

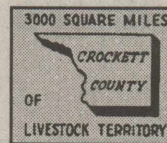
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Chamber honors Tambunga as Citizen of Year

A surprised Frank Tambunga was called forward to accept the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award at the annual banquet held Feb. 27.

"This is what happens when you don't attend the meeting," Tambunga said as he accepted a plaque from Robert Flores, outgoing chairman.

The Ozona native and Ozona High School graduate began a 22-year career in the Marine Corps in 1980. He served in the motor transport sections in both Camp Pendleton, CA, and Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan. Tambunga received training as a heavy vehicle operator, providing transportation support to Navy Corpsmen.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal and trained as a combat emergency vehicle operator, operating Gamma Goats used to do amphibious landings for emergency personnel. After his promotion to Corporal, he received further training as a fuel operator. He was recognized for his leadership and outstanding inspections.

The commanding general of the 3rd FSSG presented Francisco DeHoyos Tambunga with a hip pocket meritorious promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

After six months in Okinawa, he participated in a 3-month training exercise in the Philippines learning jungle, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare survival.

Upon leaving active duty in 1984, Tambunga returned to Ozona where he opened his own quick lube business. Two years later he closed this business and joined the Marine Reserves. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant in 1990. He was called up to serve four months during Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in 1995. Since 1998, Tambunga maintained the position of peacetime/wartime staff non-commissioned officer until his retirement in May of 2002.

Frank Tambunga and Irma Perez were married in 1986. They have four children and three grandchildren.

He works as an accountant at Ozona National Bank and has served as Crockett County Commissioner of Pct. 1 since January of 1992.

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he was instrumental in getting that organization to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #51 in 2002. The sponsorship includes

fund raising to purchase supplies for the Scouts as well as the opportunity to attend summer camp. The Knights provide a place for the troop to meet and manpower for the club. Tambunga, who served as Grand Knight in 1985, is Scoutmaster for the troop.

He is an usher, eucharistic minister and confraternity Christian doctrine teacher at his church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Due to Tambunga's efforts, Ozona is host to an annual thanksgiving meal for the elderly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Tambunga is also responsible for the memorial wall and flags that have been placed at the gravesites of all veterans buried in Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries. To honor the community's living veterans, Tambunga has organized an annual banquet, held for the second time in 2002.

Other awards presented by Ozona Chamber of Commerce during the banquet were: Organization of the Year to the Athletic Booster Club, Member of the Year to J. R. Bhakta of Best Western/Ozona Inn, Legacy of Spirit to Dee Keilers and Unsung Hero to

Ann Shaw.

Participating with an award for the second year was the Soil and Water Conservation Board, which recognized Ozona Middle School teacher Mary Ann Deaton.

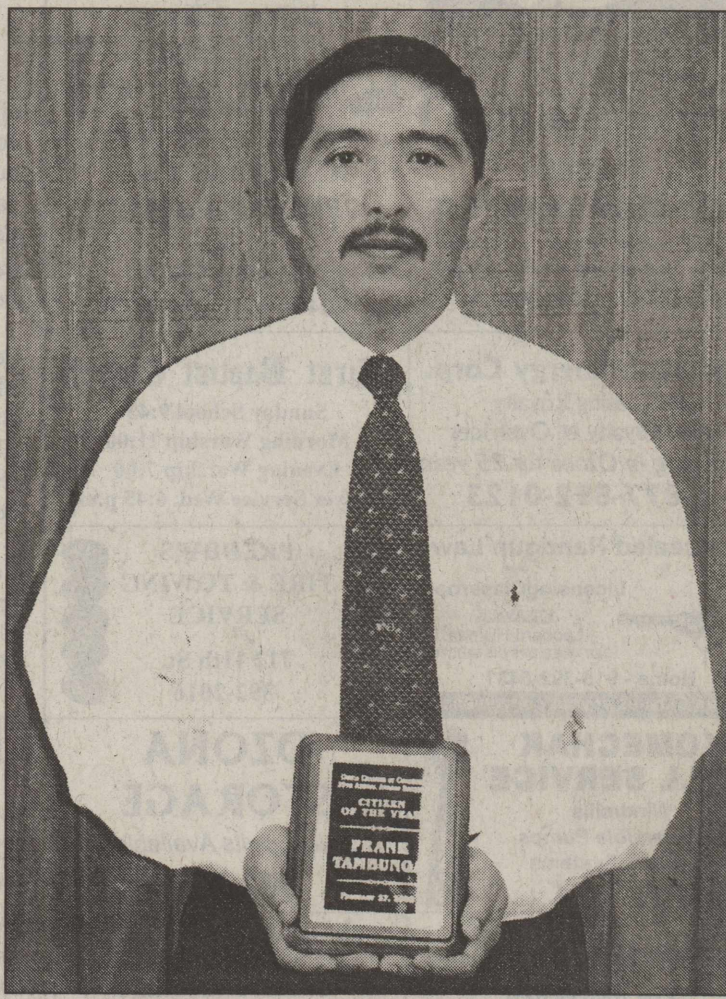
Organization of the Year

The 35-member Athletic Booster Club is made up of volunteers consisting of parents of athletes, cheerleaders, grandparents and teachers. The organization works to raise money for the athletic programs of the school. Members run concession stands for the high school and middle school football games with assistance from many additional volunteers.

Proceeds from T-shirt sales, spirit items and membership dues are donated to the school to purchase items not covered by school funding such as golf bags and timers for track. Proceeds also help sponsor the annual high school sports banquet.

During the 2001-02 school year, the club donated \$7,000.00 to the athletic director to use in all sports programs. \$500.00 was donated to the cheerleaders to help offset costs in their program. The

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FRANK TAMBUNGA
 Ozona Chamber of Commerce
 Citizen of the Year

Dee "Big Foot" Keilers retires after 30 years of service

Friends and family of Dee Keilers gathered from far and near Feb. 28 to congratulate him upon his retirement after 30 years with Crockett County Water District No. 1. Keilers spent his last day as general manager of the district sharing anecdotes at a luncheon and reception in his honor.

The sometimes tearful Keilers was overcome with emotion when he opened the gift of the old pressure gauge from Waterworks Hill.

Dee and Joyce Kay Keilers came to Ozona with their children, Karen and Lance, in October of 1972 after he accepted a position with Crockett County Water District No. 1. Dee began his career as a "water man" Feb. 1, 1961, with the City of San Angelo water department. There he worked as office engineer until 1968 when he moved to the field as distribution superintendent over the entire system.

The move to Ozona was a huge change for the Keilers family. "Adjusting was a challenge from big city to small town, large schools consisting of large classes to small school with small classes (with teachers that cared) and from a water department with 50 employees to a water, wastewater and sanitation department with a total of 16 employees."

He became general manager of the district after Bill Cooper retired in 1983.

"In 1984, I started to look for a water man to help me operate the district," said Dee. That year, Doug Meador and his family came to Ozona from Matador to work with us. Except for a short time in 2001 and 2002, when Doug went to college, we have labored together to provide the best possible services to the citizens of Ozona.

"Through the years I have seen tremendous improvements to

this community. A new wastewater plant was built in 1986. The south part of town has received new water and wastewater lines through grants. The district was finally forced to make major improvements to the water system that has been a very trying time for the manager as well as the workers and citizens of Ozona. Water conservation talks, career day talks and field trips up the hill to see the water wells were part of the job.

"We came here to do a job and we did it. I've never regretted it."

"In February 2003, it came time for me to turn the water works over to Doug," he said.

Actually, this is Dee's second retirement according to his charming 94-year-old mother, Corinne Keilers, who was delighted to be in attendance at the festivities for her son. Dee first retired at age

12 from his job as a grocery sacker after the store learned he wasn't 14, she said with a smile.

Professionally, Keilers has been involved with the Annual Texas Water Utilities Association, A&M Short School for 35 years, serving on several committees and currently on the exhibits' committee. He served on the first planning committee and was chairman of the Central Texas Region Short School in Abilene and continues on the management committee. In 1997, he received the Outstanding Professional Award from the school at its annual meeting.

He has been involved with the Fort Concho Water Utilities Association from the beginning of his water works career. He has been a member of the American Water Works Association since 1973 and received the LifeTime

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Walston crowned Region II Texas High School Rodeo Queen

Katheryn Walston was crowned Region II Texas High School Rodeo Queen Saturday, March 1, in Odessa.

The queen's competition took place in Madisonville in December. Katheryn had to compete in many categories including impromptu speech, modeling, written test and horsemanship. She will compete for the state title at Abilene in June.

Katheryn is the daughter of Roy and Serena Walston and a student at Ozona High School. She is a member of 4-H and National Honor Society.

She has been involved in rodeos since she was five years old.



KATHERYN WALSTON
 Region II Rodeo Queen

Argument ends in shooting

Augustine (Tinney) Guerra was hit twice by one bullet Sunday afternoon and remained hospitalized awaiting surgery in San Angelo Tuesday.

Arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was Edward Cervantez.

According to Deputy Steve Kenley, the men were arguing in the stairwell outside Cervantez' apartment at Crockett Apartments at the time of the shooting.

A bullet went through Guerra's arm, then struck him in the jaw, Kenley said.

Overcast skies prevented AirMed from flying, and Guerra was taken to the hospital in San Angelo by Crockett County EMS ambulance.

A report received in Ozona Monday indicated doctors were waiting for the swelling in Guerra's jaw to go down before doing surgery.

Trustees accept resignations

By Ted Cotton
 Assistant Superintendent

During their regular monthly meeting that was held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, members of the Ozona School Board accepted the resignation, effective July 1, of Mr. Donny Wiley, principal of Ozona High School, and the resignation, effective May 24, of Mr. Ruben Peña-Alfaro, high school social studies teacher.

Mr. Wiley resigned to take the position of superintendent of schools at Gordon Independent School District, and Mr. Peña-Alfaro resigned for the purpose of retirement. This is Mr. Wiley's sixth year of service to the district, and this is Mr. Peña-Alfaro's 30th year of service to the district.

In other personnel items, the board approved one-year contract extensions on the present contracts of Ted Cotton, assistant superintendent; Bob Lacy, principal of Ozona Primary School; Manley Holmes, principal of Ozona Intermediate School; Charles White, principal of Ozona Middle School; David McWilliams, school district counselor; Steve Taylor, athletic director; Dickie Faught, assistant athletic director; and Rod Miller, district technology director.

During the meeting, Mr. Jason Hughes, representative from

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First Southwest Company, gave the trustees information about financial options that were available to school districts, particularly in regard to those districts who were considered "property wealthy" and who had to send money to the state under the "Robin Hood" system of state funding.

"As you know," he said, "school bonds passed for the purpose of capital improvements are not subject to state recapture. What school districts can also legally do is to move from their maintenance and operation budget those major expense items that have more than a one-year life expectancy and include them in a bond issue for school facility improvements. As an example, your annual major expense items in your maintenance and operation school budget are for facility maintenance and repair, school housing and repair, stadium maintenance and repair, maintenance and operation equipment, technology equipment, new vehicles and other items."

"If, as an example, the total budgeted annually for these major maintenance and operation expense items was \$400,000.00, then a district could 'tax shelter' these items and include them as a part of the facilities improvement bond. These annual budget expenses which are now subject to state recapture would not be subject to state recapture through the

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Additional charges filed in T&C Village Market robbery

Kenny Vargas Tobar 18, Rogelio Sanchez Jr., 18, and Stephen Michael Maskill, 17, each were arrested Feb. 25 on five charges relating to a Nov. 10 robbery at Town and Country Village Market.

The arrests were made following indictment by Crockett County Grand Jury on charges of aggravated robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft, tampering with physical evidence and burglary of a building. Each teen was released on \$20,000.00 bail.

Tobar was shot twice in the leg during a robbery he told officers happened as he was counting the daily receipts after closing the store. His assailant was described as a man wearing a ski-type mask dressed in a camouflage shirt.

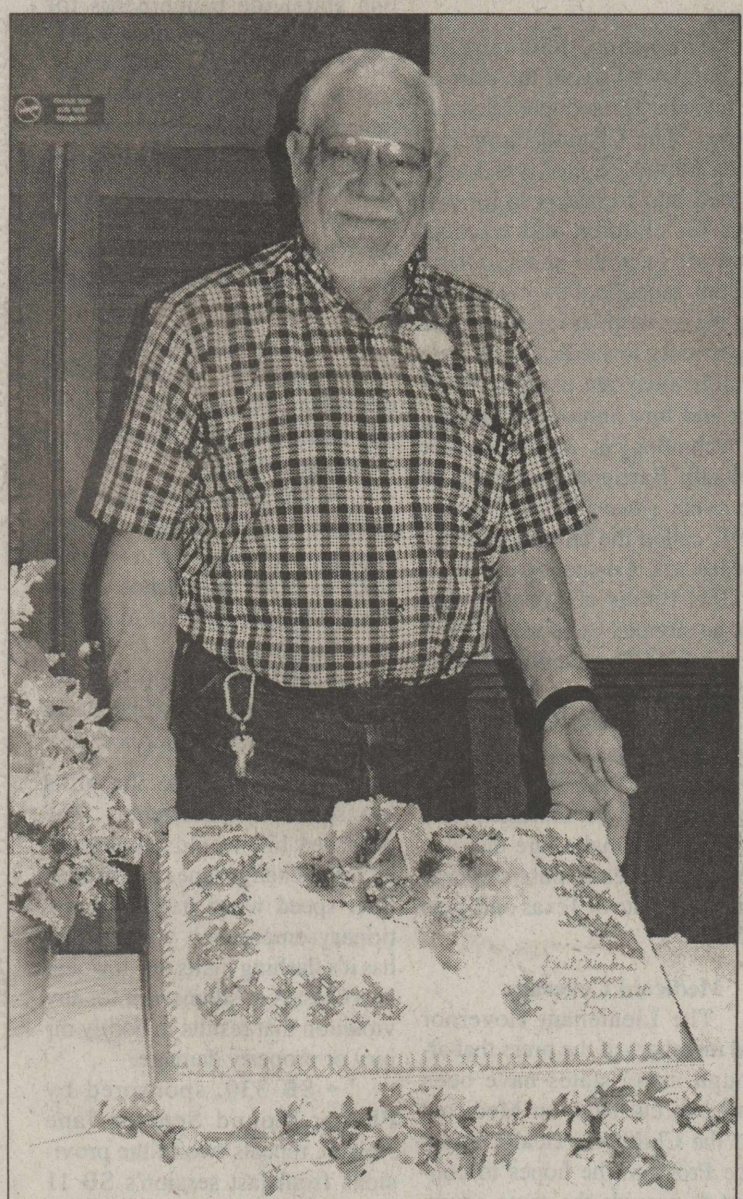
An investigation into a number of leads determined that the robbery had been planned and staged by the three teens accord-

ing to officers. They first were arrested on Dec. 19 and charged with theft over \$1,500.00 and under \$20,000.00.

The initial investigation by the Crockett County Sheriff's Department and Texas Ranger Brooks Long found that there was \$14,125.00 in cash missing.

Aggravated robbery is a first degree felony with punishment up to a term of life or 99 years but not less than five years. Criminal conspiracy, a second degree felony, is punishable by two years but not more than 20. Theft of over \$1,500.00 but less than \$20,000.00 is a state jail felony with punishment ranging from probation to two years.

The penalty for tampering with physical evidence is a third degree felony punishable by two to 10 years. Burglary of a building, a state jail felony, is punishable by a period of incarceration up to two years.



DEE KEILERS with his "heading to the Big Bend" themed cake at his retirement reception Feb. 28.
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Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"

By Oscar Kost



More on Ozona Community Center

The flood of '54 put 18 inches of water in the building which did not get repaired until 1963. Local businesses and individuals donated for doing the building completely over. At that time, there was a brick home constructed for the employee.

I must mention Mrs. Scott Peters was first president of the Missionary Society and Mrs. Bascomb Cox Jr. was the second. There was an inter-racial and inter-denominational board for the center.

A large portion of the operational money comes or did come from the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, New York.

There was a Miss Mary Riddle Scholarship Fund. This enabled many young students to receive college degrees and become professionally employed on their own.

Sheriff Jim Moore 1915-1916

Crockett County Sheriff Jim Moore said few words. He just went to gamblers and said "Leave Ozona" and they did. Except one man who ran a dance hall with a seven foot fence around the place.

The sheriff set the grass roof of the building on fire. Then he rode around and set the fence on fire.

He was never known to make a speech.
Have a good week.
Oscar

TxDOT hosts improvement plan public meetings

Officials from the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will host two public meetings next week concerning the Transportation Improvement Plan.

The letting schedule and associated funding commitments for projects that best address the transportation needs of the San Angelo District, local communities, and the State will be discussed.

Monday, March 6, will be the first meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Reagan County Courthouse, immediately following the Reagan County Commissioner's Court meeting. The courthouse is located at Third Street at Plaza.

The second meeting will be in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 12, at the San Angelo District at 2:00 p.m. immediately following the regular meeting for the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization. The meeting is scheduled in the assembly room located in the main building at the San Angelo District complex located at 4205 Knickerbocker Road near Loop 306.

Globetrotters here March 12

The Harlem "Globetrotters" Entertainers will play against four Ozona teams March 12 in Davidson Gym beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Halftime entertainment will include performances by Sonny and Cher, and Elvis. There will be a drawing for one shot from halfcourt by Boy Scout Troop 51. Limited advanced tickets are available from Wendy Tambunga at Ozona National Bank and

Debbie Long at Crockett National Bank. These tickets are \$5.00 for those 12 and younger and \$7.00 for adults. Door admission will be \$7.00 for those 12 and under and \$10.00 for adults.

The event is sponsored by the Ozona Knights of Columbus and will benefit the All Night Party Fund, Boy Scouts of Troop #51 and the Knights of Columbus Charity Fund.

Community Calendar

- March 10 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.
- March 10-14 - Spring Break, Ozona Public Schools
- March 11 - Blood Sugar Screening, Methodist Church, 9-11 a.m.
- Each Tuesday
- March 18 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 6:30 p.m.
- March 19 - Last Day To File For May 3 Trustee & Emerald Water Dist. Elections

To add your event to
The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551.

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News Reel

Crockett County voters will go the polls Saturday to vote for or against a \$500,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a nursing home wing onto the Crockett County Hospital.

News Reel

Filing for the three places to be filled on the board of trustees were R. J. Everett Jr., John Lee (Sonny) Henderson Jr., Frank McMullan Jr., Charles E. Davidson III, and Luis C. Martinez.

News Reel

The past weekend was nothing if not eventful for Ozonans. A tornado alert, a smashing thunderstorm and an explosion and fire at a pipeline compressor station kept residents awake through Friday night and Saturday morning, and late Saturday afternoon an explosion at a local motel resulted in several thousand dollars worth of damage.

News Reel

Mildred Burr, former Ozonan, was here last week visiting friends and doing a book promotion for the school.

Texas Senate Review

Ensuring the Safety of Texans

Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst held a press conference on Monday in response to the recent nightclub tragedies in Chicago and Rhode Island. To ensure that similar tragedies do not occur in Texas, Dewhurst announced that he has asked the Senate Committee on State Affairs to conduct a review of existing laws and regulations protecting citizens in entertainment and other public facilities. In a letter addressed to the chairman of the committee, he wrote that he is particularly concerned about laws relating to fire safety, including the use of indoor pyrotechnics.

Houston Senator Mario Gallegos, a twenty-two year veteran of the Houston Fire Department, filed legislation on Wednesday that would require the approval of a fire marshal or county sheriff to use pyrotechnics before a gathering of fifty or more people.

Gallegos said that the penalty for failure to comply would be a criminal offense. The Senator conveyed his condolences to the families of the victims of recent tragedies and said that it is up to the leadership to make sure that these things don't happen again.

2003 Texas Capitol Schoolhouse

The school bell rang on Wednesday to signal the start of the biennial Texas Capitol Schoolhouse. The Ground Floor Rotunda of the Capitol was transformed into a classroom for two days for children and teachers from all over the state. Diane Boehm, founder of the event, said that the event gives legislators the opportunity to see first hand how schools today are using technology and how important funding for technology is. Austin Senator Gonzalo Barrientos, sponsor of the event since its inception in 1991, called the children our future leaders. Co-sponsoring Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo said that he stopped by to watch them demonstrate the remarkable things they are doing in schools with technology. "We're learning more from you than you're learning from us," El Paso Senator Eliot Shapleigh told the children, "and it's our job to make sure that this great, great idea of public education in the state of Texas only gets better."

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News Reel
Elizabeth Zapata of Ozona was named winner of the \$500 Helen Swift Scholarship.

News Reel

Mrs. Charlie Fuantoz had eye surgery Thursday in San Angelo. She returned to her home here Monday and was to return to San Angelo today for removal of bandages.

News Reel

Larry Kilgore, Ozona senior, in the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University qualified for the Dean's Honor list for the 1972 fall semester.

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News Reel

Ele Bright Baggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bright Baggett Jr., was here for a weekend visit with his parents. Ele Bright is employed in Big Spring.

News Reel

Total U. S. war casualties as announced March 9 by OWI were 162,282 including 37,853 dead, 57,228 wounded, 35,565 missing, and 31,636 prisoners of war.

Bills Passed by the Senate

On Wednesday, the Senate approved the passage of its second bill of the 78th Legislative Session. SB 189, sponsored by Dallas Senator John Carona, requires the appointment of a committee upon receiving a salary grievance from an elected county official.

The Senate passed seven bills in Thursday's session:

- SB 43, sponsored by Laredo Senator Judith Zaffirini, would require the Texas Department of Health to report the results on Educating Physicians in your Community, a Houston-based physician-to-physician immunization education pilot program.

- SB 74, also sponsored by Zaffirini, would require the Health and Human Services Commission to report on state and local initiatives to enhance the quality of child care. The bill would also require the commission to establish statewide benchmarks for quality child care and would take effect immediately upon passage.

- SB 121, sponsored by Senator Jon Lindsay of Houston, would add the board of a hospital district health maintenance organization to the list of health care service providers that may discuss financial matters in a closed session.

- SB 164, sponsored by Senator Lindsay, would prohibit the recording and televising of jury deliberations in criminal and civil proceedings.

- SB 191, sponsored by Senator Carona, would raise the penalty for drunk drivers from \$125 to \$140 to reinstate a suspended license in order to defray associated costs.

- SB 193 will help save the lives of our police officers and Emergency Medical Services personnel, according to the bill's sponsor, Senator Barrientos. The proposed bill would require vehicles to change lanes and reduce their speed when passing a stationary emergency vehicle that has its flashing lights on. It would be a Class A misdemeanor for any violation that results in bodily injury or property damage.

- SB 330, sponsored by Flower Mound Senator Jane Nelson, repeals two of the provisions from last session's SB 11 that made state law more restrictive than federal law regarding the conduct of medical research in Texas.

Friends of the Library News

By Charlotte Harrell

Friends of the Library is pleased to host Mr. Howard Taylor of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts on Wednesday, March 5, at 9:00 p.m. in the library. The early hour reflects the time one of Ms. Patrice Searcy's Ozona High School art classes can attend the presentation. However, the public is cordially invited to join the group for a discussion of one of Manuel Lepe's oil paintings, *De Noche en el Paraiso* (A Night in Paradise), currently on loan from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Manuel Lepe (1936-1984) of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, was to Puerto Vallarta what the silversmiths are to Taxco. A lifelong resident of Puerto Vallarta, he was the oldest child of 10 children. He began to draw and paint from childhood and quit school in the fifth grade to spend the rest of his life painting full-time. He confessed that he was not a learned artist and painted in the same primitive and naive (naive) style his entire life. His work portrays his beloved town of thatched homes, the innocence of little children and what they say, the red tile roofs of the better homes and buildings downtown. Puerto Vallarta is also the sea, women washing clothes in the river, burros walking up and down the cobblestone streets, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with its marvelous crown. Everywhere in Puerto Vallarta you look, there are children. So, the boys and girls are everywhere in his paintings.

Innocence, compassion, wisdom and a flair for color permeate each of Manuel Lepe's paintings. These same qualities are also innately a part of Lepe's everyday life. His home is a blend of Mexi-

can architecture, saturated color and casual ambiance that reflect Puerto Vallarta's resort atmosphere.

A former president of Mexico, Luis Echevarria, designated Lepe Mexico's National Painter. Because of Lepe's love of children and their inclusion throughout his work, the Los Angeles Museum of Science and Industry chose him to honor The Year of the Child at its exhibition in 1979. Over one million viewers enjoyed themselves for a brief time in the world of Manuel Lepe.

Over the years, Manuel Lepe acquired many fans. His paintings adorn the homes of many celebrities and politicians and were selling for \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 each in the 1980s. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, Willi Brandt, Fidel Castro and Kurt Waldheim were some of his customers. Mr. Lepe exhibited his paintings in Mexico, the United States and Canada. At one time, he had his own art dealer in New York.

Please join Mr. Taylor at the library to discuss this work of art as well as other art-related topics.

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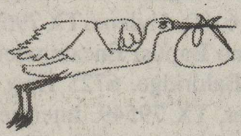
Christina Garcia, Jonathan and Regina



EMMA SWINDELL, three year-old daughter of Jay and Jennifer Swindell, was in the Sunburst Beauty Pageant on Feb. 20 at Sunset Mall in San Angelo. She placed runner up in her age group and received a trophy of which she is very proud. She also qualified to go to the state finals to be held in Houston in May.

Photo by Susan Calloway

It's a boy!!!



Zian Cade and Gabriel Alexander are proud to announce the arrival of a new baby brother, Alfredo Josiah (Baby A. J.). He arrived Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at 11:53 a.m. in Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital in San Angelo. A. J. weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 18 inches long at birth.

He is the son of Alfredo Mares and Virginia Perez of San Angelo. Also making him welcome are grandparents Alicia Perez of San Angelo, Eddie Perez, Elias and Tina Elizondo of Ozona and an uncle, Gabriel Perez of Arlington.

Happy Birthday

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March 9 - Pon Seahorn, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Rosie Ramirez, Phillip Young, Kelsey Vargas, Matthew Garza, Hector DeHoyos, Jason Alaman, Fred Sartain, Shannon Nehus, Lynn Dominguez

March 10 - Jolissa Payne, Perry Hubbard, Jim Bob Bailey, Dean Fierro, Gerald Ortiz, Maria Tollétt, Joe Perez Sr., Tina Elizondo, Robin Tambunga, Ryan Bean, Eula Elmore, Manuel Perez, Roberto Ybarra, Lorena Hernandez

March 11 - Emily Moore, Gary Buck Mitchell, Amelia Tambunga, Robin Myers, Susan Pullen, Madison Fierro, Olga Rios, Amber Loftin, Gerhard Nehus, Jaime Huerta

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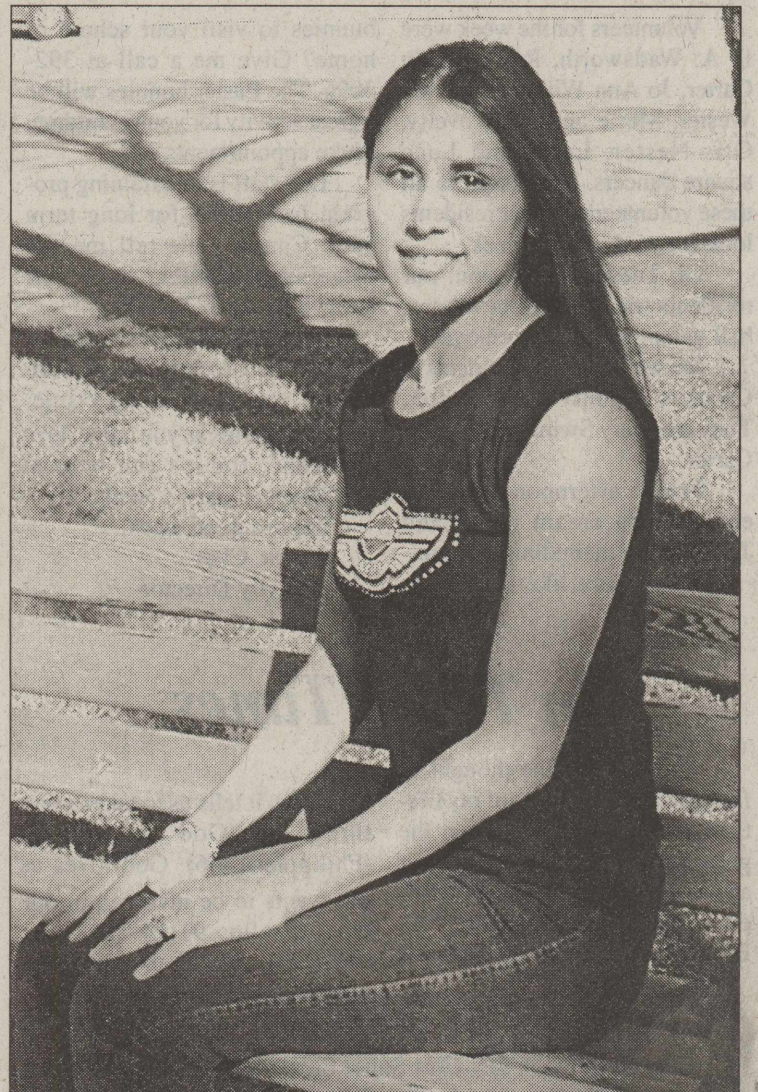
Sanchez makes Volkswagen commercial

Lori Sanchez spent three weeks in January as a promotional modeling/product specialist for Volkswagen of America in Detroit. The event was the North American International Auto Show.

The first half of the show, which began Jan. 4, was for the press, Lori explained. The second half was open to the public. During the show, Lori participated in two takes for Volkswagen commercials, one for the new Beetle convertible and one for the W8 Passat. The commercials are now being edited in Los Angeles and are expected to air in Europe in six months. The commercials will be released in the United States a year from now.

Lori expects to participate in other such shows in the future.

She is a 1999 graduate of Ozona High School and the daughter of Daniel and Rosa Sanchez. Lori was a six-time All American in track and cross country at South Plains College in Levelland where she majored in Spanish and kinesiology.



LORI SANCHEZ will appear in Volkswagen Beetle and Passat commercials that will air in the U.S. next year.

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Care Center Chatter

Volunteers for the week were E. A. Wadsworth, R.N.; Randy Carter, Jo Ann Williamson, Nell Wester, Merle and Mary Welty, Otis Nester, Levis and Lace square dancers. Thanks go to all these volunteers that our residents look forward to each week.

On Tuesday afternoon, our residents tried out our new baseball game, which they enjoyed.

We welcome new residents to Crockett County Care Center. They are Mary Swinhart and June Carter.

Friday afternoon residents enjoyed ice cream cones and Trivia in the main dining room.

Would you like the Easter

bunnies to visit your school or home? Give me a call at 392-3096. The Easter bunnies will be a great activity for young children. Make appointments early!

Our staff is in a training program for HIPPA for long term care. Can anyone tell me the meaning of HIPPA? Staff will know it by April 3, 2003.

Choosing to be a resident or volunteer at Crockett County Care Center seems to be no crime. Open your arms as you come, love everyone, for it's fun here at CCCC seven days a week.

Have a good week.
Jan St. Clair
Activity Director



RESIDENT MARIE GERLACH and young volunteer Jolissa Payne play the new baseball game at Crockett County Care Center.

Contributed photo

In These Times

No one likes the thought of facing war. Yet in most of my lifetime there has always been the potential danger of a major war and our being in it. What can we do about these situations? The Bible gives us some answers and

hope. First, it tells us to take everything to God in prayer (Philippians 4:6). God loves us and wants to be involved in our lives (Psalms 91:14-16). Secondly, He tells us to especially

pray for our leaders (whether we like them or not) and the rulers of other countries (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

One thing about prayer, it is conditional as most promises of the Bible are. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 there is a little formula or recipe for successful prayer. First we must humble ourselves before God. We must be willing to acknowledge, submit and recognize a higher power or authority (God). Without this, our prayers don't go higher than our heads

(James 4:6). Next, pray and seek God both privately and in our local churches (Isaiah 56:7).

There is one other requirement; we must be willing to turn from wicked lifestyles (sin keeps God from being near us). It is only then that God promises to hear our prayers and answer them.

Let's forsake sin and get together for more prayer. See you in church on Sunday. Brother J

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Terry Crawford, Tommy Gray, Marvin Clark and Larry Glosson. I want to thank you for helping me with my pigs this weekend at the San Angelo Stock Show. I really do appreciate it. You don't know how much I thank you, and I hope to do it again soon.

Thank you again,
Kasey Ashton Gray

Card of Thanks

I, Anthony Vasquez, along with my family, would like to take this opportunity, first of all to thank God for helping me through my accident, and my recovery. I would also like to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, calls, flowers and cards. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. My recovery has been great. Once again thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Thank you and God bless,
Anthony Vasquez and Family

Card of Thanks

I want to thank Wal-Mart Super Center for their donation to the Ozona Girl Scouts' Valentine dinner dance, J & J Designs for donating the flowers the young girls gave their dads for coming and First Baptist Church for use of the building.

Erika Conner

Card of Thanks

There is no way to fully express our thanks to all the wonderful people of Ozona, Texas. Thank you for all the cards and food, and especially the support we received during our time of sorrow. It is times like this when you appreciate living in a small community. Special thanks to Dave Wilson and Ted Spence for their support and prayers.

Thank everyone so much,
Connie, James and Robert Nelson

Card of Thanks

In an emergency, everyone pitches in. I want to thank everyone who helped shelter stranded travelers at the convention center last week during the ice storm.

Among those making an unpleasant delay easier for travelers were: Emergency Coordinator Steve Kenley, Road Supt. Eddie Moore, Sheriff's Dept. and Fire Dept. personnel, Frank and Kathy Reavis who brought toys for the children, stores and individuals who donated food and others who may have assisted in other ways.

Judge John R. Jones

We have an Advocate

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Have you ever been sued? Then you know the value of a good lawyer. But even if you don't have legal problems now, the time is coming when you will need the best possible lawyer! How so? God has a case against you! One day you will stand in the Supreme Court of heaven before the Highest Judge of All. Then, you will need the ultimate lawyer. Listen to how the Bible puts it: "My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:1-2). The court scene being described is the final judgment. The Judge is God the Father. Jesus Christ is the Advocate or Lawyer. He represents before the Judge of all, those who believe in Him. You see, the problem is that God has a case against each one of us. "There is none righteous, not even one.... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10 & 23). And, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). In other words, we are all due the death penalty for our sins against God. And when God hauls us into court, He is perfectly just in sentencing us to eternal death in hell! Believe me, we need a very good lawyer! He is Jesus Christ. And this Jesus Christ paid the penalty due for the sins of others. This is what the cross is all about. Christ takes upon Himself the death penalty in the place of others. And you need to trust in the sacrifice of Christ as the only adequate payment for your sins. When you trust in Christ as your Advocate, He represents you before the Father. And He tells the Father that He died for you! Case closed! You are acquitted!

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Obituaries

Childers service March 5 in San Antonio

Rev. Dr. Clyde J. Childers, age 89, of San Antonio, born July 26, 1913 in Ponder, died Sunday, March 2, 2003. Dr. Childers was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He graduated with a B.A. from Baylor University and honorary doctorate degrees from Howard Payne University and Hardin-Simmons University. He served as president of Baptist Memorial Hospital System Foundation in San Antonio. He was Director of Development and Senior Development Officer for the Baptist Memorial Hospital System. He also served as Vice President for Development at Hardin-Simmons University. He was the pastor for Westbrook Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Ozona, and Riverside Baptist Church, San Antonio. He was a Director of Paisano Baptist Encampment in Alpine and a trustee of University of Corpus Christi, Baptist Medical Center, and Howard Payne University. Dr. Childers was a member and director of the San Antonio Kiwanis Club.



Survivors: sisters, Geneva Blanchard of Gatesville and Helen Sadler of Mound and their families.

Service will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Porter Loring Chapel in San Antonio. The Rev. Johnny White and Rev. B.J. Martin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Childers Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Hardin-Simmons University, P.O. Box 16100, Abilene, TX 79698 or Paisano Baptist Encampment, c/o B. Baldrige, 6725 Hwy 380, Snyder, TX 79549. Interment in Sunset Memorial Park. The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.porterloring.com by selecting Visitation and Services. Select his church, and his denomination. "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the Arrangements with Porter Loring.x

Star party scheduled at Fort McKavett

Members of the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society (JSCAS) will host a public star party on March 29 at Fort McKavett State Historic Site. JSCAS will offer afternoon lectures beginning around 3:00 p.m. on the celestial bodies in the West Texas night sky this time of year.

Telescope orientation will take place before dark with viewing beginning at dusk.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site is located 41 miles northeast of Sonora on FM 864. Welcomed are groups of all ages and anyone interested in viewing planets, black holes and galaxies galore.

Regular park fees apply. Bring a flashlight and call before you come to Fort McKavett as even a cloudy sky will cancel. The number is 915-396-2358.

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Lyle Woods of Dubuque, IA, was in Ozona March 3 on a trip down memory lane. Mr. Woods went to first grade here under Miss Elizabeth Fussell and found many familiar sights remembered from his boyhood. His father, Ray Woods, owned a dairy seven miles east of Ozona, and young Lyle would deliver milk to homes after school.

Lyle retired from John Deer in Iowa almost 20 years ago and winters in South Texas.

(2) For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you. And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now the accepted time: behold, now the day of salvation. (Isa. 47:8)

2 Corinthians 6: 2

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Spring weather conditions coming

Although spring doesn't officially arrive until March 21, Crockett County has already experienced some welcome rains accompanied by thunderstorms and hail.

March 2 through 8 has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas by Gov. Rick Perry. In keeping with this special week, the National Weather Service in San Angelo offers the following safety tips.

In threatening weather, stay informed with NOAA weather radio, radio or television. Always have a means to receive weather information.

Know the name of your county and those around you. Have a road map near your television remote control or radio.

A tornado, severe thunderstorm or flash flood watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado, hail storm, damaging winds or a flash flood.

Turn around when you encounter a flooded low water crossing whether on foot or in a vehicle.

If you're caught outside in lightning, your car is a safe refuge. Stay away from windows.

A tornado, severe thunderstorm or flash flood warning means that a tornado, hail storm or damaging wind storm is very likely or imminent and a tornado, hail storm or damaging wind storm has been detected on radar or has been reported by National Weather Service SKYWARN storm spotters.

Know the safe places from tornadoes and high winds, and be sure your family knows, too. An underground shelter is the safest place. However, the next safest place is an innermost room or hallway on the lowest floor of your home, school, or business away from outside walls and windows.

Abandon mobile homes for a safer place from both tornadic and straight line winds, and know where to go when a watch or warning is issued for your area.

In Ozona, the signal to take shelter from a tornado is a five-

minute fire siren blast.

Emergency shelters are ordered opened by Fire Marshal Steve Kenley who is emergency coordinator for Crockett County. These shelters are the courthouse and the two high school buildings.

Girl Scouts hold dinner dance for their dads

The Girl Scout Valentine dinner dance was hosted by Erika Conner, Cadet. This project was the final touch for Erika to finish her silver award requirements. She had to plan the food, come up with decorations, send out invitations, get donations and buy the supplies needed for the meal.

The girls and their dads were served lasagna, salad and cake. After dinner, the girls got their dads on the dance floor. They enjoyed a few dance steps.

There was a drawing for a

stuffed bear and Valentine candy, and once again, Victor De La Garza was the big winner.

Everyone had a sweetheart of a time. Congratulations, Erika Conner, on earning the first ever Girl Scout Silver Award for Ozona," said Scout leader Linda Conner.

Health screenings at Senior Center March 12

Representatives of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation will be at Crockett County Senior Citizens' Center March 12 to conduct free bone density and memory screening clinics.

Women over age 50 who are concerned about osteoporosis and brittle bones are invited to receive the bone density screening.

The memory screening clinic consists of a series of questions and tasks and takes about 20 minutes to complete. Taking this test can help determine whether memory problems are just signs of normal aging or due to a condition that should be identified and treated.

You should be screened for memory problems if your memory loss: interferes with daily activities, causes you to avoid specific tasks, hobbies or social events, is noticed by those close to you or seems to be getting worse.

To schedule an appointment for either of these screenings, or for more information, call 392-5026.

Ozonia Senior Happenings

By Betty Bullard

Well here we are in the third month of the year, and I don't know where the first two months went.

The cold spell that blew in last Monday didn't slow us down here, we still had a nice group to have lunch with us.

We had 39 to join us for our potluck on Wednesday. If you didn't attend, plan on joining us on our next potluck day March 12.

Also on March 12, Novartis Educational Services will be here to answer any questions you may have about Alzheimer's Disease. They will also be doing bone density screening for women who are past menopausal age. It is safe, simple and painless.

To make an appointment for the screening test, please call 392-5026.

Remember our usual activities, clogging classes will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, We will have exercise classes at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Activities are for those of you 50 plus, and our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

Our senior citizen center is

set up to accommodate many activities. We have three game rooms available, one has a pool table, one room is set up for card and board games or private senior activities, and the third room has some exercise equipment and a TV and VCR for educational tapes.

If you are interested in reserving a room, please call 392-5026 for details.

Bring a buddy and come play pool any time. We have cards, dominoes and many other games available. We also have a jigsaw puzzle going at all times

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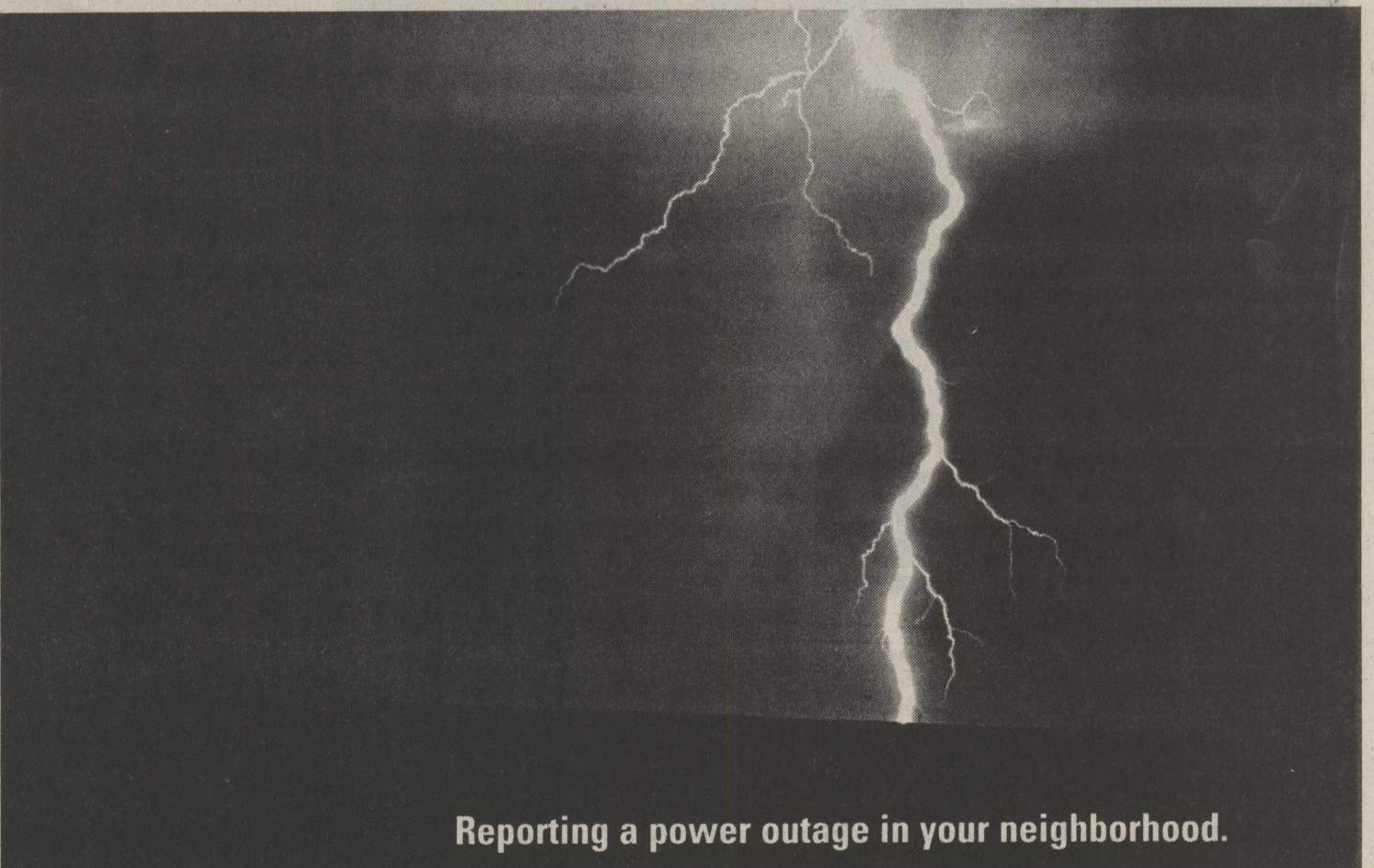
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Garza named to All-Star team

ABILENE - Lalo Garza Jr. of Ozona High School has been chosen to play in the annual, newly re-named, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic, to be held Saturday, June 7, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

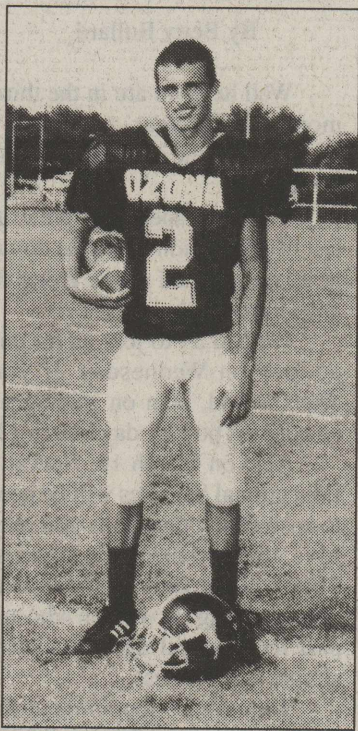
The son of Lalo and Belia Garza, he was one of 87 area athletes selected for the fourth annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 51 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads was announced at a press conference March 2 at Wylie High School in Abilene.

About 150 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 33 counties. A selection committee made up of the 20 All-Star coaches chose the teams.

Head coach for the North team will be David Flowers of Merkel High School and his assistants, Keith Mullins, also from MHS, Chad Rogers and Roger White of Snyder High School, Darryl Cash of Anson High School, Steve Gunter of Hawley High School, Brent West and Keith Mullins of Cisco High School, Dave Oldham of Rotan High School and Danny Davis of Throckmorton High School.

The South team will be led by Head Coach Bo Robinson of Bangs High School and his assistants, Wendell Robinson, Bobby Anderson and Gary Garvin, all from Bangs High School, Dave DuBose of Grandview High School, Joel Hood of Rising Star High School, Joey McQueen and Billy Hill of San Angelo Lakeview, Todd Bandy of Brady High School and Malcom Moerbe of Comanche High School.

Players from Class 5A through Class a - in addition to one player from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program - make up the team. By classification, the two 40+ man squads break down like this: seven from 5A, 14 from 4A, 18 from 3A, 30 from 2A, 17 from 1A and one 6-man player. Eighteen additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances.



LALO GARZA

Teams will report for two-day workouts on Tuesday, June 3. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local FCA huddle members will be held Friday night, June 6.

The game will be televised and shown by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene by Cumulus Broadcast and KWKC 1340 AM and will be heard throughout the area.

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A HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Jonatan Arredondo, Randi Beddoe, Lisa Dorough, Chad Fluth, Deyanira Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Shawn Hodges, Desiree Marshall, Calvin McKinney, Vivian Medina, Emilio Mendez, Heather Miller, Eliseo Montanez, Nichole Munoz, Abby Newton, Jordyn Poindexter, Justin Pullig, Angelina Ramos, Lazarae Rodriguez, Fernando Sifuentes, Kelsee Smith, Ruben Soliz, Sierra Stokes, Nathaniel Valdes, Michael Ybarra

Second Grade

Jason Alaman, Allie Black, Alexander Borrego, Jessica Borrego, Arleen Castillo, Brianna Cervantez, Gabriella Coy-Galindo, Shelbie Darr, Kelsie Dean, Sabrina DeLaGarza, Brandon Dominguez, Chelsea Gonzales, Hector Gonzales, Jason Lopez, Jonathan Martin, Raynaldo Martinez, Samuel Maskill, Selena Moran, Cipriano Perez, Mayra Rios, Ingrid Silva, Hunter Streun, Marley Tambunga, Noah Tambunga, Glen Tinney, Bethani Trevino, Sierra Trevino, Khalid Valencia, Nicholas

Villarreal

A-B HONOR ROLL

First Grade

Alexis Aguilar, Haygen Dannheim, Meagan Espinosa, Abelika Estrada, Sydney Mendoza, Erick Rodriguez, Stefani Sanchez, Brett Castillo, Amber DeHoyos, Samantha DeLaGarza, Daisy Guerra, Lorenzo Hernandez, Tiger Lewis, Josue Moreno, Vanessa Quiroz, Rigoberto Rodriguez, Charli West, Tristan Alvarez, Morgan Espinosa, Joshua Porras

Second Grade

Sarah DeLaGarza, Mayra Diaz, Erik Duenes, Tyler Galindo, Roberto Hernandez, Jennifer Marquez, Juakin Mata, Rocky Venegas, Felipe Villarreal, Rianne Martinez, Joceline Porras, Yareli Rodriguez, JoLynn Rodriguez, Jeffery Sanchez, Kodi Glosson, Kaylen Hernandez, Joaquin Meza, Rolando Perez, Jose Rios, Elisa Trujillo, Narce Unate, Jamie Huerta, Alexandra Lozano, Jason Badillo, Martin Jones, Nathan Leonard, Marco Sandate, Jacinda Villarreal



ANDY BIRKENFELD won a \$800 certificate to purchase a breeding animal for placing third in the San Antonio Calf Scramble on Feb. 15. Submitted Photo

Birkenfeld successful at San Antonio Calf Scramble

Andy Birkenfeld participated in the calf scramble Feb. 15 after the wool judging contest at the San Antonio Stock Show. Andy was the third successful participant to cross the line with a halter calf.

He was presented with a certificate for \$800.00 to purchase a breeding animal of his choice. Andy plans to purchase a regis-

tered full blood Boer doe that he is required to show in the 2004 San Antonio Stock Show. One of the requirements that Andy must fulfill is the completion of a scrapbook of the animal he purchases and a record for a full year.

This scrapbook will also compete for three scholarships that will be awarded at the 2004 stock show.

Birkenfelds represent Crockett County 4-H at the San Angelo Boer Goat Show

Andy and LuCinda Birkenfeld took 10 of their full blood and register percentage to compete in the Junior and Open Boer Goat Show in San Angelo. Both had a good day, placing eight of their 10 goats.

Andy placed 1st in the 0-4 month old full blood doe kid class, 2nd in the 0-4 month old full blood buck kid class, 5th in the 12-24 month old full blood buck class, 6th in the 4-8 month old per-

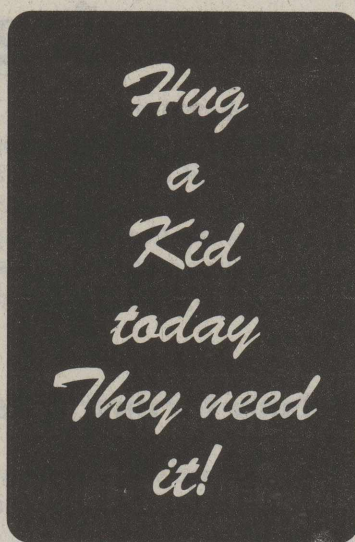
centage doe kid class.

LuCinda placed 3rd in the 0-4 month old full blood buck kid class, 6th in the 12-24 month old buck class, 7th in the 12-24 month old percentage doe class.

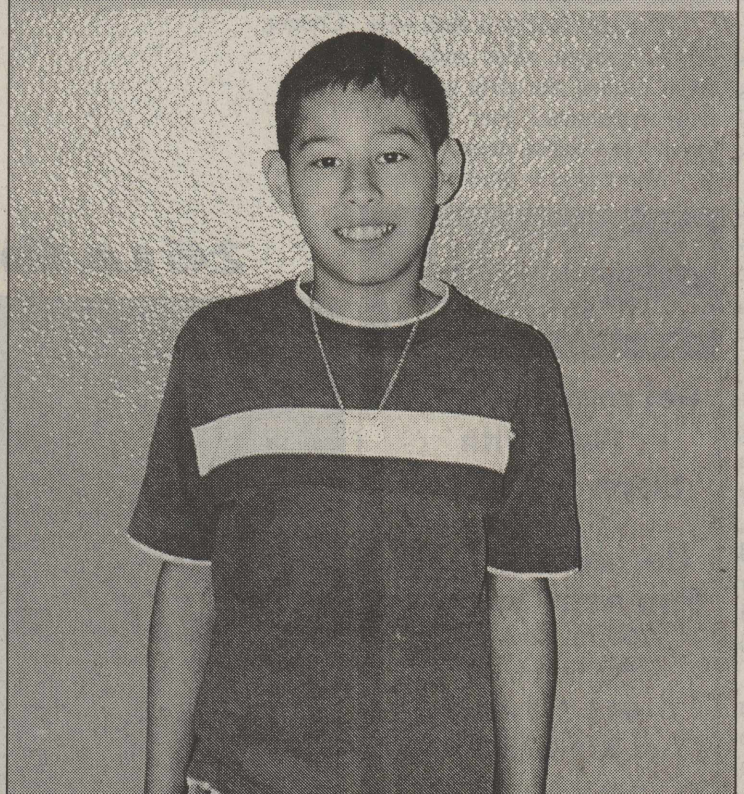
In the Open Show, LuCinda placed 3rd in the 0-4 month old buck kid class with her paint full blood buck. She also placed 5th with her 12-24 month old percentage doe.



RICKY RHINEHART from Fort Concho in San Angelo gave an informative talk about Buffalo Soldiers to the intermediate school students last week. DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway



Super King Kong Club SERGIO MATA 2-27-03



SERGIO MATA is the newest member of the Super King Kong Club at Ozona intermediate school. Sergio had to climb a rope to the top of the gym using only his arms. DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway

Youths Jump Rope for Heart

Ozona Primary students will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart in the primary gym on March 6. Students have been out collecting money to be donated to the American Heart Association.

Students will be doing short and long rope jumping and demonstrations of various rope jumping tricks.

The public is invited. First grade will participate from 8:30 to 9:30. Second grade will participate from 10:00 to 11:00, and kindergarten and pre-kindergarten will participate from 1:30 to 2:30.

Garza qualifies for state contest

Matthew Garza, son of Lalo and Belia Garza, will compete at state March 8 in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at St. Edwards University.

Matthew won district and regionals in the 11-year-old age group to qualify for state.



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- Mar. 20 - Pizza, Nachos, Carrots, Pineapple
- Mar. 21 - Chicken Fry, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll

FAST FOOD

- Mar. 17 - Grilled Cheese, Veg. Salad, Pears, Ice Cream
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- Mar. 19 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
- Mar. 20 - Corn Dog, Nachos, Carrots, Pineapple
- Mar. 21 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Rolls

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Each meal is served with milk, juice, muffin, toast and jelly. You may have your choice of one of the following items each day.

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- Mar. 18 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal
- Mar. 19 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal
- Mar. 20 - French Toast or Cold Cereal
- Mar. 21 - Potato & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

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THESE SOUTHWEST TAE KWON DO STUDENTS competed in the Texas State ITF Tournament in Austin on Feb. 22. They are: (l. to r.) R.J. Martinez, Alex Macias, Jesse Ramos Jr., Josh Ramos, Nathan Knox, Sean Davis and Duncan Knox. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

Ozona Tae Kwon Do students win in tournament

Ozona was well represented at the Texas State International Tae Kwon Do Federation Tournament held Feb. 22 in Austin. Alex Macias won a gold medal in patterns. R.J. Martinez got a bronze medal in patterns and fourth in sparring. Josh Ramos won a silver medal in patterns and

fourth in sparring. Jesse Ramos Jr. received a silver medal in sparring and fourth place in patterns. Jesse Ramos Sr. won bronze medals in patterns and sparring. Sean Davis won a bronze medal in patterns. Nathan Knox received a bronze medal in sparring and fourth place in patterns.

Duncan Knox placed fourth in patterns. Divisions for the competition were set up by belt rank, age, and size of the competitor. The students were coached by Ozona instructor Frank Galindo of Southwest Tae Kwon Do.

Rabid bobcat attacks J. R. Kenley

J. R. Kenley is recovering from wounds received last week when she was attacked by a bobcat at her ranch home south of Ozona. J. R. was bitten on the neck and upper arm, and because of the location of the bites, began rabies treatment while waiting for results of tests on the animal. Results confirm that the animal was rabid. She had gone out back of the house to feed the cats when she saw a bobcat walking in the pasture outside the yard's deer fence. Thinking that the animal was going for water near the house, she put her dogs inside and brought out a rifle. The feeding cats broke and

raced for a nearby oak tree just before the bobcat ran around a corner of the house, attacking J. R. from the back. "It went for her neck," said husband Steve Kenley, "and had one arm pinned. She beat on it and finally got it off." The bobcat ran to a glass door and began pawing it before running away. Sheriff Shane Fenton, who pastures goats at the Kenley Ranch, had just left the area when he received a message from his office reporting J. R.'s emergency call. She had brought a rifle from the house to have Fenton shoot the bobcat but was unable to get his attention as he drove away.

After checking on J. R., he and Steve, who had rushed to the ranch from town, began looking for the bobcat. A disturbance in a nearby goat pen led them there where the bobcat had bitten one animal and was chasing another. A llama kept as a guard for the goats was pawing at the bobcat, Kenley said. Sheriff Fenton described the male bobcat as "real poor looking" and weighing about 30 pounds. Steve said the bite marks on J. R.'s arm looked "real bad" and he wished it had been him instead of her. "Now that she's fought a bobcat and won, I'll never get my bluff in on her again," he quipped.

Rabies cases on the rise

By Kathy Parker
Zoonosis Control Division
Texas Department of Health

At one time or another, a rabies case has occurred in your community. We have all heard stories about rabies, and we know that living in West Texas means living with rabies.

also lower the possibility of other bacterial infections. Crockett and its surrounding counties have experienced rabies cases involving sheep, goat, skunk, bobcat, raccoon, domestic dog, domestic cat, bat and fox species. Since January 2000, Crockett County has had 11 cases of rabies recorded through the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Most cases have involved fox or other animals with the fox strain of rabies.

area involved fox or skunk species. South of Crockett County in Val Verde County there were six cases of rabies reported through the TDH laboratories. Again, 80% of those cases were found in fox species. East of Crockett County in Sutton and Schleicher counties, the TDH laboratories reported 11 cases of rabies. Fox specimens accounted for more than half of these cases.

Rabies is a viral disease of the central nervous system. Two symptoms that are most common in animals with this disease are changes in behavior and any type of paralysis. Keep in mind that a car might not have hit an animal dragging its back leg - it might have rabies.

North of Crockett County in the Irion, Upton and Reagan counties, there have been 19 cases of rabies reported through the TDH laboratories. Most cases in this

These are all statistics taken over a 4-year period. For more information, call Kathy Parker, Zoonosis Control Division, at 915-571-4118.

END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on April 2, 2003. You have until September 29, 2003, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

-  **Bingo (Game #256)**
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-  **Wild Turkey (Game #361)**
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Texas Cooperative Extension to offer food manager certification training course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Sutton and Crockett Counties, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$79.00 on April 2-3 at the Crockett County Extension Office in Ozona. The program will begin at 8:00 on both days. You must register before March 12. Cost includes training, materials and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will

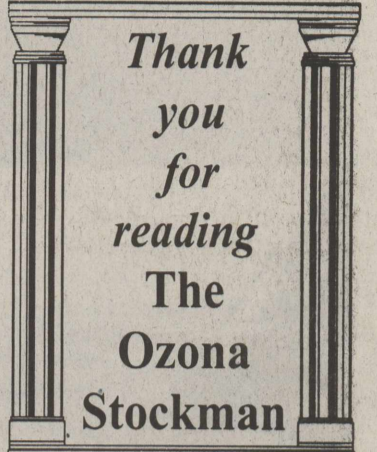
help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
 - Improved relationships with health officials
 - Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
 - Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
 - Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
 - Complying with government regulations

- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- Controlling pests.

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Kelly Thorp, CEA-FCS, Sutton County at 387-3101 or Wendy Scott, CEA-FCS, Crockett County at 392-2721.



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JENNA HENDERSON takes a hefty swing at the ball during the Ozona High School Girl's Invitation Golf Tourney held Monday at Ozona Country Club. Results of the tournament were not available at press time. DigiCam photo by Scotty Moore

OHS tennis team competes in regional tourney

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona High School tennis team competed in the regional team tennis tournament on Feb. 28 and March 1 in San Angelo. The team competed against Sonora, Mason, and Wall in the tournament and finished fourth overall. Other teams in the tournament included Grape Creek, Sterling City, Junction, Winters, Eldorado, and Menard.

Coach Rick Bachman commented, "This was one of the most exhilarating tournaments I have ever witnessed as a coach. Our kids fought hard and competed with some of the best 2A tennis programs in the state. We had some very young, and even some JV players step up and answer the call in many pressure-filled situations. I can't express how much admiration I have for these young adults as they represented our community, school, and themselves both on and off the tennis court with dignity and sportsmanship."

"We were seeded fourth and we received a bye in the first round which had us playing Sonora in the quarter-finals. We won this match 10-7 with many of the matches going down to the wire. In the semi-finals, we faced the number one seeded Mason, who is probably the best team in the state. We lost this match 10-3 but we were very, very competitive in many of the matches. I felt this opportunity to play against this type of quality will be of great benefit to us down the road."

"We faced off against Wall for third place on Saturday for the second year in a row. We came up just a little short in this match as they defeated us 10-8. Again, many of the matches were very close, and I was extremely proud of the all out effort exhibited by our kids. Hopefully, as this group of players matures, we will find a way to climb the mountain so to speak and compete on an even keel with some of these elite tennis programs."

"Finishing fourth in such a strong region probably places us within the top five or six teams in the entire state in 2A tennis. I will go out on a limb and predict that Mason and Eldorado will finish first and second next weekend at the State Tournament in Round Rock," concluded Coach Bachman.

Moore/Morris vs. Word/Green 6-3, 7-5 Sonora.

Singles - Boys
Derek Faught vs. Joseph Ainsworth 7-5, 6-3 Ozona.

Roland Galindo vs. Seth Prather 6-4, 6-0 Ozona.

Ruben Talamantez vs. Shane Benson 6-4, 6-3 Ozona.

Jared Bird vs. Marcos Morin 6-4, 3-6, (10-6) Sonora.

Rigo Treto vs. Swade Draper 6-2, 7-5 Ozona.

Jeffery Gillit vs. Steven Barthelemy 6-2, 3-1 (did not finish)

Doubles - Boys
Faught/Galindo vs. Ainsworth/Prather 6-2, 6-2 Ozona.

Talamantez/Bird vs. Benson/Morin 6-2, 7-6, (7-?) Ozona.

Gillit/Raj vs. Draper/Barthelemy 6-1, 6-2 Ozona.

Mixed Doubles
Jared Espino/Amber Batura vs. Munn/Allison 7-6, (7-5), 2-6, (10-8) Ozona.

Round 3 (Semi-finals) --
Ozona vs. Mason
Winner: Mason Score: 10-3.

Singles - Girls
Bangeman vs. Salah Smith 7-6, (7-0), 6-4 Mason.

Necessary vs. Stephanie Rodriguez 6-2, 6-1 Mason

Huffman vs. Jasmine Martinez 6-1, 6-2 Mason.

Moore vs. Kristi Drennan 6-1, 6-? Mason.

Morris vs. Daniella Martinez 6-0, 6-1 Mason.

Heather Price vs. Tifnee Nesloney 6-0, 6-0 Mason

Tiffany Carrasco vs. Candice Whitaker 6-2, 6-0 Mason.

Doubles - Girls
Bangeman/Huffman vs. Drennan/Smith 6-0, 6-4 Mason.

Necessary/Henderson vs. Maenius/Martinez 6-2, 6-3 Mason.

Moore/Morris vs. Geistweidt/Whitaker 7-6, 6-1 Mason.

Singles - Boys
Faught vs. Ryne Kaban 6-2, 6-2 Ozona.

Galindo vs. Derek Baxter 6-4, 7-5 Ozona.

Talamantez vs. Ronald Stockbridge 6-3, 1-6 Mason.

Bird vs. David Crouch 6-4, 4-6, (10-5) Mason.

Treto vs. Franklin Parker 6-2, 6-2 Mason.

Gillit vs. Josh Puckett 6-3, 4-6, (13-11) Mason.

David Casarez vs. Wesley Crouch 6-4, 6-3 Mason.

Mac Fred vs. Michael McLeod 6-2, 6-1 Mason.

Double - Boys
Faught/Galindo vs. Baxter/Crouch 6-1, 3-6, (10-7) Ozona.

Talamantez/Bird vs. Martin/McLeod 6-0, 6-2 Mason.

Gillit/Raj vs. Kahan/Parker 4-6, 7-5 Mason.

Mixed Doubles
Espino/Batura vs. Dockal/Crouch 6-3, 6-3 Mason.

Round 4 (Third Place) --
Ozona vs. Wall

Winner: Wall Score: 10-8

Singles - Girls
Bangeman vs. Stephany Beene 6-3, 6-0 Wall.

Necessary vs. Whitnee Hemphill 6-4, 6-4 Wall.

Huffman vs. Kayla Halfmann 6-2, 2-6, (10-6) Wall.

Henderson vs. Mandy Mueller 6-4, 6-2 Ozona.

Moore vs. Julie Wilde 4-6, 4-2 Ozona.

Morris vs. Ashley O'Dell 6-4, 6-4 Ozona.

Penny Stewart vs. Jamie Hejl 8-2 Wall.

Doubles - Girls
Bangeman/Huffman vs. Halfmann/Wilde 6-4, 5-7, (10-8) Wall.

Necessary/Henderson vs. Beene/Mueller 6-2, 4-6, (10-5) Wall.

Moore/Morris vs. Mead/Hejl 7-5, 6-4 Ozona.

Singles - Boys
Faught vs. Rhett Heartsill 6-1, 6-1 Wall.

Galindo vs. Logan Neal 6-2, 6-0 Wall.

Talamantez vs. Justin Sefcik 6-1, 7-5 Ozona.

Bird vs. Chad Arthur 6-3, 6-2 Wall.

Espino vs. Justin Box 7-5, 1-6, (10-6) Ozona.

Casarez vs. Lewis Box 6-3, 4-6, (15-13) Wall.

Joseph Tambunga vs. Grant Wills 8-3 Ozona.

Doubles - Boys
Faught/Galindo vs. Heartsill/Neal 6-2, 6-2 Wall.

Talamantez/Bird vs. Sefcik/Arthur 3-6, 6-4, (10-7) Ozona.

Espino/Raj vs. Box/Box 6-2, 2-6, (10-7) Ozona.

Mixed Doubles
Casarez/Batura vs. Hemphill/Boling 6-2, 6-2 Wall.

Lions begin track season

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Saturday, March 1, the Ozona boys' track teams competed in the Buffalo Relays at Stanton. The varsity boys finished fifth in the overall standings with a total of 65 points.

This was a highly competitive meet with athletes from 14 AAA and AA teams. Crane was champion with 109 points, host Stanton had 92 points, Colorado City had 79 points, district foe Wall finished with 71 points, and Ozona secured fifth place with 65 points.

Coach Duncan stated, "I was proud of our effort, both varsity and JV. We have just come out of basketball season and have had scarcely any workout time, but our guys made do with what they had. They responded with good effort and character."

Placing in the meet for the Lions were; Eliseo Treto - third place in the 3200m run (10:37.95), Rigo Treto - sixth place in the 3200m run (11:20.52), Raven Perez, Ryan McNeely, Vince Castro, and Jarryd Taylor - fifth place in the 400m relay (45.62), Eliseo Treto - third place in the 1600m run (5:06.72), Ramon Trujillo - second in discus

(140'1"), Jarryd Taylor - third in shot put (45'9 3/4"), Robert Ogle - second in long jump (19'10"), Raven Perez - fifth in long jump (18'9"), Raven Perez - second in triple jump (38'6"), Tyson Vordick - third in high jump (5'8").

The JV track team also competed in Stanton. The JV Lions, made up of freshman, ran with good effort but did not make the finals in the races they entered. Freshman Junior Valdes tied for second in the pole vault at a height of 8'6".

The Lions will travel to Big Lake to compete in the Reagan County Relays on Saturday, March 8.

Lady Lions win first meet

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lion track team took first place in the Comanche Relays on Saturday, March 1 with an impressive team total of 212 points. The Ladies competed against teams from Marfa, Andrews, Irion County, Alpine, Sanderson, Ft. Stockton, and Greenwood.

The Lady Lions finished strong in the field events. Taylor Oglesby placed first in the shot put (31' 2 3/4") and third in the discus (62' 6").

Ozona swept the high jump with Katy Churchill placing first (4'10"), Heather Ybarra taking second (4' 8"), and Ruth Cervantez claiming third (4' 6"). Heather Ybarra also won first place in the triple jump (29' 10

Å**"). Britney Ramos got fourth in the long jump (13' 8 1/4").

The Ladies did well in the running events as well. The Ozona relay teams dominated this meet, securing first place in all three relays. Malorie Moran, Heather Ybarra, Colbey Crawford, and Ruth Cervantez finished the 4 X 100m relay in 52.8 seconds taking first. Malorie Moran, Heather Ybarra, Brandi Buchanan, and Ruth Cervantez claimed first in the 4 X 200m relay with time of 1:53.53. The 1600m relay, made up of Colbey Crawford, Heather Ybarra, Katy Churchill, and Ruth Cervantez, finished first as well with a time of 4:29.53. Laken Villarreal secured third place (13:35.82) in the 3200m run. Brittany Ramos, Katy Churchill, and Paige Tambunga swept the 800m run taking first

(2:37.33), second (2:45.95), and third (2:51.03) respectively.

In the 100m hurdles, Erika Conner took second place (19.77), Kayla Parks finished third (20.06), and Allison Skehan finished fifth (21.94). Malorie Moran finished fifth (13.87) and Tyler Cunningham placed sixth (14.05) in the 100m dash. Colbey Crawford won the 400m dash with time of 1:06.89. Allison Skehan won the 300m hurdles with a time of 56.02. Kayla Parks and Erika Conner placed third (1:00.76) and fourth (1:00.95) in the 300m hurdles as well. In the 200m dash, Brandi Buchanan finished second (28.56) and Tyler Cunningham finished third (29.59). And in the 1600m run, Britney Ramos took third place in 6:02 and Paige Tambunga finished sixth in 6:34.

Round 1 Team Tennis

Ozona received bye
Round 2 - Ozona vs. Sonora
Winner: Ozona, Score: 10-7

Singles - Girls

Bobbi Sue Bangeman vs. Susanna Street 6-1, 6-3 Sonora.

Michelle Necessary vs. Chelsea Seaton 7-5, 4-6, (10-8) Ozona.

Hilary Huffman vs. Laura Word 6-2, 4-6, (10-6) Sonora.

Jenna Henderson vs. Evangelina Martinez 1-6, 6-4, (10-7) Ozona.

Jessica Moore vs. Tara Green 6-2, 4-3 (did not finish).

Makinsey Morris vs. Amanda Word 6-0, 6-1 Sonora.

Doubles - Girls

Bangeman/Huffman vs. Street/Seaton 6-2, 6-4 Sonora.

Necessary/Henderson vs. Word/Martinez 7-6, (7-5), 6-0 Sonora.

7th Lions take 3rd in first meet

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lion track team finished third overall in the Colt Relays in Sonora on Friday, Feb. 28. Wall won the meet with a total of 180 points, Sonora came in second with 155 points, Ozona secured third place with 124 points, Reagan County placed fourth with 86 points, and Junction placed fifth with 29 points.

Individual results follow.

100m dash - Ely Silva 2nd place 13.46; 200m dash - Ely Silva 1st place 28.04; 400m dash - George Vasquez 6th place 1:13.17; 800m run - Rocky Munoz 3rd place 2:44.99; 1600m run - Luis Perez 5th place 6:37.77; 2400m run - Luis Perez 3rd place 10:09.75; 110m hurdles

- Matt Turland 4th place 21.75, Gilbert Gomez 5th place 22.94, Tim Baseril 6th place 23.68; 300m hurdles - Tim Baseril 4th place 1:00.07, Matt Turland 5th place 1:00.15; 400m Relay- Justin Maldonado, Matt Turland, Mark Tambunga, Ely Silva 3rd place 53.92; 800m Relay- Justin Maldonado, Able Villarreal, Rocky Munoz, Mark Tambunga 3rd place 2:00.14; 1600m Relay - Justin Maldonado, Abel Villarreal, Rocky Munoz, Mark Tambunga 3rd place 4:56.44.

Shot Put - Rylee Ramos 6th place 27'10"; Discus - Ely Silva 2nd place 81'6", Parrish Aguiar 3rd place 80"; Long Jump - Mark Tambunga 6th place 13'6"; Triple Jump - Justin Maldonado 2nd place 29', Rocky Munoz 4th place 28' 2"; High Jump - Justin Maldonado tied 5th place 4'4".

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***Chamber** (Continued from front page)

Athletic Booster Club usually donates \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year.

This year's officers are: Gene Morris, president; Randy Crawford, vice-president; Debbie Long and Jim Skehan, treasurers and Dana Duncan, secretary.

Mrs. Long and Elizabeth Clark accepted the award for the organization from Kay Shaffer, chamber chairman.

Member of the Year

J. R. Bhakta, recipient of the Member of the Year award, was lauded as one of Ozona's greatest cheerleaders by presenter Jim Skehan.

He was born in India and came to the United States seeking an education. He graduated from Calpoly University in California in 1958. He and his wife, Naina, moved here in 1982 after being given a tip from a San Angelo friend to go and visit Ozona.

Upon moving to Ozona, he purchased the Silver Spur Motel and turned it into a Days Inn. In 1991 he purchased what was then the Inn of the West, transforming it into the Comfort and Economy Inns, and now the Best Western/Ozona Inn.

Bhakta has served two terms on the chamber board and currently serves on the visitor center committee.

He will donate his time to anyone who asks, and he helps with charitable donations to many organizations such as Project Graduation, Crockett County Welfare, American Cancer Society, Ministerial Alliance, Ozona Fire Department and West Texas Rehab. He is also quick to respond on a regional and national level when a crisis occurs.

He and his wife are the parents of two children, Paarth and Puja.

Legacy of Spirit Award

Dr. Gary Vannoy left no doubt as to the identity of the Legacy of Spirit Award honoree joking that when the recipient was born "many years ago" the doctor remarked to his nurse, "Did you see the size of the feet on that baby?"

Dee "Bigfoot" Keilers was born in Coleman, started school in Sweetwater and graduated from high school in 1955. He attended San Angelo Junior College for two years and began his career as a "water man" Feb. 1, 1961, with the City of San Angelo water department. There he worked as office engineer until 1968 when he moved to the field as distribution superintendent over the entire system.

In 1972, Keilers was offered a position with Crockett County Water District No. 1. He and his wife, Joyce, and children Karen and Lance moved to Ozona, making the adjustment from a big city to small town, and from a water department with 50 employees to a water, wastewater and sanitation

department with 16 employees.

Keilers became general manager of the district after Bill Cooper retired in 1983. He has been involved with the Annual Texas Water Utilities Association, A&M Short School for 35 years, serving on several committees and currently as a member of the exhibits' committee. He served on the first planning committee for the Central Texas Regional Short School in Abilene, was chairman and continues on the management committee. He was recognized with the Outstanding Professional Award at the school's annual meeting in 1997 and has been involved with the Fort Concho Water Utilities Association since he began his water works career. He has been a member of the American Water Works Association since 1973 and received the LifeTime Award in 1988. Keilers served on the Concho Valley Council of Governments funding committee.

Joyce worked classes and he taught Sunday school at Ozona Church of Christ where he served as a deacon for 25 years.

Keilers served twice as president of Ozona Lions Club, was co-chairman for the Ozona Lions Club Rodeo concession stand for many years and also served as the Lions Club Eye Bank director.

He worked with the Little League program and began working with Boy Scouts when his son started as a Cub. Keilers served as Cubmaster, assistant Scoutmaster and Unit Commissioner. He earned the Doctor of Unit Commissioner, the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and the Wood Badge and continues to work with Scouting after more than 25 years.

Keilers teaches hunter's education to youths each year at the Perry Ranch. He is a 30-year member of Ozona Fire Department, having serviced as training chief and assistant chief. He has attended the Texas A&M annual Fire School as a student and as an instructor. He began his EMS career in 1976 as an emergency care attendant, later earning emergency medical technician status and becoming a paramedic in 2002. He is also an instructor for the local EMS.

Unsung Hero

Accepting the award for Unsung Hero Ann Shaw was her son, Ronald. Presenter Terri Price praised the honoree who gets up at 4:00 a.m. every morning, meets the newspaper man and then walks the west side of town and puts newspapers on porches or inside doors for 45 to 50 homes so people "don't have to get off their porches to find their papers".

She is a Stanley representative, managing territory covering north and West Texas, New Mexico and part of the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Ann has taught high school and middle school Sunday school, has been youth superintendent and

president of the Ruth Class at First Baptist Church since moving to Ozona in 1955. She currently teaches seventh and eighth grade Sunday school. She plans trips and takes her Sunday school classes to San Angelo to bowl, to college and pro basketball games in San Antonio and Lubbock. She works to raise money for the First Baptist Youth Scholarship Fund and makes and gives a ceramic lion to each student at the annual banquet hosted by First Baptist for the senior class.

She seldom misses a middle or high school basketball or football game, and was unable to accept her chamber award in person because she was attending the state girls' basketball playoffs in Austin.

For at least 30 years, she had husband Harold have hosted a New Year's Eve party in their home. She bakes 10 cakes or batches of cookies or brownies each week to give to local students, visiting college students or widows of the community. On the first Wednesday of the month, the Shaws open their home to feed 80 to 110 middle and high school students.

She helps friends with transportation to out-of-town doctor's appointments and picks up their groceries.

A native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, she graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where she met her husband. Their three children all graduated from Ozona High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Ann has been heard to say, "Moving here in January of 1955 was a delight. The first time I saw Ozona, I was ready to move here the next day. I fell in love with Ozona and have stayed in love with the town ever since. I think it is the best place in the world to live. I am an Arkie by birth, Texan by marriage and Ozonan by choice."

Conservation Teacher Award

Ozona Middle School teacher Mary Ann Deaton was recognized by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District for her promotion of soil and water conservation in the classroom as well as being involved with the district in numerous ways.

Each year she is actively involved with the essay and poster contest sponsored at the middle and high schools by the district and Ozona National Bank. The week prior to the contest she includes in the classroom information that will be informative to the students and makes use of videos requested from the Conservation Video Library. Representatives of the district are invited to her class to discuss the importance of preserving natural resources and posters of previous winners are shown to the students, helping them to better understand what the contests involve.

She uses information from

the Conservation Roundup student newsletter in her lesson plans and encourages students to discuss what they have learned.

Mrs. Deaton participates and helps educate students at the annual Sixth Grade Field Day the district co-sponsors with Crockett National Bank. Her efforts help students have a better understanding when they tour a ranch and are presented with exercises in range and brush management, wildlife management, prescribed burning and other practices.

She promotes book covers supplied to the school by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, which the district helps to sponsor.

Summer conservation teacher workshops are deemed worthwhile by Mrs. Deaton as expanding her knowledge on topics to better equip her to inspire life-long conservation practices to her students.

Several years ago she contacted the district to discuss a project she would like to establish within her class. She told directors she wanted her class to study the grasses, browse plants and forbs common in the county and wanted to discuss with the students the importance of wildlife in their natural habitat and what the students could do to become involved in this important issue.

Her idea was that if the students gained some conservation awareness at a young age they would better understand the importance of natural resources which not only affect people but also wildlife. She asked the district to donate seed to the school so the students could make seed packets to be displayed at local businesses. The idea was that anyone, ranchers, townspeople, deer hunters or visitors would see the free packets and distribute the seeds throughout Crockett County. This would help to establish a good grass stand from which wildlife and livestock could graze.

Directors agreed to donate the seed, and under Mrs. Deaton's guidance, her students named their project the "Crockett County Conservation Collaboration", designed and made the packets, built and decorated the display stands and delivered them to businesses.

The Conservation Teacher Award presentation was made by SWCD board president Larry Williams.

Ozona Chamber of Commerce officers are: Kay Shaffer, chairman; Jim Skehan, vice-chairman; Louise Ledoux, treasurer; Robert Flores, past chairman and Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director. Holdover directors are Frank Tambunga, John Tarr and Louise Ledoux with incoming directors Clay Gentry, Renee Paider and Terri Price. Retiring directors are Laurie Hale, Lynn Maness Perner and Mike Glover.

***Keilers** (Continued from front page)

Award in 1988. He also served on the Concho Valley Council of Governments funding committee.

Dee had known his wife, Joyce Kay Moos, from the seventh grade and in college. "I realized she was destined to become my wife," he said.

Community-wise, the Ozona Church of Christ was one of their first stops in Ozona. She worked classes and he taught Sunday school there. He served as one of the deacons for 25-years and retired after Kay passed away in March of 1997.

"Working on the building and grounds committee was always close to our hearts," he said.

His daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jeff Kimball live in Fort Davis with their son Kelsey and daughter Jeren. Son Lance and daughter-in-law Jessica make their home in San Angelo with daughter Mackenzie and son Chase.

Dee served twice as president of the Ozona Lions Club, worked as co-chairman of the club's rodeo concession stand for many years and also served as Lions Club Eye Bank Director.

He worked with the Little League program and began working with Boy Scouts when Lance became a Cub. Dee served as Cubmaster and moved on to Boy Scouts with Lance helping as committee man, assistant Scoutmaster and Unit Commissioner while Lance achieved his Eagle Scout rank.

Dee enjoyed the program so much he continues to serve the Boy Scouts to this day. He has earned his Doctor of Unit Commissioner, the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award and the Wood Badge, spending more than 25 years working with Scouting.

Keilers has been a guide at the annual West Texas Boys

Ranch hunt each year on the Perry Ranch. "I find great enjoyment in teaching the boys the hunter's education course and especially watching the expression on their faces when they 'bag' a deer or turkey," he said. Dee is certified to teach hunter's education and does so each year.

He is a 30-year member of the Ozona Fire Department and has served as training chief 11 years, and as assistant chief and president. He served on the truck committee for booster units 206, 207 and 208 and pumper trucks 210 and 211.

He attended the Texas A&M annual Fire School from 1975 to 1982 and became an instructor in fire truck pump maintenance from 1983 until 1990. Since that time he has attended rescue and confined space rescue courses and has been asked to instruct these topics. Keilers started his retirement with a week of instructing during the spring fire school starting March 3.

He began his EMS career in 1976 as an emergency care attendant for Crockett County. He later earned his emergency medical technician rating, then continued EMS education, reaching the emergency medical technician-intermediate level and finally paramedic in 2000. He is an instructor for Crockett County EMS.

In addition to instructing at fire school and continuing his volunteer work, immediate retirement plans include a few days of fishing, then a trip to Big Bend Ranch for a survival workshop.

Maybe he and Lance will go again with friends Lane Scott and Wally Klinginham to Minnesota to the Boundary Water Canoe Basin.

Later, "I'll go back to New Mexico and check out some of those roads I've passed and wondered where they went," said Dee.

***Trustees** (Continued from front page)

life of the bond. With a reduced school budget utilizing this method, a district such as yours could offer a facilities improvement bond to the taxpayers that would require an expenditure in the interest and sinking fund (fund approved by local voters as a bond for facilities improvement) and yet reduce their overall tax rate due to the amount that the state could not recapture in the overall school budget."

Mr. Hughes' presentation was an informational item for the trustees, and no action was required or taken. The board also reviewed a report on the State Comptroller of Public Accounts' Property Tax Division 2002 Property Study School District Summary Worksheet.

The board approved documents relating to the agreed upon procedures engagement for the Annual Dropout Records Report that is required by the Texas Education Agency and performed by

the district's accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr. The required audit, passed during the 2001 session of the Texas Legislature, requires auditors for all Texas school districts to evaluate school districts' compliance with the reporting of student dropout records through the PEIMS (Public Education and Information Management System) reporting system.

During the meeting, Superintendent Jim Ramage gave a report on school-board training opportunities that were available to school board members, and campus principals Manley Holmes, Charles White and Donny Wiley gave reports on activities that were taking place on their campuses. The meeting was adjourned following an affirmative vote to set the date and time for the board's March regular meeting on March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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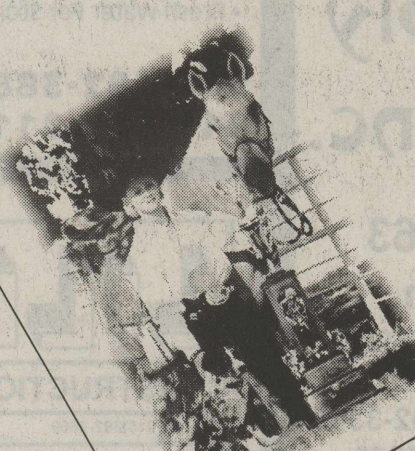
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New Harrison Int.	10000	Norman Dudley Johnson #10	Patterson Drilling/A #109
New Pioneer Natural/Mid	9550	J. L. Henderson Jr #11	Patterson Drilling/A #42
New Chevron/Mid.	9500	Scheuber-Wilkins #50	Nabors Drilling (O) #353
New RME Pet. Co./Mid.	7500	Robertson - # 88	Patterson Drilling/A #38
New Beach Expl./Mid. (H.S)	7000	Baldridge #2	Rod Ric Corp. #4

Sutton County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Dominion OK TXE&P	8750	Huspeh - 54-47	Patterson Drilling/A #108
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New Dominion OK TXE&P	8450	Duke Wilson #1727	Patterson Drilling/A #40
New Dominion OK TXE&P	8400	Simmons Ranch #34	Patterson Drilling/A #122
New Dominion OK TXE&P	8250	Simmons Ranch #40	Patterson Drilling/A #122
New Great Western Drig.	7500	Sawyer-Jones #1902	Key Energy (O) #4
New Dominion OK TXE&P	7000	Mack Cauthorn -129-49	Patterson Drilling/A #107
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New Dominion OK TXE&P	6100	Fields -55- #11	Patterson Drilling/A #115

Terrell County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Tom Brown Inc/Mid	20000	Muleskinner #1 H	Grey Wolf Drilling/M #88
Exxon/Mobile Dev. Co.	15000	Ranner Estate #30 HR	Patterson UT/LV #481
New Nervo Texas Inc.	13000	Mitchell -# 47	Nabors Drilling (O) #316
EOG Rec./Mid.	11600	Allison -22- #13	Patterson Drilling/A #39
New Fanken Oil & Ranch	7500	Monroe sW-187- #8	Patterson Drilling/A #161

Val Verde County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Parram Energy	16,800	Foots-Whitehead -574-#1	Patterson Drilling/A #36
EEK E&P Co.	15,000	Whitehead -A- #6301	Patterson Drilling/A #471
Phillips Pet/Hous.	9875	Cauthorn -# 43H	Patterson Drilling/A #118

Edwards County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Par Minerals Corp.	8000	Richardson #1	Key Energy (L) #10
New Dominion E&P/Hous.	7750	Canyon Ranch #401E	Patterson Drilling/A #120

Schleicher County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
TXP, Inc.	6800	Case -B- #3	Heart Land Drilling #2

Reagan County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Pioneer Nat./Irv	9100	Aldwell -K- #476	Patterson UT/Mid #461
New Prime Oper/Mid	8700	Weatherly -1219-#6	Patterson Drilling/S #487
New Mariner Eng.	8600	SAU Mariner -# 83A	Big Dog Drilling #5
Mariner Eng.	8600	SAU Mariner 19-1A #1A	Big Dog Drilling #9
New Mariner Eng.	8600	SAU Mariner 33-2A #2	Patterson UT/Mid #472
Tamarack Pet.	8500	Weatherly -A- #5	Big Dog Drilling #12
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Crockett County Sheriff's Office
 Weekly News Report
 02-25-03 through 03-3-03

02-25-03
 • Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Road Dept, Fire Dept., Texas Dept of Transportation, and DPS personal assisted with shelter at local convention center for stranded motorists due to weather conditions and closure of I-10.

• Deputy met with subjects at the Sheriff's Office that were requesting gas welfare. Deputy denied assistance due to subjects having enough fuel to get to next county.

• Deputy met with subject at local motel who was requesting verification on a check that he needed to pass due to lost wallet. Deputy assisted subject with welfare for a room.

• 911 emergency medical call at the 1100 Block of Beall St. in reference to a female subject who had fallen and hurt her back. Deputies assisted EMS unit.

• Deputy delivered message to truck driver at local truck stop.

02-26-03
 • Request for Deputy to check on welfare of a crying infant at apartments on Hwy. 163 South. Deputy reported infant was all right.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at a local restaurant on Sheffield Rd.

• Deputy met with a complainant at 1300 Block of Ave. E in reference to a large truck having accident on business property. Deputy obtained information from truck driver.

• Deputy met with a complainant who reported a firearm missing.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at 100 Block of Post Oak.

• Report of a skunk in an empty lot on Ave. J. Animal control was notified to set up traps.

02-27-03
 • 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS on 100 Block of Ave. E.

• Deputy met with subject in reference to recovered property.

• Deputy met with complainant in office.

• Deputy checked welfare of subject on Ave. J.

• Deputy took a dog bite report at office.

• Dispatcher notified wrecker for stranded motorist on I-10.

• 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS on Hwy. 163 South.

• Deputy filed a report of a subject who had passed two worthless checks at a local service shop.

• Report of suspicious subjects at local bus station. Deputy was unable to locate anyone in the area.

02-28-03
 • Deputy met with complainant at local clinic in reference to a stolen television. Deputy filed report.

• Report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy.163 north of Ozona. Deputy located the driver, and reported that the subject was not intoxicated.

• Report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a local lumber yard on Ave. E. Deputy checked out the vehicle and subjects. Deputy reported all was clear.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local rig site on Miller Ln.

• Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store on 11th St. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.

• Report of juveniles throwing rocks at houses at the 1600 Block of Santa Rosa St. Deputy spoke with the juveniles, and was unable to locate the parent.

• 911 hang up call from a payphone at the 900 Block of 11th St. Deputy reported that there was no one in the area.

• 911 hang up call from a payphone at the 900 Block of 15th St. Deputy reported that there was no one in the area.

• Report of a stranded motorist at the 345 mile marker on I-10. Deputy reported that there was no one in the area.

03-01-03
 • Deputy met with complainant via phone in reference to a personal matter involving ex-boy friend. Deputy noted information.

• Deputy met with complainant on Besente St. in reference to a juvenile

who was not at his residence. Deputy checked, and the juvenile was already home. Deputy spoke with the juvenile.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local car wash on Ave. E.

• Report of loose livestock at Bakers Crossing. Dispatcher notified Val Verde County Sheriff's Office.

• Report of loud music in the area of Ave. H coming from Martinez St from local hall. Deputy checked decibel noise level, and it was within legal limit.

• Deputy provided courtesy transport of a family from local motel on 11th St. to local bus station.

• Report of loud bass music at the 600 Block of Ave. H coming from the area of Martinez St. from local hall. Deputy again checked decibel noise level, and also advised band to turn bass level down.

• Deputy delivered message to subject at local parish hall.

• Report of minors having a party at the 100 Block of Native Dancer, and also consuming alcohol. Deputies reported that there was no party at this address.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the parish hall.

• Report of a suspicious vehicle and subjects at local clinic. Deputies ran checks on vehicle and subjects. One male subject was wanted out of Illinois, but they would not extradite subject. Deputies escorted subjects out of town.

03-02-03
 • Deputy stopped a vehicle at mile marker 368 on Hwy. I-10 that was being driven by juvenile subject, and also occupied by other juveniles who had been drinking alcohol. All the juveniles were brought in to the Sheriff's Office and given citations. Parents were notified to pick them up.

• Report of a female juvenile who was at a residence without permission. Deputy located the juvenile on Santa Rosa St., and returned to parent at the 400 Block of Terrace Dr.

• 911 emergency call at local apartments on Hwy. 163 south of Ozona in reference to a disturbance. Sheriff, Deputies, and EMS unit responded when caller also advised that there were gunshots. One subject was arrested, and one subject was transferred to San Angelo.

• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local convenience store on Hwy. 163 and I-10.

• Deputy met with complainant at local business on 14th St. in reference to a male subject who was harassing a female subject at her workplace.

• Report from Deputy while on routine patrol of subjects arguing at the 100 Block of Man O War.

• Deputy transported an inmate from the jail to the clinic, and back to the jail. Everything was okay with inmate.

• Deputy responded to the 100 Block of Rugged Rd. in reference to a female subject who was having medical problems.

03-03-03
 • Report from Pecos County in reference to a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy. 190 heading east from Iraan to Ozona. Deputy from Pecos County assisted Crockett County Deputy.

• Deputy met with complainant via phone in reference to vehicle keys that were taken by another subject. The keys were later turned in to the Sheriff's Office.

• 911 emergency medical call on the 100 Block of Antonio St. in reference to subject having a diabetic attack. Deputies and constable assisted EMS unit.

• Report of a subject at the 600 Block of 2nd St. crying out for help. Deputies reported that there was no one at the residence.

• Report of subjects having personal problems on the 400 Block of Plum St. Deputy spoke with both subjects.

• Intermediate school official requested to meet with a Deputy.

• Report of a minor motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 190 30 miles east of Eldorado. Deputy, constable, and DPS Trooper assisted EMS unit.

• Report from local truck stop in reference to clerk and customer arguing.

• Second call from the 400 Block of Plum St. in reference to personal problems between female subject and male subject. Deputy stood by while female gathered her personal belongings and left.

• Report of minor motor vehicle

accident at the corner of 14th St. and Ave. J. Deputy assisted DPS Trooper, and one subject was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

ARREST REPORT
 02-25-03 through 03-03-03

02-25-03
 • Tobar, Kenny Vargas, age 18, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of aggravated robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft, tampering with physical evidence and burglary of a building. Subject posted bond and was released.

• Sanchez, Rogelio Jr., age 18, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of aggravated robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft, tampering with physical evidence and burglary of a building. Subject posted bond and was released.

• Maskill, Stephen Michael, age 17, of Ozona was arrested by Constable on charges of aggravated robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft, tampering with physical evidence and burglary of a building. Subject posted bond and was released.

02-26-03
 • Villarreal, Able, age 31, of Ozona surrendered himself into custody at the County Jail to serve a 30-day DWI court sentence.

02-28-03
 • Borrego, Randall Patrick, age 22, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of motion to revoke probation/indecency with a child 112th District Court. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

• Cumming, Jared Lewis, age 19, of Georgia was arrested by DPS Trooper on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, and minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage. Subject was released after paying fines and posting bond.

• Ortega, Salvador III, age 32, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Midland County warrant for child support. Subject was released to Midland County

Officers.

• Vargas, David Garrard, age 31, of Houston was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject posted bond and was released.

03-02-03
 • Cervantez, Edward Pacheco, age 32, of Ozona was arrested by Texas Ranger Brooks Long on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Subject remains in jail.

03-03-03
 • Perez, Mark Anthony, age 28, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of sexual assault of a child, and 3 counts of indecency with a child. Subject remains in jail awaiting arraignment.

• Rogers, Mickel Wayne, age 29, of Lubbock was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd offense. Subject remains in jail.

OFFENSE REPORTS
 02-25-03 through 03-03-03

02-27-03
 • Sheriff's Deputy filed a theft more than fifteen hundred dollars, but less than two thousand dollars report. Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to two worthless checks that had been passed by owner of local service shop to tire shop company. Investigation continues.

02-28-03
 • Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of habitation report. Deputy met with complainant at local clinic and took statement in reference to a television set that had been taken from a residence investigation continues.

03-02-02
 • Sheriff's Deputy filed an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon report. Deputy filed statements in reference to a disturbance at local apartments on Hwy. 163 south of Ozona. One male subject was transferred to San Angelo, and one male subject was arrested. Investigation continues.

Officers present annual report

Sheriff Shane Fenton and Constable Raymond Borrego gave their annual report relating to traffic stops when commissioners met earlier this month.

Senate Bill 1074, amended Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure requires the report.

Sheriff's Department officers made a total of 1,378 traffic stops in 2002. Of these drivers, 651 were white, 597 Hispanic, 82 Black, 38 Asian and 10 other. There were 1,007 males and 371 females.

Verbal warnings were given to 420 of those stopped, written warnings to 467 and citations to 491 persons. Manual searches

were made of 59 of the vehicles and K-9 searches on five.

Speeding accounted for 1,017 of the stops, safety for 159, equipment for 91 and 111 were listed as other.

Constable Borrego made 213 traffic stops during the year. Of these drivers, 100 were White, 64 Hispanic, 24 Black, 10 Asian and 15 other. There were 144 males and 69 females.

Constable Borrego gave 19 written warnings and 192 citations.

Reasons for the stops included speeding, 211, and other, two

Monthly Oil and Gas Statistics

The Railroad Commission of Texas issued a total of 1,025 original drilling permits in January 2003 compared to 685 in January 2002. The January total included 774 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 22 to re-enter existing well bores, and 229 for recompletions. Permits issued in January 2003 included 279 oil, 345 gas, 383 oil and gas, 14 in-

jection, one service and three other permits.

Texas preliminary December 2002 crude oil production averaged 967,483 barrels daily, down from the 991,572 barrels daily average of December 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for December 2002 is 29,991,961 barrels, a decrease from 30,738,741 barrels reported during December 2001.

In January 2003, operators reported 220 oil, 474 gas, 23 injection and four others compared to 347 oil, 432 gas, 45 injection and two other completions during January 2002.

Total well completions for 2003 year to date are 721 down from 826 recorded during the same period in 2002.

Operators reported 426 holes plugged and 74 dry holes in January 2003 compared to 711 plugged and 85 dry holes in January 2003.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 43,114,442 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for December 2002, down from the December 2001 preliminary gas production total of 442,251,921 Mcf.

Crockett County ranked ninth in the state in preliminary gas production for December with 9,248,469 Mcf.

Texas production in December 2002 came from 139,713 oil and 59,225 gas wells.

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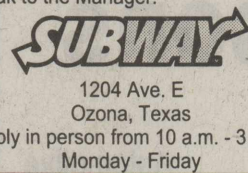
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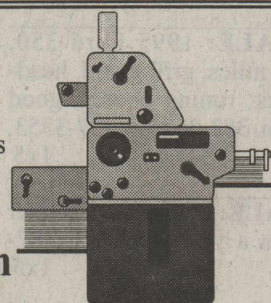
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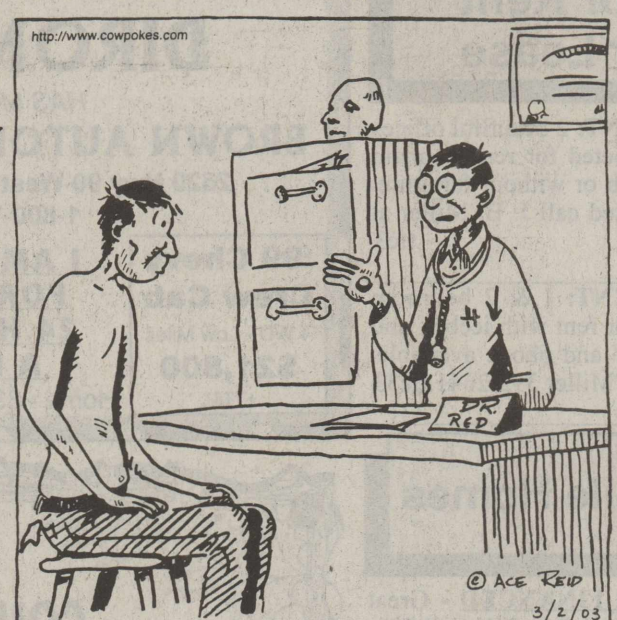
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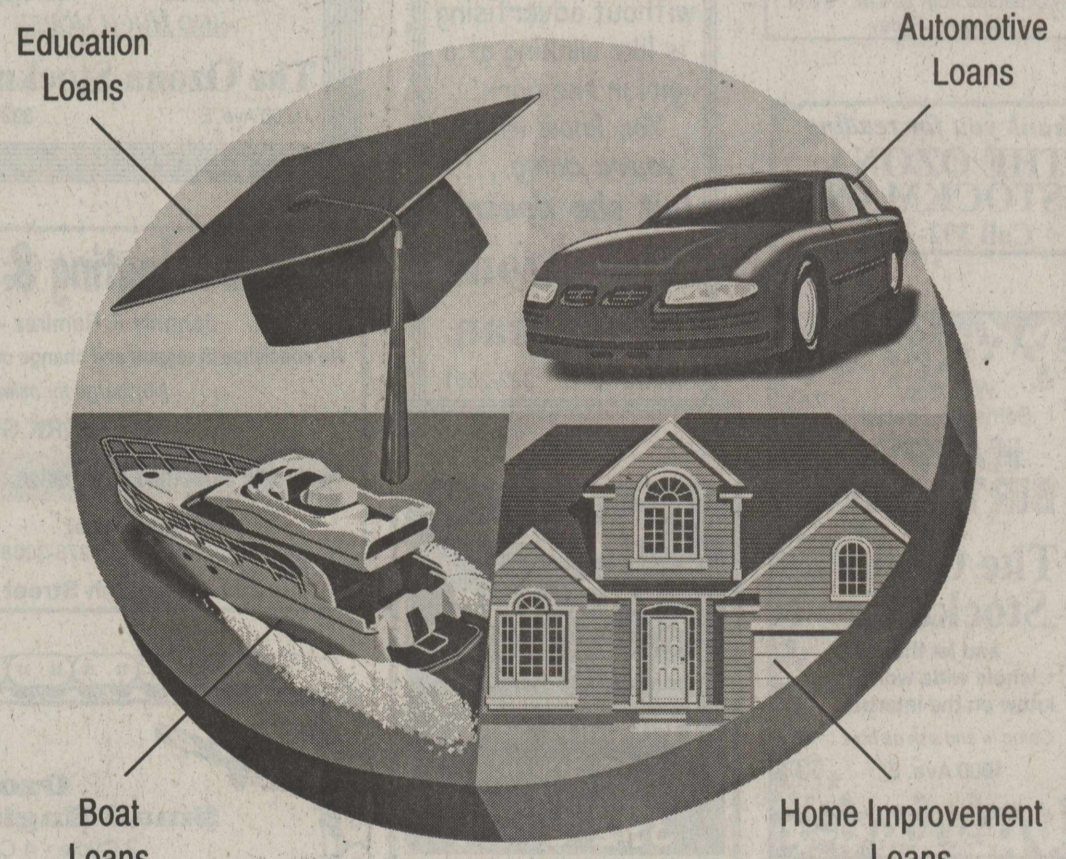
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