fox population heavy

Sandy Burch says gray foxes are thick in their area. She and her husband, Lee, ranch south of Ozona on Hwy. 163.

Their dog recently was bitten by a rabid fox. The dog's shots were current, so a rabies vaccine booster was given, Mrs. Burch said.

The Texas Department of Health's airdrop of oral rabies vaccine to immunize gray foxes began in mid-January across an area of West Central Texas which includes Crockett and Val Verde counties.

This is the ninth year for the airdrop program, with 2.5 million baits scheduled to be released over at 50 county area.

Tom Sidwa, director of the oral rabies vaccination program, says there have been no human cases of rabies in South and West Central Texas since the airdrops began in 1995. The immunization program began in South Texas in 1995 after canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs reached

epidemic proportions, threatening San Antonio and other major population areas.

The airdrops began in West Central Texas in 1996 where an epidemic of gray fox rabies has been occurring since 1988.

Area codes to change

An announcement last summer that some 915 area codes would be changing this spring has Crockett County telephone users asking "Now when is that?"

A three-way split of the western portion of Texas currently served by area code 915 will take place on April 5. Area code 432 will cover towns including Midland, Odessa, Seminole, Pecos, Fort Stockton, Fort Davis, Alpine and Van Horn. 325 will cover Ozona, Big Lake, Sonora, Eldorado, San Angelo, Brady, Brownwood, Abilene, Snyder and adjoining towns. 915 will include cities such as El Paso, Dell City and Fabens and also the western-

Texas Department of Health records show that Crockett County had five reported cases of rabies in gray foxes between January and October of 2002, placing the county in an epidemic category.

most tip of northern Crockett County.

Estimates predict that the 915 area code will run out of numbers in early 2004. To take care of this, the Public Utility Commission issued an order in February of 2002 dividing the 915 area into three regions.

With the introduction of the new area codes in April, there will be permissive dialing using either the 915 area code or the new ones. Mandatory dialing using the new codes becomes effective Oct. 5, 2003. Customers dialing the old area code after that time will get a recorded reminder until Dec. 7, 2003.

Animals die from poison

More than 20 animals died at Crockett Heights in six days according to a resident of the area. Two were skunks, the others domestic animals, all apparently dead from poison.

Pets were found in their owners' yards, some on porches. Among the dead were a few pets that were incapable of getting out of their yards, said one Heights resident.

Contents from the stomach of two of the victims were sent by Dr. Gary Vannoy, DVM for testing. No results were available as of Tuesday morning.

Chief Deputy Alton Davis indicated Friday that owners of land surrounding Crockett Heights said they were not baiting for predators in their pastures.

Killing of domesticated animals is a Class A misdemeanor, Davis said.

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Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"
By Oscar Kost



This week I am going to share excerpts from a letter sent by Becky Davidson Madray. The article on the Davidson ropings brought back memories to Becky, who was nice enough to share them.

Dear Oscar:
I really enjoy your "This Is The Way It Was" columns, and of course the one about Joe's ropings was just wonderful and brought back so many memories. I remember you being there but not Miller and not Lefty, which is odd because Lefty has always been a favorite of mine.

My grandmother always called them "Joe's little parties," and as far as I know, he did all the planning and organizing. I agree with you that they were remarkable. I remember the lines of people at mealtime and the rows and rows of pick-ups and trailers and cars. The colts he gave were Tip's colts and were much prized by the cowboys as they made the best roping horses.

The saddle the cowboys gave Joe is beautiful, and we still have it, of course. In 1945 or 46, they gave Grandmomie a check for \$500.00 to purchase something for the house they were building.

After Grandmomie died, we were going through old papers of Joe's. He had a habit of emptying his desk drawers at the end of each year into a large box - usually a Cox-Rushing suit box - and labeling it with the year. In going through some of those boxes, I found many, many letters from rodeo cowboys explaining why they could not repay their loans just yet - luck was hard, the pick-up broke down, the horse was lame, etc. There is no telling how much money he loaned to those men. Several ropers he did bankroll for a percentage of their winnings. I doubt that much of that ever came back to him, but that was not important to Joe. He was the most generous man I ever knew, giving whatever dollars were in his pocket to anyone who asked for help.

The last roping at the ranch, Anne and I were injured in the

arena. We talked Joe into letting us ride on the back of the tractor that pulled the drag. He told us okay, but do not touch this rope. Of course Anne just couldn't let that pass--so she pulled the rope and we were dumped out and were pinned by the drag. I was face down in that loose dirt with the drag on the backs of my knees. Many men ran to dig us out, and we were not really hurt, just scared to death, and I still have scars on the backs of my knees all these years later. I remember my daddy scooping me up and carrying me out of the arena. I don't know who rescued Anne - maybe Joe. You may remember those few minutes of chaos.

The drought brought an end to the ropings, as it did to so many things. Joe had to sell so much stock, and that finished the breeding of quarterhorses. I think his heart attacks were caused by the stress of losing so much and having his plans and dreams so changed by something he could not do anything about - the lack of rain.

Well, Oscar, you certainly brought back memories. Thanks for your excellent columns. They are such a great addition to the paper. Perhaps we can have a real visit the next time I am in Ozona.

Love to Louetta and to you, too.
Your friend,
Becky

Softball league starts early spring season

The Ozona Softball League is starting early spring season. Any teams interested in participating, please contact Jerold Savala before Feb. 10 at 392-3586 or (cell) 656-7574.

There will be no entry fee until the summer league season begins. Any individual without a team who is interested in participating can be placed on a team.

News Reel

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

- FEBRUARY 13, 1975**
- News Reel**
Cadet William C. Taliaferro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Taliaferro of Ozona, has been named to the Commandant's List for his outstanding military performance at the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- News Reel**
As the finish date nears for the nursing home wing at Crockett County Hospital, a name for the facility has been selected. The facility will be known as the Crockett County Care Center.
- News Reel**
A large crowd of local and area residents is expected tonight for the 11th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held at 7 o'clock at the Civic Center.
- News Reel**
Mrs. George Montgomery is in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo undergoing medical treatment.
- News Reel**
The Ozona Lions took a great victory Friday night, as they beat Sanderson 91-43.
- News Reel**
The school board trustee election has been called for Saturday,
- April 5, and will be the first election in this off year for Crockett County voters.**
- NEWS REEL FEB. 14, 1946**
- News Reel**
Red McWilliams with the Marines over two years in the South Pacific fighting, is home and employed by Smith Drug until June when he will reenter college.
- News Reel**
A Willis coupe, belonging to Alvin Harrell, was stolen from in front of the Ozona Theatre Tuesday night. So far officers have been unable to trace the vehicle.
- News Reel**
Funeral services for Miss Claudia Everett, 56, were held Friday afternoon from the First Baptist Church in Ozona.
- News Reel**
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones entertained with a birthday party at the courthouse Friday afternoon for their daughter Jan.
- News Reel**
Pvt. and Mrs. Tommy Harris are the parents of a son, Bradley Cullen, born Saturday morning in a San Angelo hospital.

Texas Senate Week in Review

Austin (Jan 31, 2003) - The 78th Session of the Texas Senate literally hit the ground running this week with Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst assuring Texans that the budget will be balanced this year despite a \$1.8 billion shortfall, and Governor Rick Perry addressing a letter to the Senate urging consideration of healthcare and insurance regulation as emergency matters, to be acted on immediately.

On Wednesday, Senator Troy Fraser from Horseshoe Bay announced the filing of Senate Bill 310, requiring residential insurers to immediately file rates and supporting data on a one-time basis with the Commissioner of Insurance. The Commissioner will then prepare a summary report to submit to the 78th Legislature. "We need to know that the rates being charged for homeowners insurance are just, reasonable, adequate, not excessive, and not unfairly discriminatory," said Fraser.

The Senate Committee on Business and Commerce met Thursday to consider Chairman Fraser's proposed legislation, as well as Senate Bill 14, sponsored by Senator Mike Jackson from Pasadena. SB14 would require insurers writing homeowners and personal auto insurance in Texas to supply rates, rating manuals, supplementary supporting data, and policy and service fees for approval by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The fifteen members of the Senate Finance Committee met earlier in the week with Billy Hamilton, Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts, and John Keel from the Legislative Budget Board to discuss the \$1.8 million shortfall in the current state budget. The committee has several options to come up with a solution to the shortfall, such as reductions in spending and inter-fund borrowing. According to Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, there will be an emergency appropriations bill in March to certify the reductions so that the budget will be balanced for fiscal year 2003.

Chairman Teel Bivins from Amarillo, along with the other members of the Senate Finance Committee, filed Senate Bill 1, which presents a "zero-based" budget for the 2004-05 biennium. The legislation is based on a bill written in 1991, when Bob Bullock was Lieutenant Governor of Texas and had the goal of building a budget from zero based upon core essential services.

In anticipation of this measure, the Legislative Budget Board sent out a letter on January 28, 2003 asking all state agencies to analyze their budgets "in terms of what are core functions and essential agency services, how these services can be provided more efficiently, and what these services cost." The Lieutenant Governor said he prefers to let the agency heads determine where they can come up with the savings, rather than "micro-manage the process."

The Senate will reconvene Monday, February 3, 2003, at 1:30 p.m.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

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| Jan. 27 | 58 | 37 | -0- |
| Jan. 28 | 65 | 37 | -0- |
| Jan. 29 | 65 | 27 | -0- |
| Jan. 30 | 65 | 29 | -0- |
| Jan. 31 | 70 | 29 | -0- |
| Feb. 1 | 71 | 30 | -0- |
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| Lo 26 | Lo 31 |
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OUTGOING EXECUTIVE BOARD members pictured at Crockett County Museum's annual appreciation dinner are Jean Odom, Al Fields and Patsy White. *photo by Carmen Ramos*

It's a boy!

Amos and Jean Owens of Iraan are proud to announce the birth of their first great-grandson, Landon Slade Smart. He was born Jan. 17, 2003, at 12:44 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Slade weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Kyle and Chey-Anne Smart of Lubbock.

Slade's grandparents are Bill and Linda Gage of Iraan. His great-grandparents are L. C. and Ollie Gage of Lubbock, Mary Lois Ledbetter and Don and Ethel Smart, all of Morton.

Proud aunt is Brandi Gage of Lubbock. Slade is the great-great-grandson of the late Jeff and Laura Owens and the great-great-grandson of the late Wilse and Tinie Owens who were long time ranchers in Crockett County.



HELEN OWENSBY, volunteer at Crockett Museum, was honored with a certificate of appreciation at the annual banquet held Jan. 27. *photo by Carmen Ramos*

Ozona Senior Happenings

By Lynn English

Remember our usual activities - Mondays at 7:00 p.m. are square dance lessons. Clogging lessons are on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and exercise on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. Activities are for those of you 50 plus. Our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

Helping Hands has a board meeting Wednesday, Feb. 5, at noon. We urge all board members to attend.

Interlink will sponsor blood pressure and blood sugar testing on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 11:00

a.m. at our Senior Citizens' Building.

Come by and see our Valentine decorations, and you may want to help on an interesting puzzle that we are working on. It is taking forever to complete.

It is sad that we lost seven of our finest astronauts Sunday morning. It is yet another national tragedy.

AARP free tax help will be here Thursday, Feb. 6, at 10:00 a.m. to help us with our income tax if we need help filing. To get an appointment, call me at 392-5026.

Levis and Lace will have their dance here at the Senior Center Saturday night, Feb. 8, at 8:00 p.m.

Next week, Wednesday, Feb. 12, will be our noon potluck. We are already looking forward to it. Please bring a dish and join us.

If you need more information, want to volunteer or wish to get on our list to have meals delivered, please call us at 392-5026.

It's a girl!

Julie and Matt Harrison of Murphey are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 30, 2003. Lana Elise Harrison arrived at the Plano Area Hospital weighing six pounds, 15 ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Pleas and Sandra Childress of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrison of El Paso.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Grady Ellis of O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Childress Jr. of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. William Farris of Snyder.

Museum Memorials

Gary and Jane Garlitz in memory of: Leta Powell, Jerry Hayes, Vada Bean

Gwynel Walker Wells in memory of: Sophie Kyle Helen Owensby in memory of: T. K. O'Bryant

Crystelle Childress in memory of: Martha Arledge Gries Vada Pridemore in memory of: Martha Arledge Gries

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson in memory of: Leta Powell, Susan McMullan, Martha Arledge Gries E. A. and Betty Lou Winslow in memory of: Martha Arledge Gries

Esther K. Jones in memory of: Louise Morgan, Bitsey Barrett Georgia Kirby in memory of: Martha Arledge Gries

Memorials may be made to Crockett County Museum, P. O. Box 1444, Ozona, TX 76943.

Miss Ivey, Mr. DeHaven wed in Fort Stockton

On a beautiful day, Dec. 7, 2002, Melissa Suzanne Ivey and Kevin Lynn DeHaven were joined in marriage at the gazebo in Zero Stone Park in Fort Stockton.

Melissa is the daughter of Suzanne Whitley of Houston and is a 1999 graduate of Ozona High School. She is employed with the

Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

Kevin is the son of Cindy Pherigo of Fort Stockton and Clay Williams of McLoud, OK, and is a 1998 graduate of Fort Stockton High School. He is employed by the State of Texas.

Melissa and Kevin have made their home in Fort Stockton.

Happy Birthday

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Feb. 7 - Lonnie Martinez, Franklin Reavis, Joyce Galvan, Carlos Galindo

Feb. 8 - Matt Mecke, Carla Trevino, Jason Huereca, Marty

Moran, Barbara McReynolds, Don Rinehart, Jan Van Shoubrouk, Louisa Pearson

Feb. 9 - Vicky Longoria, Paarth Raj, Gene Castro, Jason Puckett, Augustine Martinez, Zeke Flores, Odelia Alba, Lonnie Dorris

Feb. 10 - Mari Tijerina, Clay Childress, Rebekah Shaw, Lesley Vestal, JoLissa Payne, Rocky Nichols, Andrew Shaffer, Kariela Rodriguez

Feb. 11 - Anna Smith, Mary Jo Clark, Raul Arredondo Jr., Whitney Worthington, Christine Carter

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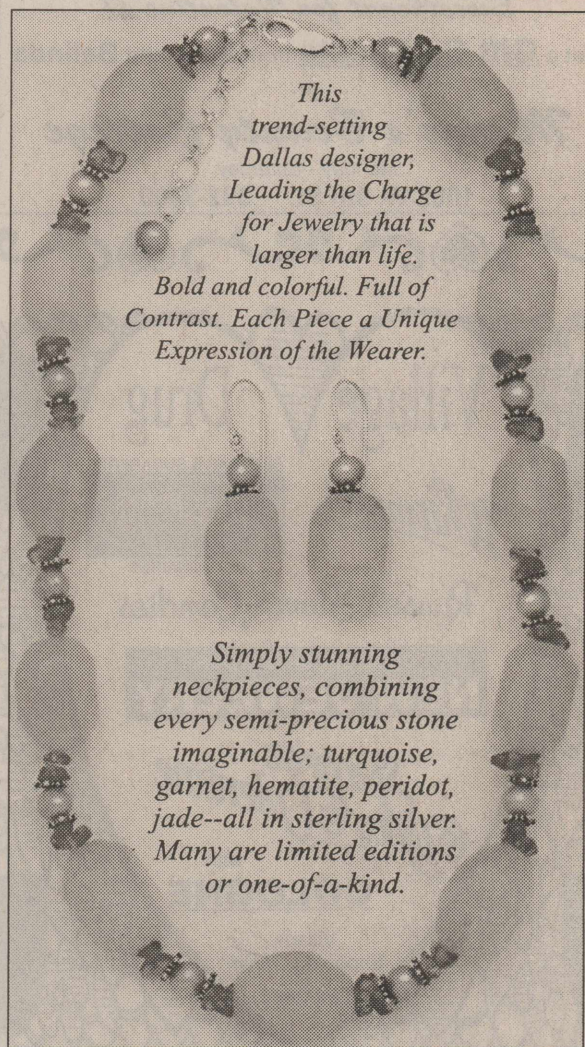
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RESIDENTS enjoy a game of volleyball at the care center. contributed photo

Care Center Chatter

Monday afternoon residents enjoyed a game of volleyball in the main lobby. What a workout these residents had. Roland and I were really worn out. Exercise is good for everyone.

Wednesday afternoon Otis Nester was here to entertain our residents, staff and guests with his music. Thank you, Otis. We appreciate you.

On Thursday morning, Nell Wester and Jo Ann Williamson were our volunteers for Thursday morning beauty shop. Thank you, ladies, our lady residents really appreciate you volunteering for beauty shop each Thursday morning.

Please note, I need a month's notice for activities inside or outside the facility as our calendar is planned in advance.

Happy birthday wishes go to our administrator, Benny Gibbs, from staff and residents on Feb. 7.

Employee for the Month of February is Ladyne Mahannah, administrative secretary. Resident for the Month of February is Jo Richardson.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge and put their trust under the shadow of your wings.
For with You is the fountain of life: in Your light do we see light. (John 4:10,14)
O continue your loving kindness to those who know you. Your righteousness (salvation) to the upright in heart.
Let not the foot of pride overtake me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
Psalm 36: 7, 9, 10, 11

Obituaries

Feb. 5 service for Mr. Thomas

Reginald Thomas of Fort Stockton died Jan. 31, 2003, in that city.
Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the First Christian Church in Fort Stockton with the Rev. Ernie Waggoner officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona at 2:00 p.m.
Mr. Thomas was born Nov. 30, 1934, in Washington, Texas. He had lived in Fort Stockton since 1967 and was a truck driver. Survivors include: a brother, Trazell Hayes of Ozona; a sister, Mozell Wilson of Katy and several nieces and nephews.

San Angelo services for Mr. Tijerina

Ramon Sanchez Tijerina Jr., 89, of San Angelo died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at SCCI hospital, surrounded by his wife and daughters.

He was born April 1, 1913, to Ramon Tijerina and Martina Sanchez and raised in Ozona. He married Juanita Revelez in 1938 and moved to San Angelo in 1951.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, a great-granddaughter, Jessica Alcala, and a son-in-law, Sam Cedillo, both of San Angelo.

He is survived by his loving wife, Juanita, and six daughters and sons-in-law: Leonor Fiori, and Lelia (husband Jesse) Alcala of San Angelo; Martha (husband Earl) Gillis of San Antonio; Ida Welch, Mary Ann (husband Dennis) Kellam and Lucy (husband Oscar) Gonzales, all of Coppell. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to St. Mary's building fund, 7 W. Ave. N, San Angelo, TX 76943.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. Mass is at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Angelo with burial at 2:30 p.m. in Lima Cemetery in Ozona.

Rev. Francisco Rojas conducts revival

Revival services are scheduled for Feb. 7-9 at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida with Rev. Francisco Rojas as guest pastor.

Evening services begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday, the time is 11:00 a.m.

"In 1988, God became my Savior," said Rev. Rojas. "Since then the whole purpose of my existence has been to serve Him."

"I felt God calling me into the ministry to become a preacher. In 1994, I started my preparation at the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio. I graduated in 1998.

"God permitted me to work as an interim pastor at New Life Baptist Church of Ozona. Presently I am pastoring the First Baptist Church of Dayton.

"For more than three years we have seen God's hand move. We participate in missionary trips to Mexico and revivals. Our vision is that people know God Almighty, who has a purpose for every life."

Card of Thanks
I would like to thank Mr. Crawford and Mr. Glosson for all their help before, during and after the Ft. Worth Livestock Show. I appreciate everything that you both did for me. A great big thanks to my Dad, Marvin Clark, for all his hard work, help, support and patience. You're the best!!!
Frankie

Card of Thanks
Our gratitude goes to each of you who consoled us at the time of our loss. Your calls, flowers, memorials and food were greatly appreciated. Knowing that we were in your thoughts and prayers gave needed comfort. Thank you all
The Violene Stanton Family
Betty and Robert Hartley
and Jack Stanton

Card of Thanks
We would like to give thanks to our Lord, first of all, then to Bernice Fierro & her C.C.D. class for the fundraiser they had on Superbowl Sunday, & Mr. and Mrs. Juan Coy & family for the money sent to Ryan. Emilio & Patsy Gutierrez held a fundraiser for their grandson Ryan, on Friday, the 31st at the Parish Hall, and want to thank God and Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tambunga and Shayne Fuentes for helping out in the kitchen. Also, to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Maldonado, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gutierrez, & Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Garza for donating briskets, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Valadez, Mr. and Mrs. Filiberto Sanchez, & Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Galvan for donating tortillas, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sanchez, & Mr. and Mrs. Pete Maldonado for donating drinks, to Jimmy Tambunga for donating the hot sauce, and to Chago Ybarra Sr. and his help for cooking the briskets. A special thanks to those who cooperated in buying burritos and drinks, and those who just donated money. May the Lord Bless each and everyone of you today, tomorrow and always!! Your cooperation and prayers are deeply appreciated!! We plan on having another fundraiser for Ryan very soon, Lord willing! We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!! We love you very much, Ryan!
Emilio and Patsy Gutierrez
Shayne, Mikey and Matthew Fuentes
Sandra, James, Ryan and Aryn Sanchez

Inner Peace
By Dr. John Fluth
Ozona Methodist Church

We are deeply saddened by the news of the loss of the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia. We are praying for the families and friends of the crewmembers, as well as all who are involved in mission control and in the investigation. We pray that God will show us His grace through this painful event, and waken our hearts to His mercy and majesty. Once again the fragility and brevity of life stare us in the face. Once again all the questions of "why" are being asked. Throughout this struggle for answers of why this happened we ask God to remove all fear from our hearts and to give us the strength and courage to face any disaster that come our way. Only God can give us comfort at these times. In the midst of external tension, God can give an inner peace.

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| First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. | Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. |
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Serenade your Valentine! The Library Sisters will be presenting Singing Valentines for your special loved ones on Friday, Feb. 14, one day only. Cost is a small donation of \$15.00 to the Friends of the Library, but the impact and sentiments of the gorgeous Library Sisters singing a love song to your Valentine are priceless. Surprise your sweetheart or special friends with an early morning wake up song or a late night dance to celebrate Valentines 2003.

The Library Sisters will be performing a new song and dance routine especially for your Valentine, and are also available to deliver gifts or flowers for you. Bookings are limited, so call the library at 392-3565 to schedule your Singing Valentines now. Book them now and show how romantic you can be for your Valentine.



JUNIOR LIBRARY SISTERS Jadyndy Poindexter, Kara Bird and Rebecca Pierce will serenade you on Feb. 14.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are shining stars! And the public library couldn't make it without all of the volunteers that give hundreds of hours every year making every library event so special. Here's a big thank you to all those shining stars out there - the library board, the Friends of the Library, the Library Sisters, our PR partners in news and radio, our Summer Reading Program readers, talent show performers, lawnmower racers, our Christmas tour of homes and all the other - here's to you all.

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Louise P. Ledoux
Crockett County Public Library

Chamber taking banquet reservations

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the 39th Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Theatre for Thursday, Feb. 27, at the convention center. The theme this year is "Rolling With Change!"

Doors open and the reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. The awards presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Following the awards presentation, the buffet line will open at 7:30 p.m. Once everyone is seated, the one act play cast will present "The Miracle Worker". Highlights of the banquet will include 2002 Year in Review, visitor center project update, recognition of retiring officers/directors, introduction of incoming officers/directors and presentation of the past chairman award.

Awards presented at this year's banquet will include 2002 Organization of the Year, Member of the Year, Legacy of Spirit, Unsung Hero and Citizen of the Year. The chamber will also recognize those individuals and organizations that have contributed to the visitor center project. The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will also present the conservation award.

Banquet tickets for individual open seating are \$12.00 each. Reserved tables of six are \$72.00. All reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 21. To make your reservation, contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

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The grand openings of the Family Caregiver Information Centers in Crockett County will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The grand opening of the caregiver center at the Senior Citizens' Center, 1 State Highway 163, will be held at 11:00 a.m. The

caregiver center at the Crockett County Public Library at 1201 Ave. G will hold its grand opening at 1:00 p.m.

If you are an adult child helping your elderly parents, a wife or husband caring for your elderly, ill spouse, a friend assisting an older, frail neighbor, or a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are a family caregiver, and information is now available to help you help your loved one.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley has furnished Crockett County with books, written materials, a TV/VCR, videos and an internet accessible computer to provide information to friends and family members who are caring for older loved ones and grandparents and older relatives raising children.

Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service will be available to answer questions and provide information about services available for family caregivers.

West Texas for Jesus Rally Feb. 7-8

"It's a heart thing." The West Texas for Jesus Rally in Fort Stockton this weekend is dedicated to the memory of Pastor Monty Price, his wife, Susan, their son, Jake, and family friend, Lendon Stovall, whose plane went down Jan. 8, 2003, in Arizona.

Plan on getting your family and friends together and going to the civic center in Fort Stockton Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, for "It's a Heart Thing". West Texas for Jesus is bringing in talented guest speakers, singers, instrumentalists and bands for this event.

Scheduled for Friday, Feb. 7, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. are: the Buddy and Tina Wright Band with old time gospel music, folk and bluegrass music; Nashville recording artist Leann Price-Conner; and international speaker and author - Glenn Smith, president of International Western World Outreach Center, Inc.

Saturday, Feb. 8, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Fort Stockton, the men will meet for breakfast with guest speakers Glenn Smith, Midland Cowboy Church of the American West - Tony Conner, and Ty Bean, pastor of the Cowboy Junction Church in Lovington, NM. From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Stockton Civic Center, the women will meet for coffee with guests speakers Pat Wright, Karen Conner and Leann Price-Conner. At the same time and place, the children, ages 4 to 10, will have a "Children's Time" with clowns, puppet theater and more fun-filled activities.

From 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. "Let's Rock" with the contemporary Christian rock/worship bands "Destination Known" and "God's Eye" and Leann Price-Conner and guest speaker Ty Bean.

From 6:30 to 10:00 p.m., the Buddy and Tina Wright Band, Leann Price-Conner and the gospel quartet Spirit of Salvation will minister with music followed by guest speaker Tony Conner.

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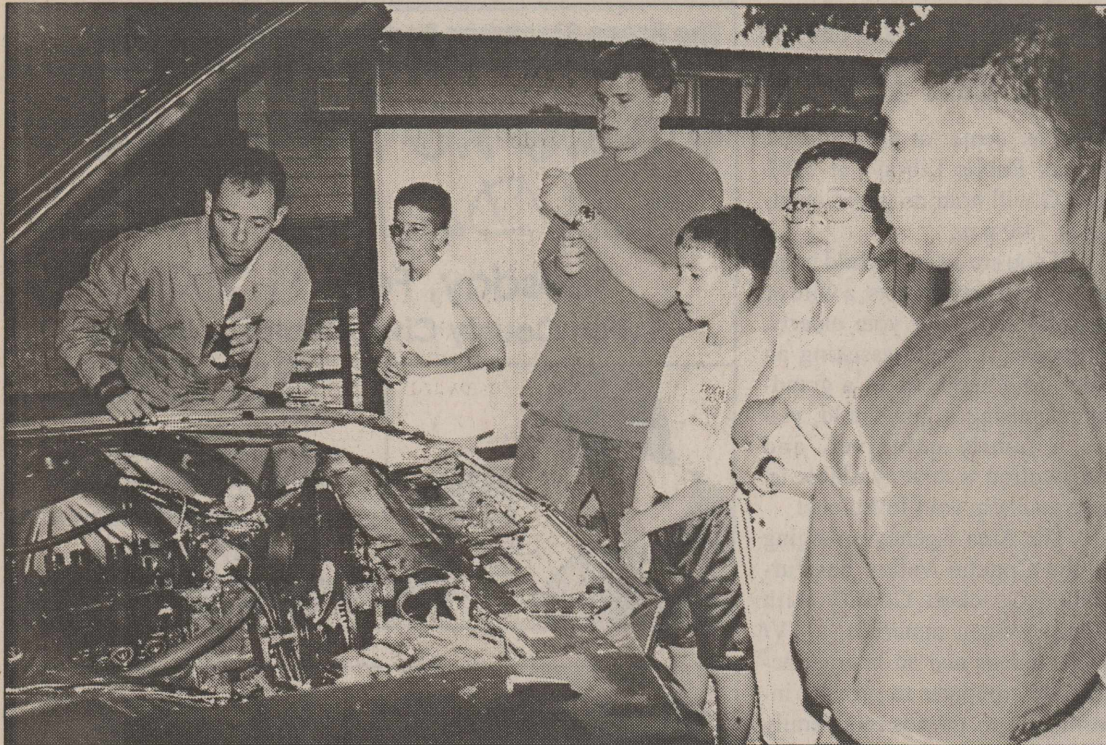
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SCOUTS working on earning their auto mechanics badges under the instruction of Ben English are: Ethan English, Jake Parks, Travis Zuberbueller, Levi English and Chris Lara.

Scouts earn merit badges

Boy Scout Troop 153 has been very busy this year working on merit badges. The scout troop holds a merit badge workshop every two weeks. The instructors are Scout leader Melvin Conner and assistant leaders Linda Conner, Ben English and Stephen Zuberbueller. Scout leader Melvin

Conner and Linda Conner have helped us to earn an Eagle Badge, Citizenship in the Community. For this badge we have learned how to be better citizens in our community by learning to help others in need.

Next we worked on the auto mechanics badge, instructed by

Ben English. Mr. English taught about the different parts of a car and how to take proper care of a car by using his own classic cars as examples. To earn this badge, each Boy Scout was assigned to clean their family car inside and out.

The third merit badge we worked on was Crime Prevention. Ben English being a DPS officer took us to the Crockett County Jail to learn the elements of a good jail system. The Boy Scouts had to read the newspaper to find articles about criminal activity and law enforcement. We also talked about the elements of a good home security system. We were each asked to go around our neighborhoods and check if there was a good security system in our community.

The next merit badge we will be working on is Law. This badge will teach us about our justice system. In the future we will be learning about Aviation, Photography and Soil and Water Conservation. This has been a great year for Boy Scout Troop 153.

Scribe: Travis Zuberbueller

Local 4-H'ers do well at Houston

The Houston Livestock Show will make its debut in Reliant Center in 2003, and 20 4-H exhibitors from Ozona are among the thousands of Texas youth who are planning to take part. The 2003 Houston Livestock Show runs from Feb. 27 to March 16 at Reliant Park.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of 4-H and FFA exhibitors, begins with livestock competition on Friday, March 7. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first part of the show, beginning Thursday, Feb. 27.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 15,000 entries, representing more than 1,000 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show.

Ozona youths exhibiting junior market lambs in Houston are: Lakin Aaron, Philip Baggett, Murphey Black, Latham Ducote, Clay Hale, Clint Hale, Kramer Hall, Aaron Renfro, Kelbie Renfro, Roy Walston III and Katheryn Walston.

Junior market goats will be exhibited by: Lakin Aaron, Alexandra Bean, Adrienne Bendele, Andrew Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Murphey Black, Shelby Blount, Latham Ducote, Clay Hale, Clint Hale, Kramer Hall, Kyann Kothman Taylor Newton, Jake Stewart, Aaron Swindell, Roy Walston III and Katheryn Walston.

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow and broiler and turkey) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions.



FRANKIE SKINNER placed third with her Spot pig in the Black OPB class at the Fort Worth Livestock Show. Other exhibitors were Morgan and Brandi Glosson. Accompanying them to the show were: Terry Crawford, Melissa and Larry Glosson and Codi, and Marvin and Mary Jo Clark.

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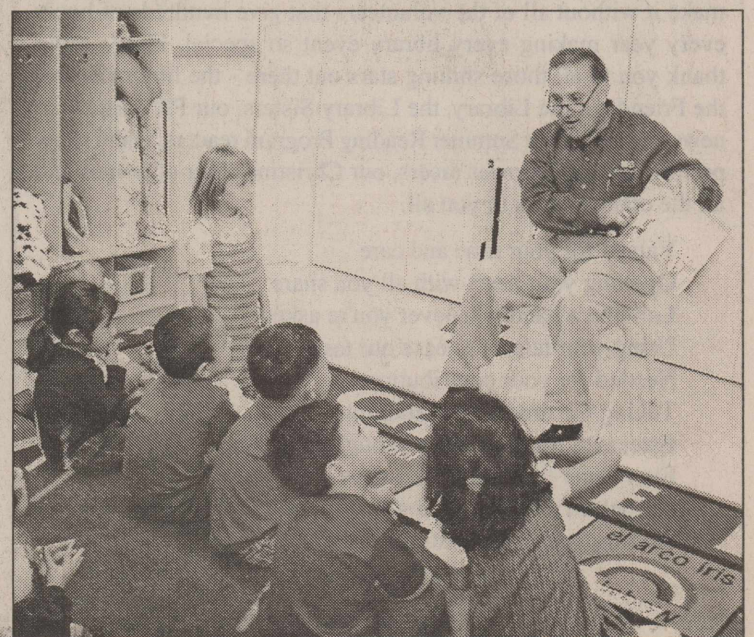
Tech Dean's List announced

Students who made the President's List or the Dean's List in Fall 2002 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock numbered 1,498 and 3,315 respectively. A student must have completed at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 4.0 to be on the President's List. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9,

having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

Names to the President's List from Ozona are Rachel Murr, a senior early childhood major and Scarlett Taylor, a sophomore arts and sciences undeclared major.

Achieving Dean's List honors is Marie Pierce, a sophomore COBA major.



MAC RICHIE holds children spellbound as he reads to them at Ozona Headstart.

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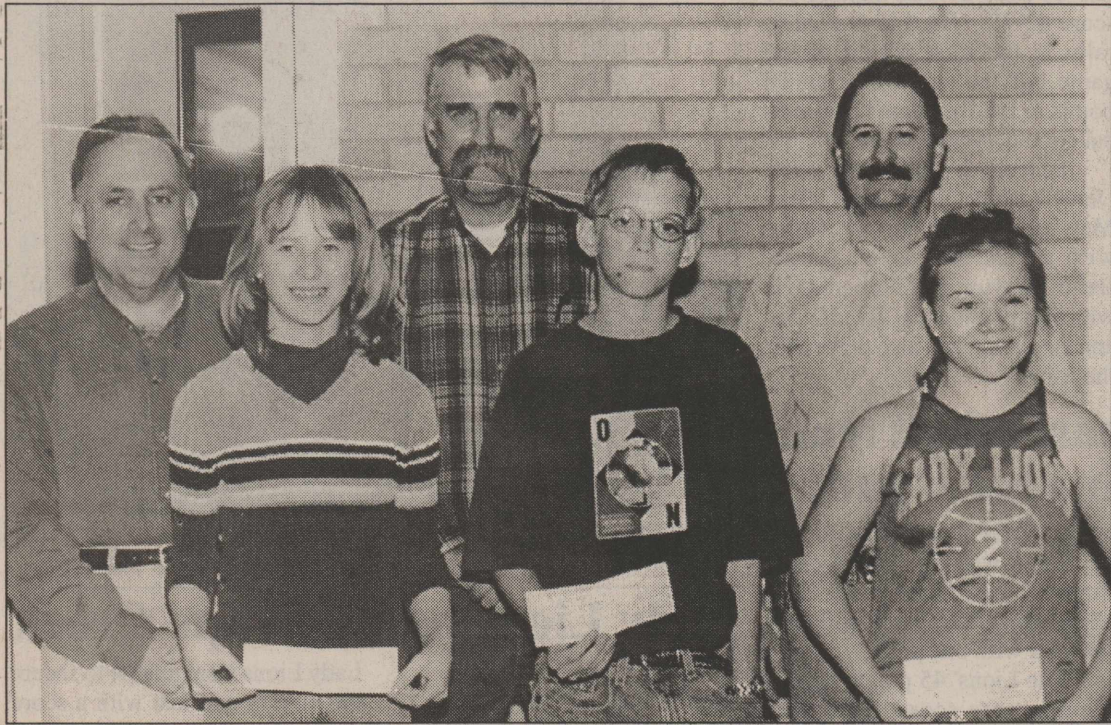
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BRANDI BUCHANAN smiles upon receiving a \$100.00 cash award for her conservation essay in the annual contest sponsored by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank. Pictured are Jim Skehan (ONB), Miss Buchanan, Jack Baggett Jr. and Larry Williams (CSWCD).

photo by Stephen Zuberbueller



RECEIVING cash awards for their entries in the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank sponsored conservation essay contest are: Britni Buchanan, Matthew Bullard and Melissa Morris. Also pictured are Mac Richie (ONB), Larry Williams and Jack Baggett Jr., (CSWCD).

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2003 Crockett County Junior Livestock Show rabbit results

Exhibiting the grand champion fancy rabbit at the 2003 Junior Livestock Show was Casey Nicks. Ross Kelley exhibited the reserve champion fancy rabbit.

Placings are as follows:
Mini Rex - Bucks - 1 Corey Kelley, 2, 5 Matthew DeWolfe, 3 Adrienne Bendele, 4 Michael Medina

Other exhibitors in this class included Ross Kelley, Brandi Glosson and Raevon Johnson.

Mini Rex - Does - 1, 5 Derek DeWolfe, 2 Morgan Glosson, 3 Ross Kelley, 4 Matthew DeWolfe

Netherland Dwarfs - Bucks - 1 Ross Kelley, 2 Frankie Skinner, 3 Corey Kelley, 4 Kara Bird, 5 Morgan Glosson

Netherland Dwarfs - Does - 1 Frankie Skinner, 2 Kara Bird, 3 Brandi Glosson, 4, 5 Jadyn Poindexter

Holland Lop - Bucks - 1, 2 Ross Kelley, 3 Corey Kelley, 4, 5 Emalee Hamilton

The other exhibitor in this class was Michael Medina.

Florida White - Does - 1, 2, 3 Casey Nicks, 4 Natalie Hernandez, 5 Diane Hernandez

AOV - Fancy - Bucks - 1, 5 Casey Nicks, 2, 3 Derek DeWolfe, 4 Diane Hernandez

Other exhibitors in this class included Matthew DeWolfe and Michael Medina.

AOV - Fancy - Does - 1, 2, 3 Corey Kelley, 4 Matthew DeWolfe, 5 Adrienne Bendele

The other exhibitor in this class was Emalee Hamilton.

Winning grand champion commercial rabbit was an animal exhibited by Ross Kelley. Reserve champion commercial rabbit was exhibited by Natalie Hernandez.

California - Bucks - 1, 5 Natalie Hernandez, 2 Frankie Skinner, 3 Diane Hernandez, 4 Matthew DeWolfe

California - Does - 1, 2 Frankie Skinner, 3 Matthew DeWolfe, 4 Diane Hernandez, 5 Natalie Hernandez

The other exhibitor in this class was Jadyn Poindexter.

Flemish Giant - Bucks - 1 Ross Kelley, 2, 4 Corey Kelley, 3 Emalee Hamilton, 5 Adrienne Bendele

English Lop - Bucks - 1, 2 Corey Kelley, 3, 5 Ross Kelley, 4 Adrienne Bendele

AOV - Does - 1 Ross Kelley, 2 Corey Kelley, 3 Adrienne Bendele, 4 Damon Johnson

AOV - Bucks - 1 Corey Kelley, 2 Ross Kelley

It is not the length of life, but the depth of life.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Conservation poster and essay winners announced

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank co-sponsored their annual essay and poster contest again this year.

The students of the sixth grade class at the Ozona Middle School were presented with information concerning conservation and shown posters of the past winners. The themes for this year's contest that were presented to the students were "Habitat for Life" and "Food for the Future".

All of the posters that the students submitted were very good. The students did a great job according to the district's board of directors.

The students that were awarded the first, second and third places also received cash awards. The first place winner was Ethan English receiving \$30.00; second place went to Matthew Komechak receiving \$20.00; and third place was Latham Ducote receiving \$10.00.

These winning posters will be submitted to an areawide contest later this month.

An essay contest was presented to the Ozona Middle School and the Ozona High School. Any students that were interested were asked to write a short essay on the subject of "Soil and Water Conservation".

"In the Ozona Middle School category, we had a difficult time deciding on our winners since we had some excellent essays submitted," said the district's board of directors. In the Ozona Middle School category the first place

essay was awarded to Britni Buchanan, who received a cash award of \$60.00; second place to Matthew Bullard receiving \$45.00; and third place to Melissa Morris receiving \$30.00. In the Ozona High School category first place went to Brandi Buchanan who received a cash award of \$100.00.

"We really appreciate the students that participated in our con-

test and would like to encourage them to do so in the future," said the district's board of directors.

Crockett SWCD and Ozona National Bank would like to congratulate these outstanding students for their accomplishments and invite the public to come by to view the posters and essays which will be on display in the Ozona National Bank lobby in April.

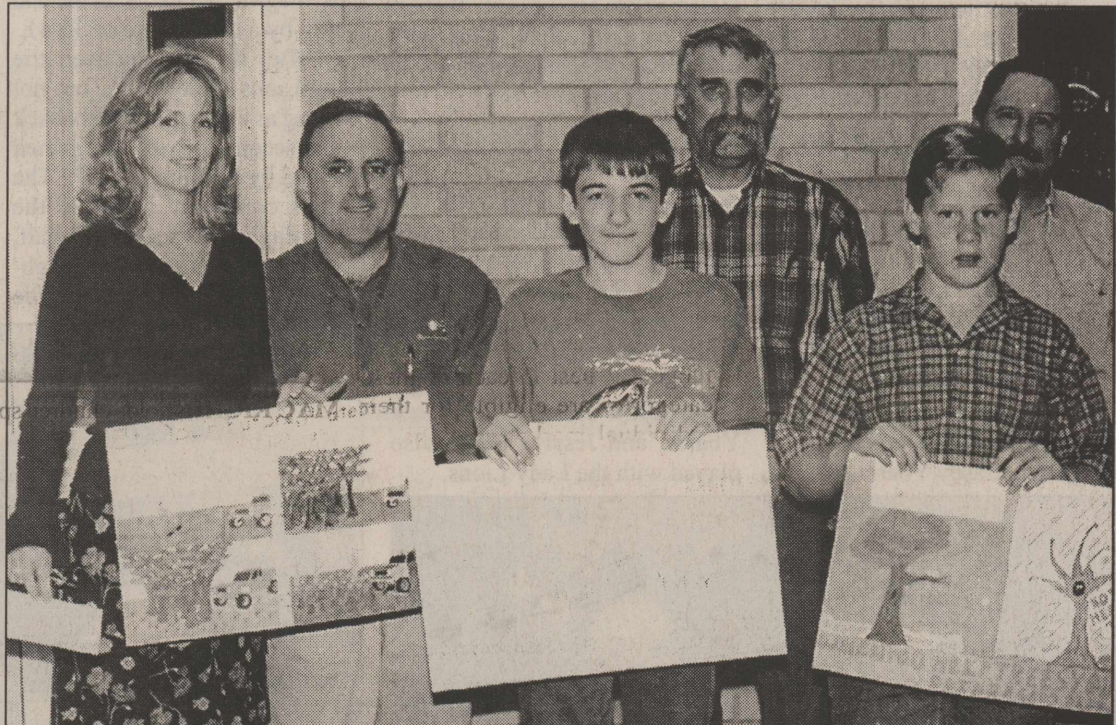
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WINNERS of the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank conservation poster contest at Ozona Middle School were: Ethan English (Mary Anne Deaton accepting), Matthew Komechak and Latham Ducote. Others pictured are: Mac Richie (ONB), Larry Williams and Jack Baggett Jr. (CSWCD).

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JV Lady Lions defeat Lady Eagles 41-37

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lion JV team handed the visiting Lady Eagles of Grape Creek a 41-37 loss on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The high point scorer in this game was Brandi Buchanan with 16 points. Also scor-

ing for the Ladies were Laura Pierce with eight points, Kayla Johnson with six points, Allison Skehan with five points, Kristen Bunger with four points, and Kristin James with two points.

Also playing with the Lady Lions were Jenna Henderson, Makinsey Morris, Britney Ramos, and Katherine Walston.



BRANDI BUCHANNAN was the high point scorer for the Lady Lions in their 41-37 victory over the JV Lady Eagles on Jan. 28. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller



JENNA HENDERSON takes a jump shot for the JV Lady Lions. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

JV Lions take victory in Sonora

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV Lions' basketball team played a strong game in Sonora on Jan. 31, overcoming the Broncos by a satisfying score of 58-41.

"These guys play good defense which makes it tough on our opponents to score," commented Coach Lenny Morrow (who sat in for Coach Lynn Searcy for this game). "Our good defense also turned in to a lot of easy baskets for us."

The Lions led early in game, however, the Broncos came back

to tie the score at halftime, 26-26. In the second half, the Lions came alive, scoring a whopping 32 points to Sonora's 15 and soundly thumping the Broncos with a final score of 58-41.

Every player on the team scored for the Lions in this game. The top scorer was Ryan Pearl with 13 points. Chris Martinez put in 12 points, Derek Wiley added seven, Doug Duncan made six points, Jack Rodriguez and Jared Bird scored five points each, Vince Castro threw in four points, Abel Martinez and Nick Perez put in two points apiece, and David Esparza contributed one point.

Lions struggle in game with Broncos

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions lost to the Sonora Broncos in Sonora on Jan. 31. The final score of the contest was 46-59.

The Broncos came out in the first quarter and grabbed a six point lead, ending the quarter 6-12 for Sonora. That lead carried over into the following quarter, and at the half the Lions still trailed 17-22. In the third quarter of the game, the Broncos came

alive again and outscored the Lions by nine points, making the score 42-28. The Lions tried to rally in the final period of the game but fell short, scoring 18 points to the Broncos' 17. The final for the game was 46-59.

Scoring for the Lions were: Derek Faught with 19 points, Brad Mayfield with eight, Lalo Garza with seven, and Arron Garza, Dennis Taylor, and Robert Ogle with four points each. Ryan Wiley and Bryan Skehan also played for the Lions.

Lions' JV Gold basketball team goes two for two in recent games

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV Gold boys' basketball team put down their two opponents on Jan. 20 and 27. The Lions stomped Grape Creek by a score of 54-35, then trounced Sonora with a final score of 45-30.

Scoring against the Eagles were Dusty Thomas with 16 points, Jimmy Tebbetts with 14 points, Justin Galan with seven

points, Zane Coates and Robert DeHoyos with six points each, Simon Garza and Daniel Cruz with two point apiece and Dub Walston with one point.

The Lions' 45 points against Sonora were scored by Dusty Thomas with 12 points, Zane Coates with ten points, Jimmy Tebbetts with eight points, Justin Galan with six points, Robert Dehoyos and Dub Walston with four points each, and Simon Garza with one point.

Lady Lions fall to Sonora Lady Broncos

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions fell to the Lady Broncos last Friday, Jan. 31, in Sonora by a score of 35-55.

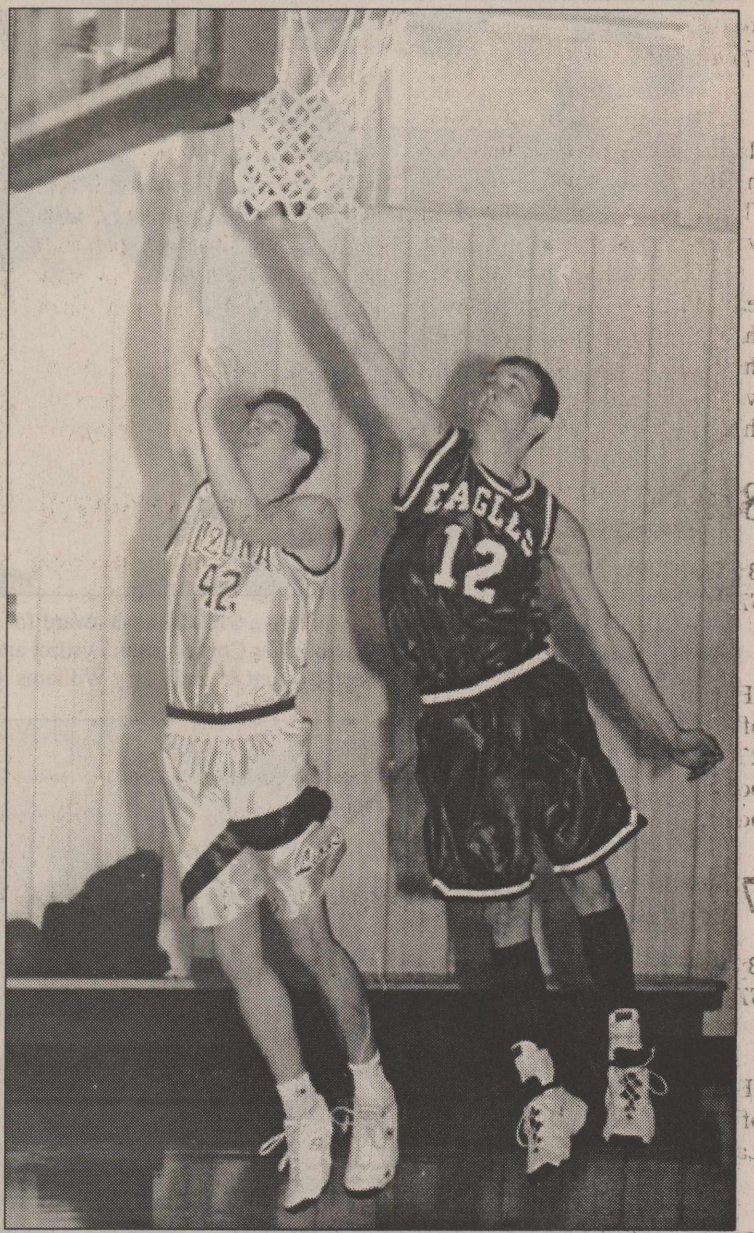
The Ladies 35 points were scored by Katy Churchill with seven points, Ruth Cervantez with six points, Casey Ybarra with six

points, Whitney King with five points, Hilary Huffman, Taylor Oglesby, Bekah Cowen, Kayla Johnson, and Brandi Buchanan with two points each, and Malory Moran with one point.

Colbey Crawford, Heather Ybarra, and Jessica Galan also played with the Lady Lions.



LAURA PIERCE contributed eight points in the JV Lady Lions win over the Grape Creek Lady Eagles. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller



JV LION JARED BIRD shoots the ball oblivious to the Grape Creek Eagle on his back. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

Lady Lions battle Grape Creek

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions fought hard against the visiting Grape Creek Lady Eagles on Jan. 28, in the end losing by a close score of 38-41.

After the first quarter, the Lady Lions trailed 7-11, but not for long as the Ladies fought back in the second quarter and gained the lead by halftime, 20-17. The Ladies continued to battle the Lady Eagles in the second half, keeping the score close throughout the game. Unfortunately the

Lady Lions were unable to secure the victory and lost with a score of 38-41.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were Whitney King with 10 points, Katy Churchill with nine points, Casey Ybarra with eight points, Ruth Cervantez with five points, Hilary Huffman with three points, Jessica Galan with two points, and Bekah Cowen with one point.

Taylor Oglesby, Colbey Crawford, Malory Moran, and Heather Ybarra also played with the Lady Lions.



TAYLOR OGLESBY demonstrates excellent ball control under heavy defensive pressure from a Grape Creek Lady Eagle. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

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8th grade Lions edge out Broncos

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lion team claimed a one point victory over the Broncos in Sonora on Jan. 27. The final score of the match up was 38-37 for Ozona.

The Lions secured an early lead in the game and kept that lead throughout the contest. However, the Broncos worked to inch their way back into the game during the third and fourth quarters. The Li-

ons were able to hold out and take the victory by the narrowest of margins, 38-37.

Scoring for Ozona was Levi Vargas with 19 points, Caleb Mitchell with five points, Jordan Long, Colby Mayfield, and Thomas Gray with four points each, and Matthew Bullard with three points.

Also playing for the Lions were John Tom Tijerina, Roman Tambunga, and Barrett Richie.

8th "B" Lady Lions top Sonora

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions' eighth grade "B" team beat the Lady Broncos of Sonora in a close game on Jan. 27. The Ladies scored eight points to the Lady Broncos seven points, giving them the victory.

The Ladies' eight points were scored by Lyndsie Crawford with four points, Tashina Lewis with two points, and Diane Hernandez with two points.

Also playing for the Ladies were Lauren Pool, Leandra Benson, Ashley Anderson, and Jasmine Lara.

7th "B" Lady Lions beat Sonora

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lady Lion "B" team won by a slim margin of 7-6 over the visiting Sonora Lady Broncos on Jan. 27.

Scoring the Ladies' seven

points were Kyann Kothman with four points, Lauren Sanchez with two points, and Paloma Torres with one point.

Victoria Treto, Blanca Dominguez, Brooke Kelley, and Brooke Tambunga also played with the Lady Lions.

7th girls defeat Lady Broncos

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lady Lions beat out the Sonora Lady Broncos in their game on Monday, Jan 27, in Ozona. The Ladies won with a final score of 35-28.

Sara Dorough led the Lions in scoring with 15 points. Also

scoring were Morgan Glosson with six points, Celia Rivera with six points, Kasey Gray with four points, Lori Villarreal with two points, and Alexa Cervantez with two points.

Also playing with the Lady Lions were Julia Henderson, Wendy Wilson, Anna Hernandez, and Eva Vasquez.

JV Gold Ladies go 2-3 in recent games

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV Gold Lady Lions won two of their last three games. The Ladies whipped Grape Creek 55-8, lost to Big Lake 19-38, and clobbered Sonora 36-22.

The Ladies played Grape Creek on Jan. 20. They got out with a quick lead over the Lady Eagles, and continued to add to that lead throughout the game, finishing the contest with a giant win of 55-8.

The leading scorer in this game was Victoria Miller with 14 points. Jessica Moore scored 12 points, Mandy Fierro made seven points, Kelli DeHoyos added six points, Tyler Cunningham made six points, Allie Bean scored four points, Tiffany Carrasco put in four points, and Ashley James added two points.

Coach Johnson commended the girls on their victory and acknowledged, "We shot the ball very well."

On Jan. 24, the Lady Lions met up with the Big Lake Lady Owls. This game ended in a 19-38 loss for the Ladies. Scoring for the Ladies were Tyler Cunningham with seven points,

Ashley James with six, Jessica Moore with three, Victoria Miller with two, and Mandy Fierro with one point. Kelli DeHoyos and Tiffany Carrasco also played for the Ladies.

The game on Jan. 27 matched the Lady Lions with the team from Sonora. The Ladies went up 8-0 in the first quarter and led at half-time 18-12. In the third quarter, the Ladies kept the lead with a score of 25-18.

The Ladies widened their lead in the final quarter, securing a convincing victory of 36-22 for Ozona.

Jessica Moore led the Ladies in scoring with 13 points in this game. Allie Bean scored nine points, Kelli DeHoyos scored seven points, Mandy Fierro made four points, and Victoria Miller added three points.

Tiffany Carrasco, Tyler Cunningham, and Ashley James played for the Lady Lions as well.

These games brought the JV Gold Lady Lions' record to 8-8.

Parents' Night Out

The First Baptist Youth are offering babysitting services for children ages 1-12 on Saturday, Feb. 15. The youth and sponsors will be in the nursery and preschool department of the Sunday School building from 4 p.m. to midnight to watch over your kids. There will be games and movies as well as hot dogs and other refreshments.

Donations will be accepted and will go to the First Baptist Youth fund.

For more information or to reserve a place for your children, please call Rachelle Morrow at 392-8314.



MEGAN McDANIEL drives down the court for the eighth grade Lady Lions. The Ladies suffered a heartbreaking 26-31 overtime loss to the Sonora Lady Broncos on Jan. 27.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



MORGAN GLOSSON scored six points in the seventh grade Lady Lions 35-28 victory over the Sonora Lady Broncos on Jan. 27

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

8th Ladies lose in OT 26-31

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lady Lions lost to the Lady Broncos from Sonora in overtime on Jan. 27. The final score of the game was 26-31 for Sonora.

The Lady Lions led the Lady Broncos 7-4 at the close of the first quarter. The Lady Broncos had closed the gap by halftime and the teams went in tied 10-10. At the end of the third quarter, the Lady Lions trailed by one point, 18-19. The Ladies tied it up in the fourth quarter, and the teams went into overtime play. During the overtime period, the Lady Broncos were able to score five points and take the final victory 26-31.

Lead scorer for the Lady Lions was Ashley Unger with 15 points. Frankie Skinner scored seven points, and Peyton Fenton and Farran Wilson scored two points apiece.

Kaleigh Wiley, Megan McDaniel, Britni Buchanan, Daniela Lombrana, Adrienne

Bendele, and Melissa Morris also played in the game for the Lady Lions.

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By Gerri Azam -- Stockman Sportswriter

Reagan County Middle School Tournament
Ozona Eighth Grade Boys vs. Wall- game 1

Jan. 23 & 25

Final score: 19-38 Wall
Individual points: Barrett Richie 4, Jordan Long 3, Levi Vargas 3, Roman Tambunga 2, Colby Mayfield 2, Matthew Bullard 2, Fred Fierro 2, Thomas Gray 1
Other participants: Caleb Mitchell, John Tom Tijerina

Ozona Eighth Grade Boys vs. Reagan Co.- game 2

Final score: 24-25 Reagan County
Individual points: Levi Vargas 14, Caleb Mitchell 4, Colby Mayfield 4, Roman Tambunga 2, Thomas Gray 2, Caleb Mitchell 2
Other participants: John Tom Tijerina, Jordan Long, Barrett Richie, Matthew Bullard, Freddy Fierro

Ozona Eighth Grade Boys vs. McCamey- game 3

Final score: 34-22 Ozona
Individual points: Levi Vargas 11, Caleb Mitchell 8, Colby Mayfield 6, Jordan Long 5, Thomas Gray 2, Freddy Fierro 2
Other participants: Matthew Bullard, Barrett Richie, John Tom Tijerina, Roman Tambunga

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| Harrison Int. | 10000 | W. A. Thomson #5 | Patterson Drilling/A #109 | Drig. ahead |
| New Texaco E&P/Mid. | 9500 | C. E. Davidson Jr.-B-#30 | Nabors Drilling (O) #353 | Rigging up |
| New Pioneer Nat/Trv | 9350 | J. E. Miller #3 | Patterson Drilling/A #42 | Drig. ahead |
| New Pogo Prod. Co. | 8500 | Ranch Hand-55-44 | Timb/Sarp Drilling #17 | Moving on |
| New RME Pet. Co./Mid. | 7500 | Meadows #5 | Patterson Drilling/A #38 | Drig. ahead |

Sutton County

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| Domination OK TXE&P | 7700 | Kirby-2-#5 | Patterson Drilling/A #40 | Drig. ahead |
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Terrell County

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| Tom Brown Inc/Mid | 20,000 | Muleskinner #1 H | Grey Wolf Drilling/M #88 | Drig. ahead |
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Val Verde County

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| Paramount Energy | 16,500 | Foote-Whitehead-#7-#1 | Patterson Drilling/A #36 | Drig. ahead |
| EEX E&P Co. | 14,000 | Leonard-3-#3 | Patterson Drilling/A #471 | Drig. ahead |
| Phillips Pet/Hous. | 9875 | Cauthorn-B-#3H | Patterson Drilling/A #118 | Drig. ahead |

Edwards County

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Crockett County Sheriff's Office Weekly News Report 01-27-03 through 02-03-03

01-27-03

- Deputy assisted Border Patrol Agents on stopping a vehicle.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Walnut St.
- 01-28-03**
 - Report of shots fired in the vicinity of 500 block of Ave. J. Deputy advised subject was killing a skunk.
 - Deputy provided funeral escorts.
 - Report of a subject with rifle at local motel. Deputies were unable to locate subject.
 - Deputy unlocked vehicle at local store.
 - Deputy unlocked vehicle at clinic.
 - 01-29-03**
 - Report of skunk in the area of 300 Block of Hillcrest. Deputy destroyed skunk.
 - Report of subject pumping fuel at local store, and credit card was denied. Deputy spoke with subjects, and they came up with the money for the fuel.
 - Deputy met with complainant on 1500 Block of Piedra St. in reference to broken window on a vehicle. Deputy took offense report.
 - Report of gas drive off from local store. Deputies located vehicle. Subject returned to pay for fuel.
 - Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to an adult female harassing a juvenile girl. Deputy talked to adult female, and was advised of the problem.
 - Report of juveniles trespassing. Deputy unable to locate anyone in area.

01-30-03

- Deputy took statement in Sheriff's Office.
- EMS crew made contact with intoxicated subject. Irion Co. notified.
- Report of livestock in roadway on Hwy. 137.
- Vehicle blocking driveway. Deputy had vehicle moved.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to an adult female harassing juvenile girl. Deputy talked to adult female, and was advised of the problem.
- Deputy took report on burglary of a vehicle.
- Deputy met with subject about telephone harassment.
- Subject leaving home.
- Deputy provided civil stand by.
- 01-31-03**
 - Alarm on 1200 Block of Ave. B. Deputy checked area and all was okay.
 - Deputy met with subject about telephone harassment.
 - Report of livestock in roadway on Hwy. 137.
 - Reckless driver on I-10. Deputy assisted DPS.
 - Deputy recovered property at local convenience store.
 - Deputy made report on sexual assault.
 - Report of subjects in trailer being pulled. Deputy checked vehicle and all was okay.
 - Minor traffic accident. Deputy issued blue form.
 - Report of family violence. Deputy made arrest.
 - Report of subjects arguing on Piedra St. Deputy advised couple was arguing over belongings.
 - 02-01-03**
 - Report of a small child left unattended in a vehicle at local store. Upon Deputy's arrival, vehicle was gone.

02-02-03

- Deputy assisted EMS personnel on medical call.
- Report of a party with minors on 200 Block of 12th St. Upon Deputy's arrival no one was home.
- Report of disturbance at local apartments. Upon Deputy's arrival, they advised no disturbance. Only one male subject in apartment.
- Report of a party with minors in 2000 Block of Santa Rosa St. Deputy advised that no minors present at party.
- Deputy responded to 911 call in reference to intoxicated subject causing problem. Subject was taken elsewhere by a family member.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to daughter gone from the house. Deputy located female juvenile, and returned her home.
- Deputy responded to 911 hang up call. Advised all was okay.
- Deputy responded to call in reference to two females causing problems on a bus. One female was transferred to another bus.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to assault. Deputy took offense report.
- Report of loud music in the area of Peach and Willow. Upon Deputy's arrival, all was quiet.
- 02-03-03**
 - Report of suspicious vehicle at a local apartment parking lot. Deputy spoke with subject, and advised his car had over heated.
 - Deputy met complainant at the Sheriff's Office to take a statement.
 - Deputy did a civil standby on Miller St.
 - Report of suspicious vehicle at parking lot of local bank.

Deputy checked subject out, and all was okay.

- Deputy assisted Border Patrol on Hwy. 163.
- Report of two vehicles racing. Deputy was unable to locate.
- Report of suspicious person on Santa Rosa St. Deputy was unable to locate.

ARREST REPORTS 01-27-03 through 02-03-03

01-29-03

- Yoes, Mark Paulson, age 42, of Kerrville was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of possession of marijuana. Subject was released after posting bond.
- 01-31-03**
 - Joy, Rachel M., age 24, of Denver, CO, was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of possession of marijuana. Subject was released after posting bond.
 - Kuk, James M., age 42, of Austin was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject was released after posting bond.
 - Terrell, James Randall, age 41, of Ozona was arrested by Crockett County Deputies on a charge of assault family violence. Subject was released after posting bond.
 - Sewell, Dee Dock, age 33, of Ozona was arrested by Crockett County Deputies on a charge of assault family violence. Subject was released after posting bond.
 - Molinare, Donice, age 45, of Austin turned herself in to serve a court order sentence for driving while intoxicated. Subject was released on time served.
 - 02-03-03**
 - Shook, Davis Woodrow Jr., age 33, of Ozona was arrested on a Crockett County warrant for assault family violence. Subject remains in jail waiting arraignment.

Junction Stockyards Market Report Sheep and Goats

Jan. 27, 2003

Junction Stockyards sold 3938 head of sheep and goats Monday. Market was steady. Bigger kids were \$5-8 lower. Lambs were \$4-8 higher also.

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| #1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs. | 98-1.10 |
| #1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs. | 90-1.05 |
| #1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs. | 96-1.05 |
| #1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs. | 88-95 |
| Fat ewes | 50-58 |
| Thin ewes | 45-55 |
| Bucks | 45-50 |
| Baby tooth ewes | 50-55 |
| Ewe & lamb pairs | 50-55 |
| Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies | 45-55 |
| Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies | 48-55 |
| Stocker Angora muttons | 55-65 |
| Angora kids | 1.00-1.12 |
| Angora kids-shorn | 68-92 |
| Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin) | 42-46 |
| Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies | 48-58 |
| muttons | 50-65 |
| Stocker Spanish nannies | 65-70 |
| Fat Spanish nannies | 55-65 |
| Fat Spanish muttons & billies | 65-75 <small>note: 62-82</small> |
| Fat yearlings | 75-85 |
| Fat Spanish kids | 95-1.07 |
| Small kids | 1.00-1.10 |
| Thin kids | 90-1.00 |
| Spanish nanny & kid pairs | 32-40.50 hd. |

Texas Monthly Oil and Gas Statistics

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 793 original drilling permits in December 2002 compared to 697 in December 2001. The December total included 646 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 26 to re-enter existing well bores, and 121 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2002 included 164 oil, 280 gas, 332 oil and gas, 12 injection and five other permits.

Texas preliminary November 2002 crude oil production averaged 965,733 barrels daily, down from the 990,131 barrels daily average of November 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for November 2002 is 28,971,979 barrels, a decrease from 29,703,931 barrels reported during November 2001.

In December 2002, operators reported 168 oil, 368 gas, 15 injection and three others compared to 178 oil, 437 gas, 16 injection and one other completion during December 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 9,192 up from 9,151 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 420 holes plugged and 81 dry holes in December 2002 compared to 450 plugged and 72 dry holes in December 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 410,318,302 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for November 2002, down from the November 2001 preliminary gas production total of 435,828,559 Mcf. Texas production in November 2002 came from 140,253 oil and 55,594 gas wells.

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