

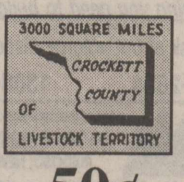
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Black, Bean, Churchill, Hale, DeWolfe and Kelley take home champion ribbons

56th annual stock show ends with many awards

56th annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show results:

RABBIT SHOW
Champion Commercial: Derek DeWolfe
Reserve Champion Commercial: Corey Kelley
Champion Fancy: Corey Kelley
Reserve Champion Fancy: Matthew DeWolfe
Champion Senior Showman: Brandi Glosson
Champion Junior Showman: Kodi Glosson
First Year Rabbit Feeder: Kodi Glosson
AOV Commercial Doe: 1. Matthew DeWolfe; 2. Matthew DeWolfe; 3. Matthew DeWolfe
AOV Commercial Buck: 1. Derek DeWolfe; 2. Corey Kelley; 3. Matthew DeWolfe
AOV Fancy Doe: 1. Corey Kelley; 2. Corey Kelley; 3. Matthew DeWolfe
AOV Fancy Buck: 1. Corey Kelley; 2. Natalie Hernandez; 3. Derek DeWolfe
Mini Lop: 1. Matthew DeWolfe; 2. Kristian Simpson; 3. Matthew DeWolfe
Netherland Dwarf: 1. Corey Kelley; 2. Duncan Knox; 3. Morgan Glosson
Other Exhibitors: Johnna Pullig

MARKET SWINE SHOW
Champion: Tell Churchill
Reserve Champion: Frankie Skinner
Champion Swine Showman: Frankie Skinner
Reserve Champion Swine Showman: Dean Wadsworth
Lightweight Swine: 1. Frankie Skinner; 2. Whitney Wilson; 3. Kasey Gray



2004 56th annual Crockett County Livestock Show participants

Photo by Melissa Perner

Mediumweight Swine: 1. Frankie Skinner; 2. Dean Wadsworth; 3. Jadynd Poindexter
Heavyweight Swine: 1. Tell Churchill; 2. Frankie Skinner; 3. Jadynd Poindexter
Other Exhibitors: Adrienne Bendele, Gage Crawford, Derek DeWolfe, Brandi Glosson, Morgan Glosson, Kodi Glosson, Lane White, Wilson White and Wendy Wilson
MEAT GOAT SHOW
Champion: Alexandra Bean
Reserve Champion: Clint Hale
First Year Goat Feeder: Allie Bean
Champion Senior Goat Showman: Jake Stewart
Champion Intermediate Goat

Showman: Jayci Miller
Champion Junior Goat Showman: Murphey Black
First Year Feeder: 1. Allie Black; 2. Kara Bird; 3. Corey Kelley
First Goat: 1. Jake Stewart; 2. Corey Kelley; 3. Corey Kelley
Second Goat: 1. Clint Hale; 2. Adrienne Bendele; 3. Corey Kelley
Third Goat: 1. Allie Bean; Jayce Logan; 3. Kyann Kothman
Fourth Goat: 1. Adrienne Bendele; 2. Murphey Black; 3. Stephen Humphrey
Fifth Goat: 1. Allie Bean; 2. Jake Stewart; 3. Russel Komechak
Sixth Goat: 1. Allie Bean; 2. Victoria Miller; 3. Dawson Owens
Seventh Goat: 1. Clint Hale; 2.

Jake Stewart; 3. Russel Komechak
Eighth Goat: 1. Matthew Komechak; 2. Rebecca Pierce; 3. Russel Komechak
Other Exhibitors: Andy Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Kraig Chandler, Shelbie Darr, Latham Ducote, Christofer Fierro, Trey Fierro, Kodi Glosson, Clay Hale, Kramer Hall, Taylor Newton, Park Preddy, Laura Stapper, Brandyn Tebbetts, Lane White and Wilson White
MARKET LAMB SHOW
Champion Finewool: Murphey Black
Reserve Champion Finewool: Kelbie Renfroe
Champion Crossbred:

Lane Hale
Third Finewool Class: 1. Clay Hale; 2. Lane Hale; 3. Murphey Black
Fourth Finewool Class: 1. Murphey Black; 2. Kelbie Renfroe; 3. Aaron Renfroe
Fifth Finewool Class: 1. Clay Hale; 2. Aaron Renfroe; 3. Lane Hale
First Crossbred Class: 1. Lane Hale; 2. Aaron Renfroe; 3. Allie Bean
Second Crossbred Class: 1. Aaron Renfroe; 2. Clay Hale; 3. Latham Ducote
Third Crossbred Class: 1. Aaron Renfroe; 2. Murphey Black; 3. Bryan Skehan
Other Exhibitors: Lakin Aaron, Kent Fluth, Clint Hale and Kramer Hall

Early voting for March primary begins Feb. 23

The March 9 primary is just around the corner. The following is a list of those running in Crockett County in the Democrat Primary: 112th District Attorney Laurie English, of Ozona, and Frank Lacy, of Fort Stockton; County Attorney Bill Mason and Steve Taliaferro; Sheriff Shane Fenton; County Tax Assessor-Collector Tom Stokes; County Commissioner Pct. 1 Frank Tambunga; County Commissioner Pct. 3 Freddie Nicks and Randy Branch; County Constable Raymond P. "Bear" Borrego and County Chairman A.O. Fields. Roy Glenn Sutton has filed for sheriff as an independent in the general election in November. The last day to register to vote is Feb. 9. Early voting is Feb. 23 through March 5. For information, call 392-2022.

Melvin Connor named Scout Leader of the year at banquet



The Melvin Connor Family received the Scouting Family of the Year Award, at the Great Permain Basin Boy Scout Banquet. Melvin Connor was also named Scout Leader of the Year. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

The Melvin Connor Family earned top honors at the Great Permain Basin Boy Scout Banquet. The banquet, held Jan. 15 in Ozona, was hosted by Troop 153. Glenn Connor was recognized for Eagle Scout, Melvin Connor was awarded Scout Leader of the Year and The Scouting Family of the Year went to the Melvin Connor Family. Travis Zuberbueler was recognized for being second top salesperson in the Permain Basin District for the popcorn fundraiser. Travis has been the top salesperson for the past five years. Other awards included Cub Leader of the Year to Lee Warden of Junction; The Spark Plug Award to Mike Bahm of Big Lake; Spirit of Scouting to Wayne Bird of Big Lake and the District of Merit Award to Ted



Travis Zuberbueler, pictured with Michael Mitchel, district executive, receives an award for being second top salesperson in the Permain Basin District. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Hogan of Crane. Hogan has been in scouts for more than 65 years.

Commissioners approve road policies, paving

By Melissa Perner
 Editor and Publisher

Discussions of county road policies and classifications led the monthly County Commissioners meeting Monday. Crockett County Road Department Superintendent Eddie Moore said a resident in Precinct 4 is wanting to place a bump gate between County Road 407 and 414, which led to the question of should the county pay or the resident. "If we okay to put in the bump gate, then is it his cost or ours?" Moore said. "If we don't do this for him and then do it for someone else, then what?" Commissioner Pleas Childress said that if the man is the only one affected by the bump gate, and he needs it, then there should be no reason he can't have it. Moore said the road is mainly used by the family and for oil field use. The road, which is currently

classified as a Class 3 level road, allows bump gates. Commissioner Frank Tambunga said that the owner should know that in the future if the county decides to upgrade the road to a Class 2 level, the bump gate would have to come down. Class 2 level roads can only have cattle guards. The court then approved a motion to allow a bump gate to be installed on a county road at the person's expense. "This is an ongoing process," said County Judge Johnny Jones, referring to the County's Road Policy. Commissioner's also approved the designated paving areas for 2004, which consist of 21.4 miles. Precinct 1 has 6.8 miles, Precinct 2 5.9, Precinct 3 6.3 and Precinct 4 2.4. The commissioner's also approved a motion to allow two gates per running mile of fence, on a county road, and the county would furnish wire, T-posts and stays. Commissioners also agreed that a 60-foot right-of-way should be es-

tablished before work can be done. Before approving the County Road Classifications, the commissioners changed County Roads 107, 109 and 306 to all Class 3 level roads, meaning that bump gates can be installed on those roads. Commissioners also appointed Mike Pearson, Lupe Sanchez, Baltimore Flores, Roy Walston, Douglas Bean, Glenda McMullan, Margaret Villarreal, Alex Borrego and Gwen Jamerson to the salary grievance committee. Other items approved by the court: • The Lone Star Libraries 2004 contract. • Installation of a security system at the Crockett County Library. • Final plan for Dog Canyon Ranch Subdivision. The next Crockett County Commissioners meeting will be at 9 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex-Courtroom.

Free public program on financial planning

Nursing home seminar Thursday

The annual average cost of nursing home placement in Texas is \$34,896. A lifetime of savings and assets can quickly be spent at this rate. The Crockett County Care Center and the Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program will be hosting a free seminar on Financial Planning for

Nursing Home Placement. The seminar will be presented by Melson and Associates from Midland. The seminar will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Some of the topics to be presented include "Spousal Impoverishment Act," protection for the

spouse remaining in the home, "Miller's Trust" and "Irrevocable Annuities." Melson and Associates is a private organization that specializes in informing individuals on how to preserve their assets when confronted with nursing home expense. The public is invited.

Pictures of stock show winners
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Levis and Lace News

By Carol Adcock

Levis & Lace Square Dance Club started off the new year with a great dance on Jan. 11 at the Senior Citizen Center.

Seventeen people enjoyed the calling done to a live band with Logan Williams doing the calling.

He was backed up by his parents Darryl and Mary Lee Williams playing guitar and keyboard. The Williams family is from San Angelo.

Logan put the dancers thru their paces doing a tip, with the square dance "Cotteneye Joe." There was lots of laughter and foot stomping to the music.

Lots of good food was consumed with soup, chips and dips and wonderful desserts being served.

Month of romance at Fredericksburg

For the sixth consecutive year, Fredericksburg will celebrate February as the "Month of Romance."

During the "Month of Romance," it will be even more so as numerous accommodations offer packages and incentives for visitors.

With some 700 hotel/motel rooms and more than 300 bed and breakfasts/guesthouses, Fredericksburg features a variety of accommodation styles to suit any taste and budget.

Many properties will offer three nights for the price of a two-night stay—midweek only—during the month of February.

Guests can even customize their visit with special romantic accommodations such as champagne, fresh flowers, chocolate covered strawberries, massages and more.

Weekend visitors can enjoy special events all month-long including performances of "The King and I" by the Fredericksburg Theater Company (weekends of February 13-29), Luckenbach's "Hug-In" (February 14), American Music Series concert at the Gillespie County Historical Society (February 14), Wine Lovers Trail at area Hill Country wineries (February 14-15), Merlot & Chocolates and Valentine Luncheons at Becker Vineyards (February 14-15), Meisenbachs & Friends in Concert (February 15), Fredericksburg Trade Days (February 20-22) and more.

Events, shopping, historic sites, fine dining and four day spas are just a few of the many things visitors can take in as they soak up Fredericksburg's relaxing ambience.

For more information about the "Month of Romance" including a listing of specific packages

It's a girl

Natalie Nicole Tambunga was born at 7 a.m., Dec. 9, 2003 in Austin.

She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces.

She is the daughter of Aracely Jimenez of Houston and Nino Tambunga of Ozona. She has three sisters and three brothers.

Grandmother is Amelia Tambunga, of Ozona. Great-grandparents are Lelia Tambunga and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Castillo, also of Ozona.

Fredericksburg Gem Show Sat.

The 35th annual Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday in the newly renovated Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, located about three miles south of Fredericksburg on State Highway 16.

Exhibits include the works of skilled craftsmen and displays of mineral and fossil specimens.

There will be demonstrations by local lapidaries and flint knappers. A geologist will be available for questions or identification of any "mystery" rocks or fossils that visitors may bring.

Dealers from around the state will have, for sale, quality gems, jewelry, minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment and supplies.

There will also be hourly door prizes.

Admission is free.

For information, call (830) 997-1955.

Participants in the dance were Lenny and Carol Adcock, JoAnn Babbitt, Carol Yeager, Brigitte Rogers, Jim Brisbin, Lucy Hinde, Otis Nester, Maria and Raul DeLa Rosa, Nell Wester and Rene Padier.

Special guests were Helen Stokes who resides at the Care Center and Joy Logan, mother of Mary Lee Williams.

All students in the square dance class are doing really well and many of them are coming to the regular club dances.

They are also dancing at the Care Center when the club goes there to entertain the residents.

Next scheduled dance is Jan. 24 with Roy Lombard from Del Rio calling. Everyone is welcome to come join us for great fun and fellowship set to music.

and events, call 888-997-3600 or visit www.fredericksburg-texas.com.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

Sue and Larry Arledge in memory of Maudie Montgomery; Crystelle Childress in memory of Wanda Stuart and Maudie Montgomery; Bernice Phillips, Diane Phillips and Corinne Carleton in memory of Donna Beth Davidson, Toots Williams, Maudie Montgomery, Jewel Bailey, Ruth Bissett, Bob Bissett, Muggs Davidson Stephenson, Byron Stuart, Wanda Stuart, Joe Logan and Joe Clayton.

West Texas Rehab Telethon Sat.

Ozona volunteers, under the leadership of Kay Stewart, will be among friends of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones for the Rehab phone bank during the Center's 34th annual telethon Saturday.

Located at Crockett National Bank, the Ozona phonebank will operate from 7-10 p.m.

Donors may call 392-3745 to make a pledge during the telethon or go by the bank to make an advance donation prior to Saturday.

Originating live from the Abilene Civic Center, the telethon will be carried by 10 television stations covering Texas and portions of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

KLST-TV in San Angelo is among the host stations. Also, the show may be viewed via satellite: Galaxy 11, Transponder 17.

Rising country music star Joe Nichols will be the featured entertainer, and will be joined by hosts Red Steagall and Charlie Chase. Other performers will include Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani, Jonnell

Mosser and Morgan Jones.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of more than 350 items donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen — and bids placed — from now until midnight Saturday at www.westtexasrehab.org.

An auction tabloid and toll-free bidding numbers will be published in the San Angelo Standard-Times Saturday.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2004 has come from American Electric Power and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books.

"The challenge for the rest of us is to build on the momentum started by these two great corporate friends," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

Also providing additional support is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, which serves as an auction partner and American Airlines/American Eagle who is the official air carrier for the telethon.

Traditionally, the benefit telecast raises more than \$1 million for the Center's operating expenses at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By Lynn English

We are at this time of year groping our way through the second week of the new year.

Have you gotten your new year's resolutions made? My main goal is to get these cataracts taken out of my eyes at least by March. I had hoped it would much sooner, but my surgeon is back logged because his associate is very ill.

This grandma is sad today as my oldest grandson Logan English joined the Air Force and left today. These grandkids group up mighty fast and then they fly away.

Levi's and Lace had their first square dance this year Jan. 10 here at the Senior Center. They reported that there were 17 in attendance. They also returned here Sunday evening to practice. This group always has such fun when they get together.

Today will have our first noon pot luck this year. We look for a good turn out and that means you. Bring your dish and come out.

On Jan. 17 our Levi's and Lace group will go to Del Rio to dance. They are excited about their trip.

Johnny Johnson was out all week last week sick and called in Monday that she did not feel up to coming out for lunch. Get well soon Johnny as we sure do miss you.

We hope to start up our exercise again next week. I will check in with Carol Adcock to see if she is ready to start-up again.

My neighbor, Fletcher Graham reported that his patience

paid off as on New Year's Day he bagged a nice eight-point buck with a 17 and a half-inch spread. Congratulations Fletcher.

I want to remind everyone that we have the Texas Defensive Driving videos for rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center. If you choose to rent them from us, it will save you the trip to San Angelo. As of late, I have had several people come in and use them, and were pleased with the information and convince of using the tapes.

It was a pleasure meeting Melissa Perner Monday. We have had several conversations by phone when she was in San Angelo and working for the Standard-Times. It was a pleasure to put a face to her voice.

The New Year will be a good time to deliver Meals on Wheels for our elderly. We need you and your neighbors to help out. Please do not let these elderly people down. If you can deliver, call us at 392-5026.

AARP will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Senior Center. Afternoon games are from 1-3 p.m. Mondays. Remember our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

Stop by for coffee and a visit.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 14 - Martha Rocha, Raymond Adcock and Amy Ybarra

Jan. 15 - Jessica Knaack

Jan. 16 - Cipriano Perez, Tonka Kay Hester, Miranda Villarreal, Jonathan Munoz and Vivian Medina

Jan. 17 - Irene Garza, Isabel Aguilar, O'Rion Bilano, Gary

Vannoy, Donna Sanders and Michelle Camarillo

Jan. 18 - Devin Adcock, Adrian DeHoyos Jr., David Martinez and Lane White

Jan. 19 - Allie Black

Jan. 20 - Babe Womack and Mandy Fierro

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 15 - "Financial Planning for Nursing Home Placement," 5:30 p.m., in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Jan. 15 - TeamKIDS from 5:30-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Jan. 16 - JV and Varsity Girls and Boys basketball vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m., in Grape Creek.

Jan. 16 - Ozona Athletic Booster Club meeting, between the Lady Lions and Lions Varsity basketball games.

Jan. 16-17 - JV Gold Girls and Freshman Girls basketball, San Angelo tournament in San Angelo.

Jan. 19 - Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls and Boys basketball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m., at the Becky Childress Memorial Gym.

Jan. 20 - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m., in the School Board Room.

To place an item on the Community Calendar, call 392-2551.

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Melvin and Laura Parker

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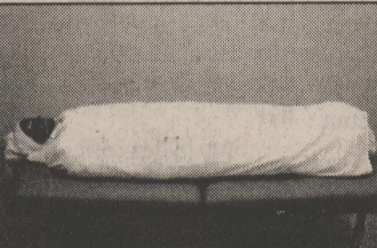

CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER RESIDENTS HAD A GREAT TIME DECORATING GRAHAM CRACKER COOKIES last week. Submitted Photo



MEMBERS OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Catholic Church held services Thursday afternoon at Crockett County Care Center. Submitted Photo

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Godly Perspective on Life

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

For the most part, our society is driven in three directions. First, we are engaged in building cities for ourselves. This does not seem strange. But we want to be able to pat ourselves on the back when we get finished. This leads into the second point. If we are religious at all, we generally feel that if we do a good job in this life, we will be all right in the life to come. If there is a God, He will surely smile on us! This brings us to point three. Everything in our culture is geared toward men and women making a good name for themselves. We are told that if we get a good education, we will be able to get a better job. With a better job, we can make more money. Then we can buy more things. And we'll make a name for ourselves. It's all very interesting because this is exactly what the people who built the tower of Babel wanted. Listen: "And they said, 'Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth'" (Genesis 11:4). Now the really interesting thing is that the teachings of Jesus Christ lead us in exactly the opposite direction. Christianity leads men and women to build the City of God. That is, Christianity leads men and women to build a society which is glorifying to God! Not only so, Christ is the only way into heaven. People who trust in His good works rather than in their own shabby, imperfect works are the ones who are taken safely into heaven. All of this means that Christians seek the glory! It is a completely different perspective on life. It is a Godly perspective.

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man. O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon & Charly McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: Amelio Hinojos Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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Obituaries

Peggy Perner



lengthy illness. She was the only child born to Alton and Louise McDaniel on Feb. 27, 1925, in Colorado City, Texas. She graduated from San Angelo High School in 1942 and attended TCU in Fort Worth. She married Paul C. Perner Jr. in San Angelo on May 3, 1943.

Peggy is survived by: a loving husband of 60 years, Paul C. Perner Jr. of Lubbock; one daughter, Pam Goodwin and husband, Myrl of Canyon; two sons, Paul C. Perner III and Philip G. Perner both of Ozona; two grandsons, Lee Upton and wife, Dorothy of San Angelo and Paul C. Perner IV of Ozona; and two great granddaughters, Whitney and Bailey Upton both of San Angelo.

Her family and friends will remember her as our devoted wife and a loving mother.

Graveside services for Peggy J. Perner, 78, of Lubbock were held Jan. 9 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Merriel Abbott officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Perner passed away at her home on Jan. 7, following a

Care Center Chatter

By Jan St. Clair
Activity Director

Our faithful volunteers for the past week are E.A. Wadsworth, Johnnie and Bobbie Griffin, Brother John and family, Audrey Glenn, Nell Wester, Paula Martinez and members of the Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, First Baptist Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Wednesday afternoon in the main dining room, residents enjoyed icing their own graham cracker cookies. There were an assortment of different decorations of cookies. Residents enjoyed their cookies with coffee or beverage of choice.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, residents enjoyed spiritual shows with members of the First Baptist Church and the Catholic Church. Thank you all, we enjoyed the program.

Sunday morning the Church of Christ had services for our residents. Thank you all.

Coming events to honor our staff for the next months are Activity Professionals Week, Jan. 18-

23; Foodservice Week, Feb. 26; Professional Social Work Month, March; Administration Professionals Week, April 18-24; National Volunteer Week, April 18-24; National Nurses Week, May 6-12; Nursing Assistance Week, June 10-17 and Housekeeping in September.

We honor each one of our employees as being team players. Without these special skilled people, we wouldn't be here. We appreciate every employee.

The Maintenance Department are also team members, but there isn't a requested date on Maintenance Professionals. We do take the time to thank Rusty Harris and Elvira Martinez for keeping things going here at the facility.

Our residents birthday party will be at 3 p.m. Friday in the main lobby sponsored by Crockett National Bank.

Great happenings are planned for our facility in 2004. Come for a visit and see for yourselves.

We are all hoping our art volunteer Jonny Johnson is feeling better. We all miss you.

Wishing you a good week from us here at CCCC.

A yellow dress

It was a short flight and across the isle sat an older lady of African decent.

She had a well-kept appearance and was wearing a bright yellow dress. In her hands was a tiny black book with frayed edges.

As we flew along she would open it and read from it and then close it and pray silently. After a while she looked my way and I pointed to her little book.

She smiled and opened it where I could see it and to my surprise it was the New Testament with the Psalms and Proverbs in French.

I asked her to show me where she was reading. She opened to Romans 3:22,23,24. I told her I liked Romans 5:8 and pointed it out to her.

She looked at the verse a long time and then she smiled and in broken English she said, "If Jesus do not clean you heart you will not go up there".

She was making a rubbing motion over her heart and then she pointed upward. I smiled and said you are so right.

It's only by faith in Christ do we have the hope of entering heaven (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8,9).

I told her she was my sister in Christ and she smiled. It is so warming to meet other Christians. See you in Church on Sunday.
Brother J

TeamKIDS at Baptist Church on Wednesdays

All students in grades first-sixth are welcome to attend TeamKIDS from 5:30-7 p.m. every Wednesday at the First Baptist Church.

Mission study, Bible study, music, games, supper and lots of fun will be on hand.

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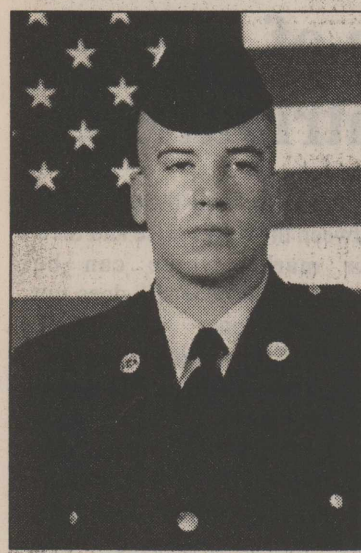


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Shaffer completes basic training

Army Pvt. second class Andrew L. Shaffer has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Shaffer's parents are Ray and Kay Shaffer of Ozona.

He graduated in 2003 from Ozona High School.

During the nine-week training, Shaffer received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, traditions and core values.

Shaffer is currently stationed at Rhine Maine Air Force Base in Germany.

Myths and facts about social security retirement benefits

By Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager
San Angelo

Social Security is a vital program that touches the lives of almost everyone in the country. In part because of its size and in part because of its national impact, there are many myths and misunderstandings about the program.

Myth: My Social Security benefits will be based on my last three years of earnings.

Fact: Social Security retirement benefits are based on a lifetime of earnings. To figure your benefit, we will add up your highest 35 years of earnings after adjusting each year for inflation. Then we will divide by 420 (the number of months in 35 years) to come up with your average inflation-adjusted monthly wage. Then we apply a formula that replaces a percentage of that monthly wage with a Social Security benefit. Assuming you earn an average income, your retirement benefit would represent about 40 percent of your pre-retirement earnings.

Myth: I can take my reduced retirement benefits at age 62 and later switch to full retirement benefits at my full retirement age.

Fact: If you take an early retirement benefit, you generally will live with a permanent reduction. Your benefit does not increase when you reach your "full retirement age". (A handy chart on www.socialsecurity.gov, our website, can tell you what your full retirement age is.) You must decide if you're financially able to live with the reduced benefit for the rest of your life or if you'd be better off waiting until your full retirement age to get a higher monthly rate. A Social Security representative can go over the numbers with you so you can make an informed decision.

Myth: There is a limit to how much a married couple can receive.

Fact: There is no "marriage penalty" with Social Security. As a general rule, nothing prevents each member of a married couple from receiving his or her own Social Security benefit. For example, if a husband has worked and earned a \$1,000.00 monthly Social Security check, and if his wife has worked and earned a \$1,200.00 Social Security check, they will each get their full benefit for a total of \$2,200 per month in Social Security benefits.

Myth: If I take my own Social Security benefit, I am always locked into it. If my husband later dies, I cannot switch to a widow's benefit on his record.

Fact: A woman who becomes a widow can switch to benefits on her husband's record if it is to her advantage to do so. (A widower also can make the switch if it pays him more money.)

Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by visiting Texas' historic sites

The Texas Historical Commission is offering a free brochure celebrating the contributions of African Americans in Texas.

This colorful booklet guides travelers to statewide cultural attractions and is an educational resource on the state's African American legacies.

Part of the THC's heritage tourism initiative, the brochure includes a timeline, photos, narratives and special events commemorating the struggles and triumphs of African Americans in Texas.

"Years of research and documentation for state historical markers and National Register of Historic Places nominations allowed the THC to create a guide that identifies the significance of African American participation in the state's heritage," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director.

The guide informs visitors about people, places and events dating from 1528, when the first identified African American explored the region north of the Rio Grande, to the 1973 election of Barbara Jordan to the U.S. House of Representatives. Stories about black teachers and farmers in 18th- and 19th-century Spanish and Mexican Texas, black soldiers in the Civil War and Buffalo Soldiers protecting the Texas frontier chronicle the contributions of the state's African American community.

For information, or to obtain the free guide, call (512) 463-5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel.

Too many food rules may lead to weight problems

Parents who try to tightly control the eating habits of their little girls may be contributing to their later weight problems.

Dr. Jennifer Fisher, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, found that girls ages 5 to 7 who eat regardless of hunger have a higher risk of being overweight. The risk of eating in the absence of hunger at age 7 increased when parents tried to restrict their food intake.

"We think that eating in the absence of hunger is produced in part by parental restrictions," said Fisher, also a researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor. "There is a link between earlier eating habits and later behavior."

"Kids, just like adults, don't like to be told what they can't do," said Fisher. "Eating is an important part of who we are as families and as a society. Restrictions may focus children's attention away from their own hunger and fullness clues."



KRISTIAN SIMPSON looks over at Kodi Glosson during the junior rabbit showmanship competition at the livestock show on Jan. 9

Photo by Melissa Perner

Tobacco users shocked by snuff nicotine content

Submitted by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley

Many people mistakenly believe that smokeless tobacco (snuff and chew) is safer than smoking.

Smokeless tobacco contains nicotine, the same addictive drug found in cigarettes. Snuff dippers consume on average more than 10 times the amount of cancer-causing substances (nitrosamines) than do cigarette smokers.

In fact, some brands of smokeless tobacco contain as much as 20,000 times the legal limit of nitrosamines permitted in certain foods and consumer products, such as beer, bacon and baby bottle nipples.

The juice from the smokeless tobacco is absorbed into the lining of the mouth. This can cause painful sores and white patches that may be a sign of mouth cancer.

It can also cause cancer of the gums, larynx, esophagus, stomach ulcers and many other diseases. But its consequences are not limited to internal problems. It can also cause halitosis (chronic bad breath), discoloration of teeth and fillings, gum disease and tooth loss.

For some, these characteristics may be a sign of heartiness, but for most they are not. As for

ASU announces Fall Dean's list

Ozona students making the 2003 fall semester Dean's List at Angelo State University are: Kimberly Dawn Flores, chemistry; Kelli Anne Goble, kinesiology/teacher certification; Paula R. Hester, nursing; Kayla Shurley, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Cyndie Jane Worley, interdisciplinary child development and learning and Connie Kathlee Yocham, interdisciplinary child development and learning.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

Four Ozonans on Sul Ross Dean's list

Ozona students making the 2003 fall semester Dean's List at Sul Ross State University are: Derek Faight, Jessica Galan, Amber Lee McWilliams and Rebekah Shaw.

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Dist/Div: Odessa

Contract 6102-22-001 for SMALL SIGN REPLACEMENT in ANDREWS County, etc will be opened on February 10, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$59,865.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the dates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Public Notices

APPLICATION and DRAFT PERMIT: Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th St., Suite 900, Denver, Colo. 80202, a natural gas liquids facility has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial Issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 4244 to authorize operation of the SW Ozona Gas Plant. The site addressed by the application is located 26 miles south of I-10 on County Road 2083, near Ozona, in Crockett County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on February 28, 2002. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the areas must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ San Angelo Regional Office, 622 South Oakes, Suite K, San Angelo, Texas, and the Crockett County Library, 705 12th Street, Ozona, Texas. At the central and regional office, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office at (512) 239-1540. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application. You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit actions may cause a change to be made to the draft permit. A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the area may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on these applications if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing. A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with its applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 12. Written public comments and requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days from the newspaper publication of this notice. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our Web Site at www.tnrc.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Duke Energy Field Services, L.P. at the address in the first paragraph or by calling Mr. Rick Matar at (720) 944-9321.

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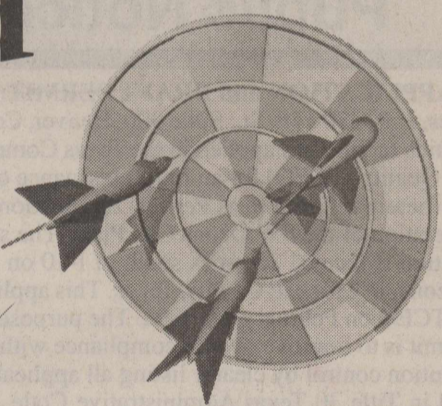
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JV Girls crumble Wall 50-26

By Makinsey Morris
Stockman sportswriter

Ozona's JV girls' team has really proved themselves this year. Their practices against the varsity girls, combined with natural talent have provided a season filled with fun games. In fact, the JV team has only lost two games so far this season. The JV Lady Lions have really outshined their opponents. Their first six games were easy wins for the team, especially two against Kermit and Monahans. The girls added another win Friday night with a 50-

26 victory over Wall. What's even better about this team is how you can't pick a most valuable player. Each of the players plays their heart out every game for the win. Of course, no team is complete without the tutoring of a great coach. Like all of the coaches in the Ozona schools, Coach Rodney Johnson is able to lead his team to victory through personal knowledge of the game and an eye for the talent of his team.

It goes without saying that the JV Lady Lions really enjoy the game of basketball.

Lady Lions overcome by Wall

The varsity Lady Lions competed in their first district game against the Lady Wall Hawks Friday in Ozona.

Up against the notorious Lady Wall Hawks, the Lady Lions actually dug in their claws and held in there, despite a 36-25 loss.

Leading scorer for Ozona was Kayla Johnson with 13 points, followed by Courtney

Campbell, 3, Kristin Bunger, 3, Taylor Ogelsby, 2, Laura Pierce, 2 and Casey Ybarra, 2.

The Lady Lions had five three-pointers, three made by Johnson and then one each for Campbell and Bunger.

This puts the Lady Lions at 14-6 overall and 0-1 in District 2-A.

Updates on 7th grade Lions

By Makinsey Morris
Stockman sportswriter

Here's an update on the seventh-grade Lions.

On Dec. 15, the Lions, both A and B teams, went up against the Eldorado Eagles.

The B team took on the Eagles in the first game of the night, but was unable to score enough points before the final buzzer and lost 8-4. Freddy Veloz and Wilson White led the team with two points each, as the rest added some defensive skills.

The A team was defeated by the Eagles 16-24. Although tied at the end of the first quarter, the Lions were able to take a lead at halftime with the score of 12-8.

The Lions weren't making as many shots as they'd like, but were able to counteract each of the Eagle's attempts to shorten the gap with a bucket of their own.

The third quarter ended 18-15 in favor of Ozona. The Lions breezed by the Eagles in the fourth and racked up six more points before the getting the win.

Scoring for the team were Daniel Gonzalez, 8, Matthew Garza, 7 and Chris Lara, 1.

"The boys played really well defensively, but could not get the ball in the basket," said Coach

David Delgado. "We are getting better at the fundamentals. We just need to work on not turning the ball over."

That game wasn't the end for the Lions, as they came back after the Christmas break to head to the Iraan Tournament Jan. 10.

Ozona faced the Reagan County Owls with an awesome show of defense in the second half, and were able to keep the game reasonably close. Unfortunately, the Lions lost 27-19.

"We gave up more points than we usually do in the first half, but came back and played solid defense in the second half," Delgado said. "We were not able to make the easy shots and free throws, and it ultimately cost us the game."

The Lions second game was played against the Iraan Braves. A tough team, the Braves are not a group to be taken lightly, but the Lions put up a good fight.

At halftime, the Lions were down 7-14. The defense managed to step up again in the second half, but it wasn't enough for a victory giving the Braves the 26-16 win.

"This is definitely the best team we have played all year," Delgado said. "Like our last game we had strong defense, but just couldn't score."

8th grade girls beat Eldorado

By Makinsey Morris
Stockman sportswriter

Last week the eighth-grade girls had a tough week with a game Monday and the Iraan tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Lions played the Eldorado Lady Eagles, Monday and were able to hold onto their lead the entire game for the 27-22 victory.

In their first quarter, the Lady Lions took the lead early and were up 6 to the Eagles 3. The Lady Lions held onto their lead and at halftime the Lady Lions were ahead 18-10.

The Lady Lions really pulled ahead in the third quarter and took

the 26-17 lead. The Lady Eagles weren't about to give up that easily as they pulled together and scored five points to the Lady Lions' free-throw.

The Lady Lions then traveled to Iraan to compete in the two-day tournament there Friday and Saturday.

Their first match-up was against the Reagan County Owls where the Lady Lions were defeated 25-14. Ozona averaged only 3.5 points a quarter and their defense allowed the Lady Owls to take the game.

In the second game, the Lady Lions were able to smash through and score an amazing 39 points to Iraan's 8.



THE EIGHTH GRADE LIONS won the Iraan Tournament held January 8-10. Team members are: (back, l. to r.) Mark Tambunga, Tim Beseril, Alan Lozano, Parrish Aiguier, AJ Montanez and Justin Maldonado. Front: Josh Santos, Aaron Pearl, Matt Turland, Rocky Munoz and Abel Villarreal. Not pictured are: Ramon Ybarra and Rylee Ramos. Submitted Photo

8th grade boys defeat Eldorado

By Makinsey Morris
Stockman sportswriter

Both the eighth-grade boys A and B teams competed Dec. 5 against the Eldorado Eagles and each earned a victory.

In only two quarters the B team was able to rack up eight points while holding the Eagle to four. Scoring for the Lions were Abel Villarreal, 6 and A.J. Montanez, 2.

The lack of points on the Eagles side was due to some great rebounding from Parrish Aiguier with three rebounds and an impressive defensive game by Tim Beseril and Alan Lozano.

The A team had a slow start in the first quarter, along with Eldorado, but the Lions were able to pull ahead 8-6. By halftime, the

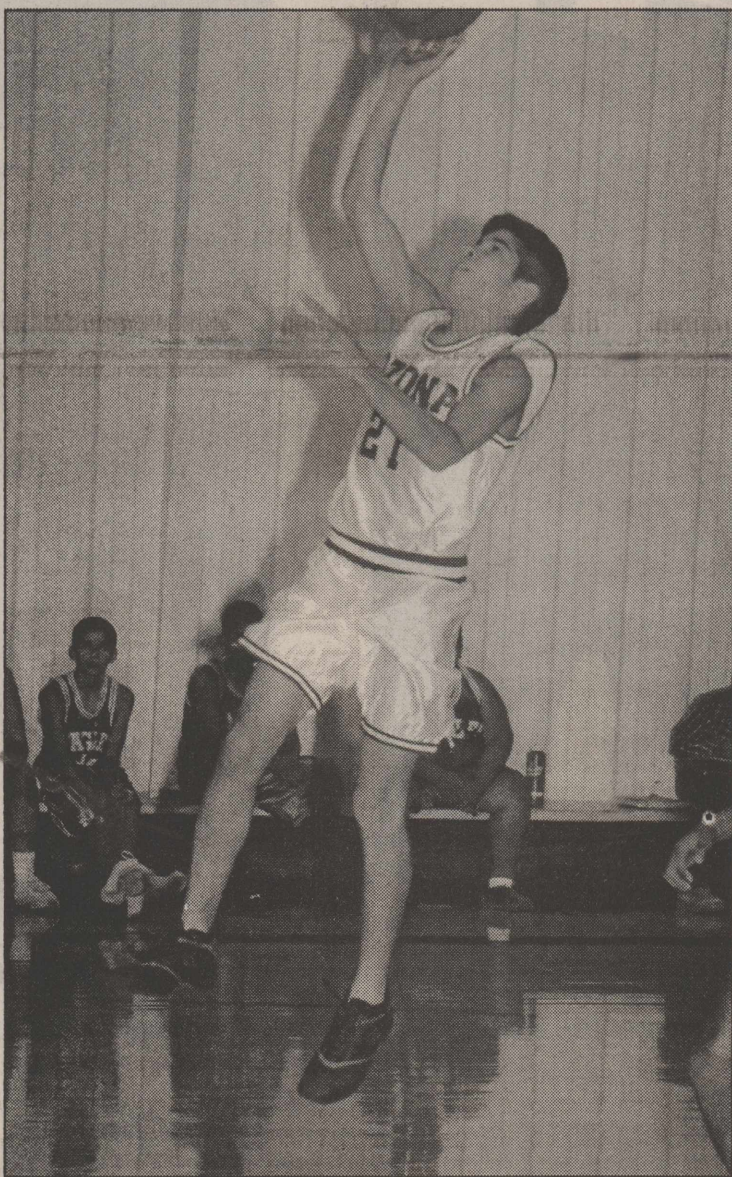
Lions had gained a short lead on the Eagles and were ahead 26-17.

In the third, the Lions really racked up the points, laid down the defense and played ball to outscore the Eagles by 12 points, giving the Lions a 30-18 lead.

During the fourth, the Eagles came back to score 14 points to the Lions five, but Ozona managed to pull it out with a 35-32 victory.

Scoring for the A team were Justin Maldonado, 15, Matt Turland, 12 and Mark Tambunga, Rocky Munoz, Josh Santos and Aaron Pearl each with two.

Adding rebounds to the game were Josh Santo, Tambunga, Maldonado, each with five, Pearl and Rylee Ramos with three and Munoz with one.



MARK TAMBUNGA PUTS UP THE BALL for two points in the eighth grade boys 35-32 victory over Eldorado. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Recaps for Ozona varsity Lions

By Makinsey Morris
Stockman sportswriter

Here is an update on the Varsity Lions basketball team.

So far, the Lions have competed in three tournaments. The first tournament for the Lions this season was Dec. 4-6 in Brownfield.

The Lions were matched up with some pretty tough teams and since they went so far this football season, the Lions were still making the switch.

The Lions first match-up of the tournament was a 49-68 loss against a Lubbock team.

All but one of the Lions were able to at least put one bucket in for some points on the Ozona side, so the loss was actually a learning experience.

This loss put the Lions in the left side of the bracket where they were matched up with Slaton. This time the Lions were ready and pulled off a 53-41 win. Their third and final match-up in the Brownfield tournament was against the host team.

This game wasn't exactly a happy ending, but the Lions were able to keep up with Brownfield and fought till the last buzzer sounded, despite a 59-64 loss.

Overall, the guys really showed skill, but definite room for improvement.

Total points for all three games for the individual Lions were as follows: Justin Galan and Matt McGuire, 2, Doug Duncan, 4, Chris Martinez, 9, Jarryd Taylor, 22, Arron Garza, 25, Trey Collis, 27, Dennis Taylor, 30 and Bryan Skehan, 37.

Ozona's very own Jarryd Taylor was named to the all tournament team.

Coach Lynn Searsey said "all in all it was a good tournament for us."

The Lions were able to place second in their next tournament at the annual Ozona Tournament.

The Lions first game was against Ira. It wasn't clear who would take the lead early in the first quarter, but by the time the halftime buzzer sounded, the Lions had pulled ahead of Ira by 12 points.

The Lions practically shut out Ira in the third allowing only five points while racking up 19 themselves.

The fourth quarter was less of a smashing as both teams gathered 14 points for the quarter. In the end, however, Ira was still 16 points behind and the Lions took their position on the next ladder rung of the tournament with the 69-43 win.

"We did a good job dominating the boards," Coach Searsey said.

He also said two seniors, Chris Martinez and Bryan Skehan performed "exceptionally well."

Leading the Lions in scoring this game was Jarryd Taylor, 14, followed by Dennis Taylor, 13.

The Lions next match was against the Brownfield Cubs. The Cubs had beaten the Lions by five points earlier in the month.

The Lions weren't about to get beat this time, and got a 59-45 win. Rebounding was key for the Lions this game and Bryan

Skehan and Chris Martinez led the team in rebounds. Eight of the ten Lions scored points on Brownfield and the guards really stepped up the press offense and fast break for some quick points.

The Lions third game was the championship game against Sweetwater.

The Lions had a hard time getting any shots to fall this game, but eight of the members got some points in the books. The Lions lost 35-58.

The Lions played hard this tournament and a second place win is really a great accomplishment. Both Bryan Skehan and Trey Collis received "All Tournament" awards for their excellent tournament play.

Coach Searsey wanted to send a special thank you to everyone that helped with this tournament. From the families that housed the athletes, to the people who helped with the food, clean-up and scorekeeping, to the great work of Ozona's maintenance crew for keeping the gym in great shape. The Ozona athletes and coaches greatly appreciate it.

Over the Christmas holidays, the Varsity boys took a trip to Iraan to compete in yet another tournament.

The Lions were matched up against the McCamey Badgers for the first round of play. Though McCamey won 49-65, the loss put the Lions in the Consolation bracket for a shot at the Consolation Trophy. In order to win the Consolation trophy, the Lions would have to win the three remaining games.

Against Alpine the Lions won 54-37, against Sonora 60-43 and for the Consolation win the Lions had to beat Bronte.

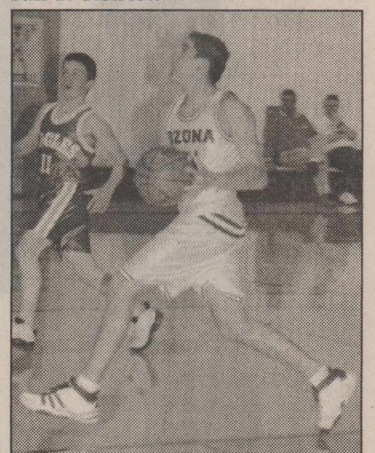
The Lions were on a roll this game and were able to take the lead early on and hold on to it for the 43-39 victory.

The Lions got a short break after the Iraan tournament before school started again and Ozona was set to take on the Menard Yellowjackets.

Ozona played a really great game and ran with the lead.

You wouldn't be able to tell by the final score, but the Lions were way ahead of the Yellowjackets the entire game, both in skill and technique as they took their first-week-back win.

Later that week the Lions took on Mason and won 34-27. Apparently, the Lions are on a roll and their fans look forward to their run at district.



A.J. MONTANEZ STRIDES UP FOR A LAYUP and scores a basket for the eighth grade "B" Lions. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

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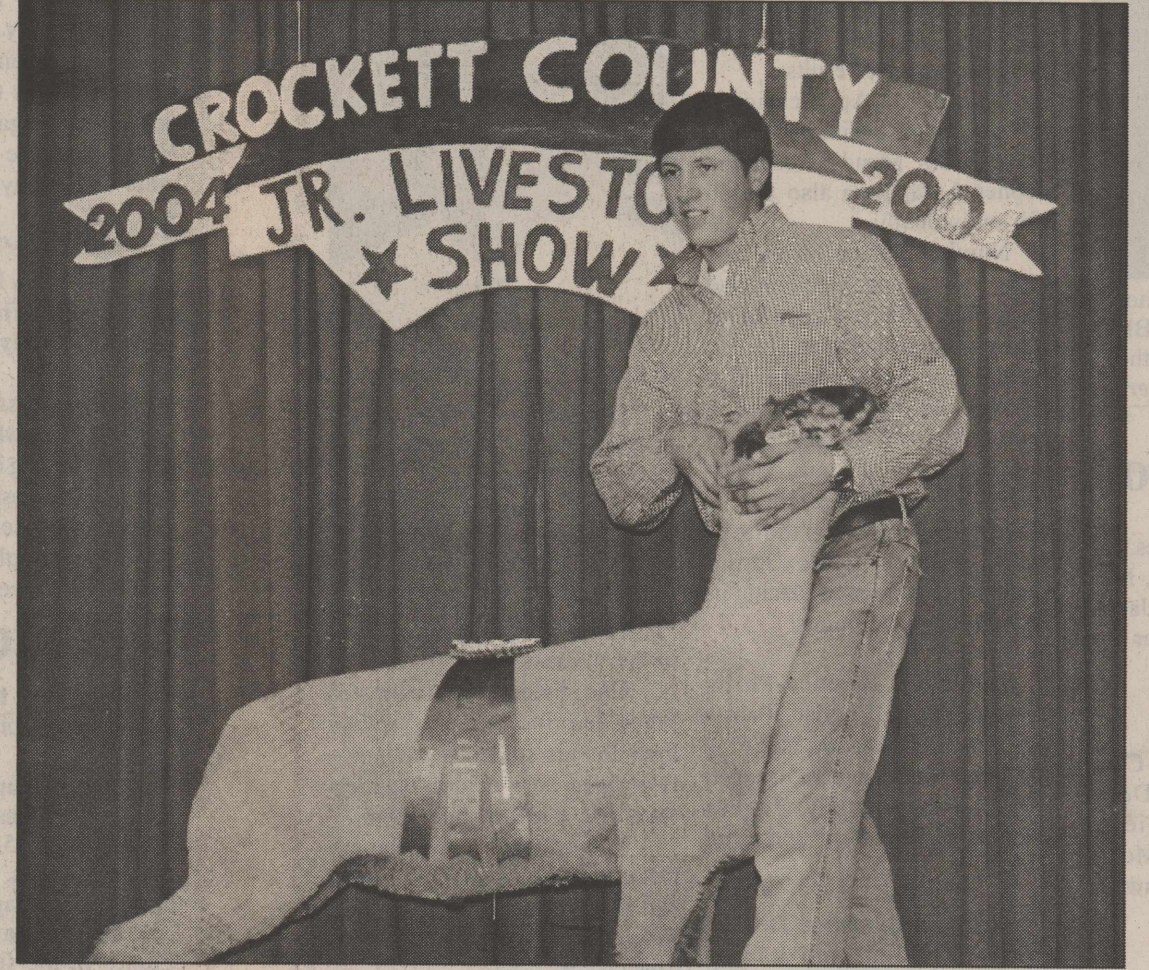
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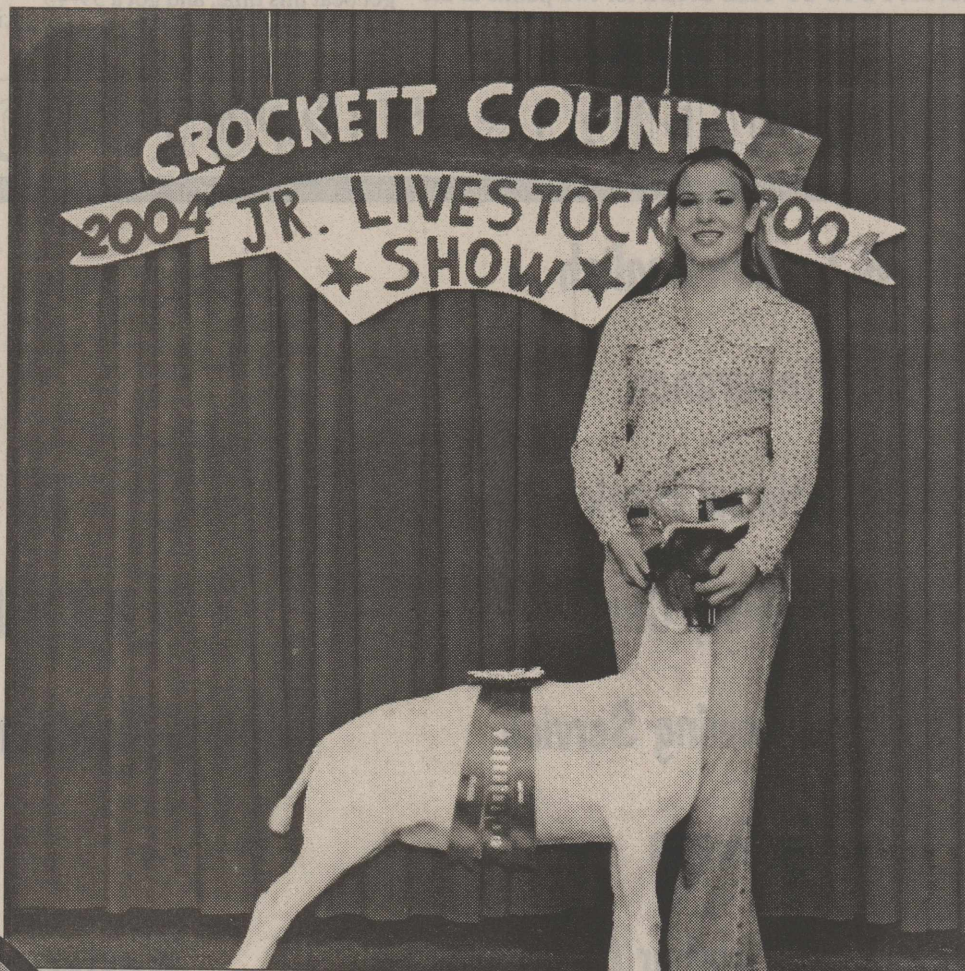
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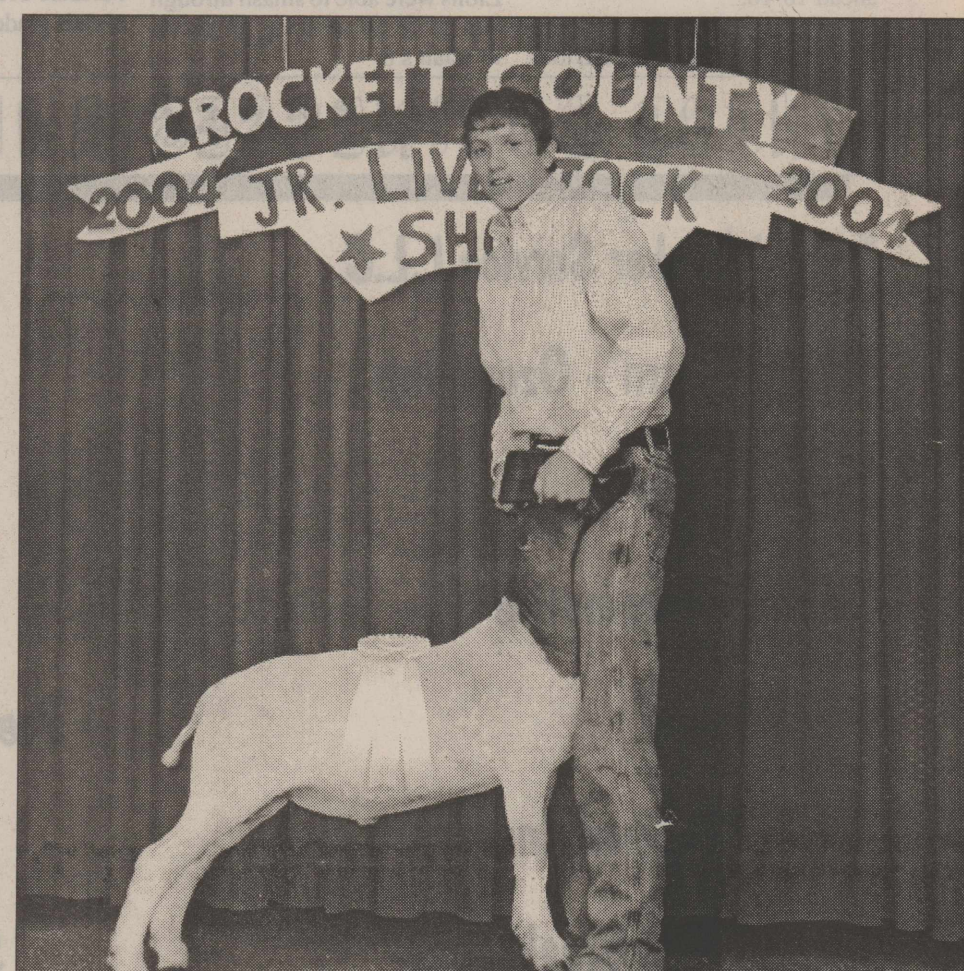
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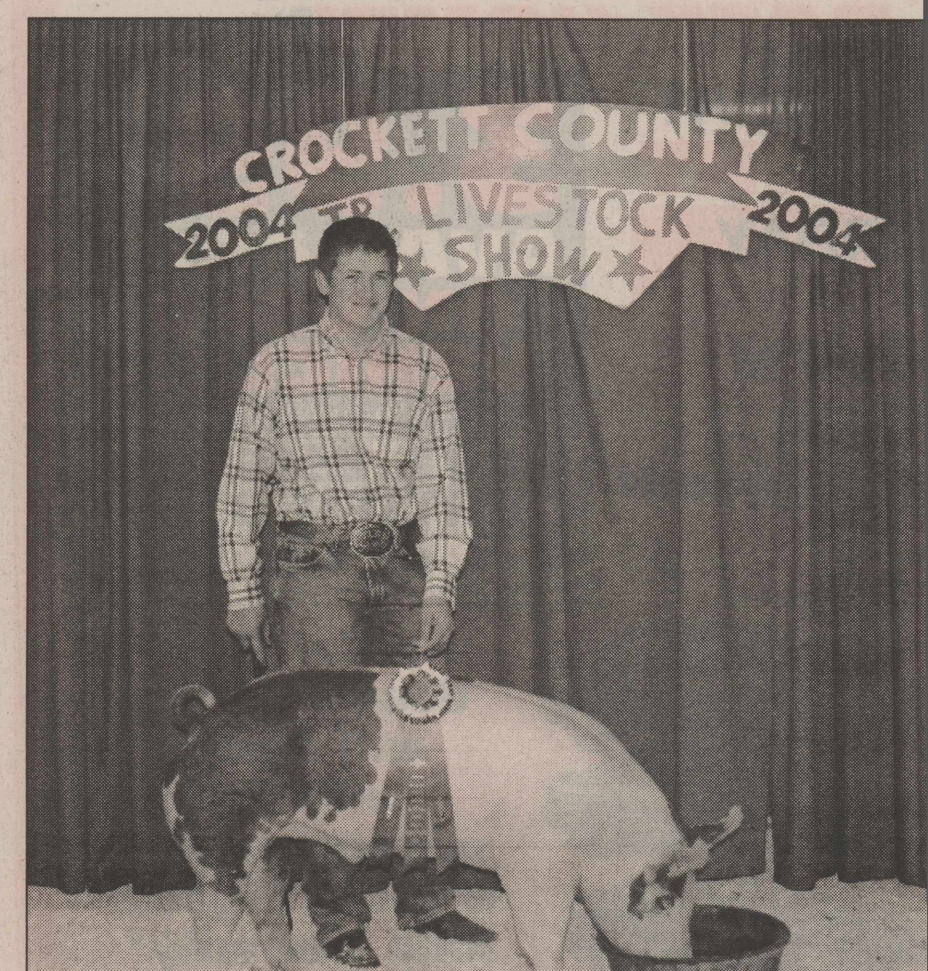
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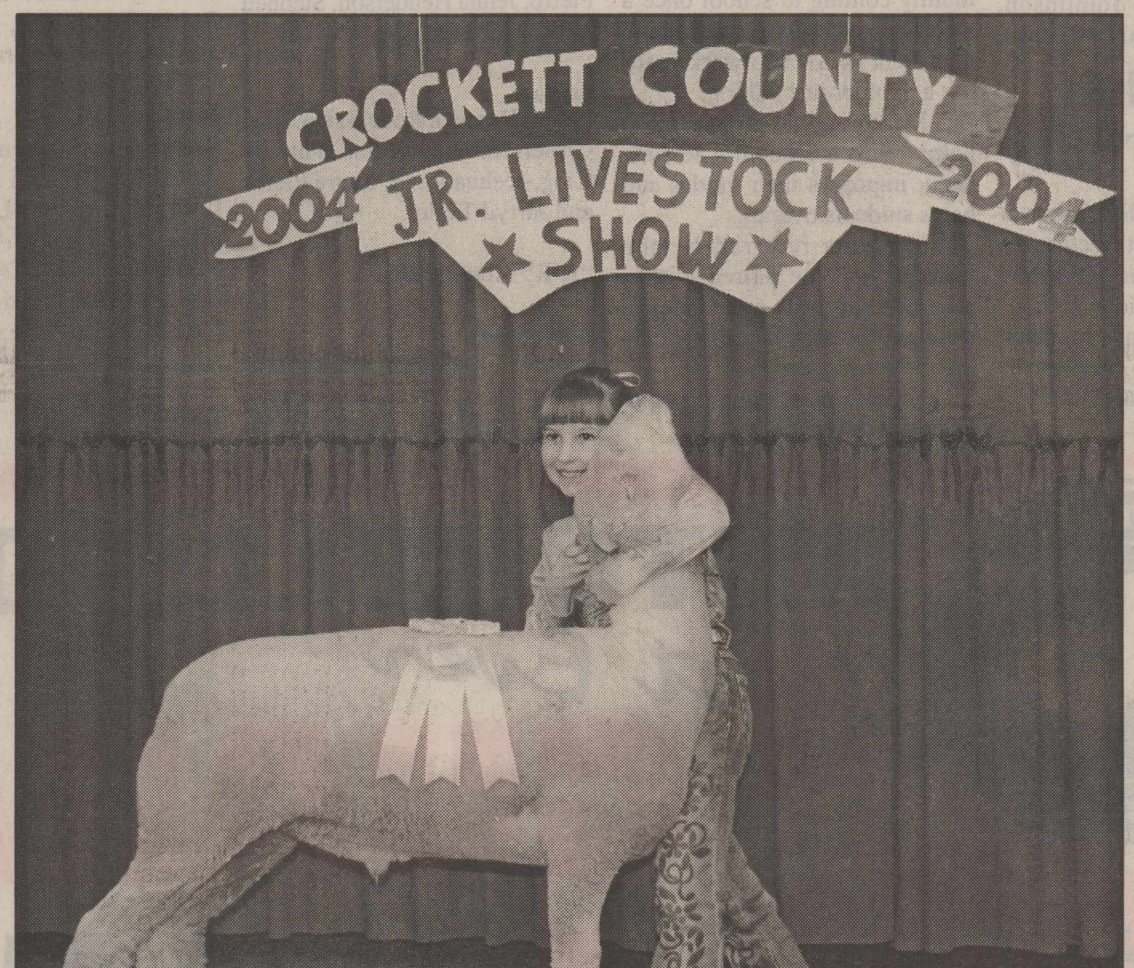
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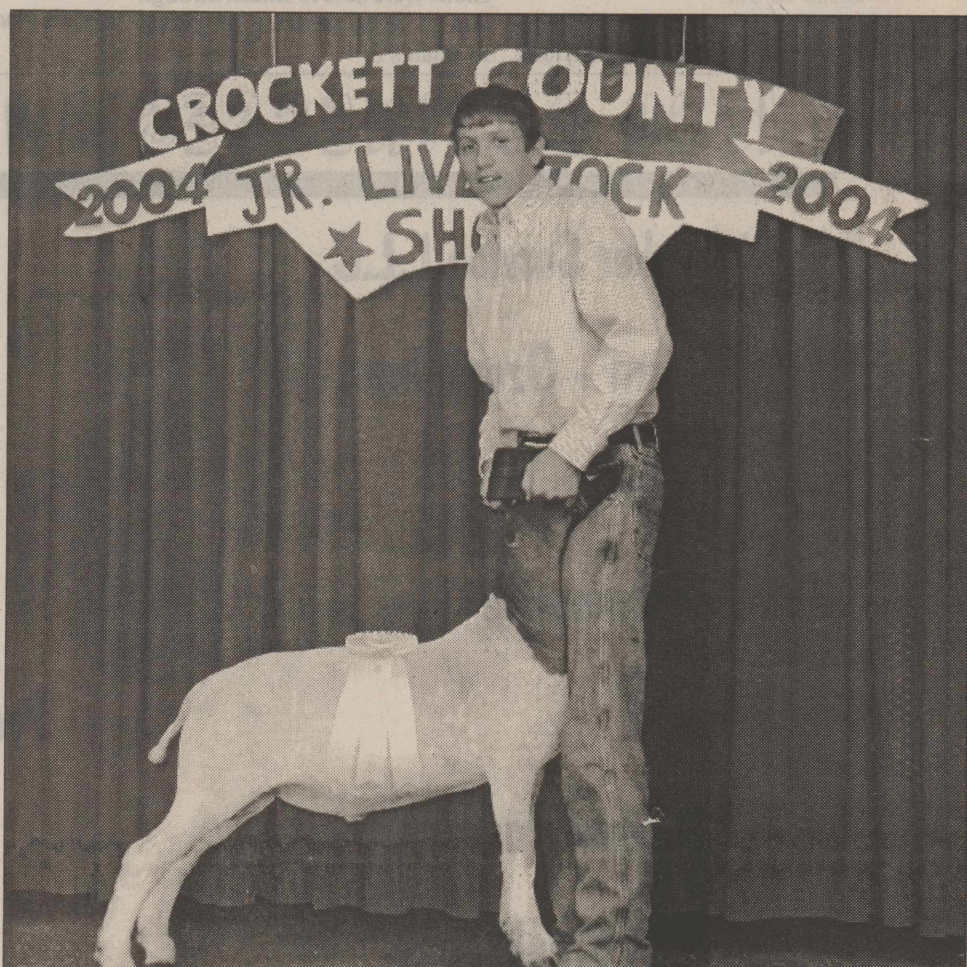
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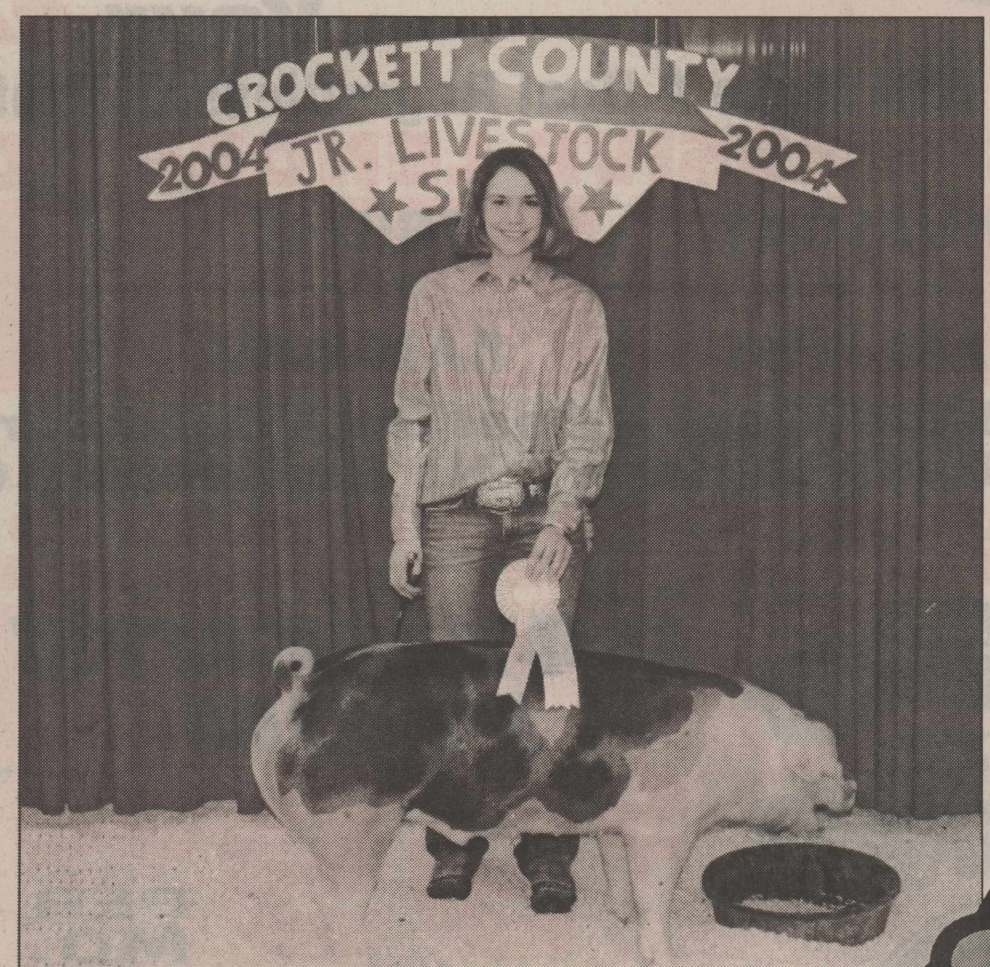
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Intermediate school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Third Grade

Allie Black, Alex Borrego, Arleen Castillo, Trinity Collis, Chelsea Gonzales, R.J. Martinez, Jolynn Rodriguez, Ingrid Silva, Bethani Trevino and Sierra Trevino.

Fourth Grade

Erik Carrizales, Craig Fluth, Kent Fluth, Lane Hale, Kramer Hall, Emalee Hamilton, Natalie Hernandez, Jose Lozano, Michael Medina, Marty Moran, Johnna Pullig, Kelsie Ramirez, Kelbie Renfroe, Adrienne Sanchez, Jorge Sarabia, Kristian Simpson, Sol Stokes, Isabel Ybarra and Adriel Zamarripa.

Fifth Grade

Jose Aguilar, Murphey Black, Duncan Knox, Abie Lara, Jayce Logan, Kristen Mendoza, Rebecca Pierce and Austin Suddreth.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Third Grade

Dania Aguirre, Jason Badillo, Jessica Borrego, Stephanie Cervantes, Brianna Cervantez, Shelby Darr, Mayra Diaz, Brandon Dominguez, Tyler Galindo, Cynthia Garcia, Kaylen Hernandez, Cuatro Jones, Jason Lopez, Alexandra Lozano, Jonathan Martin, Juakin Mata, Joaquin Meza, Tres Perez, Mayra Rios, Marley Tambunga, Noah Tambunga, Joshua Tomlinson, Elisa Trujillo, Narce Unate,

Booster club meeting Friday

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club will hold a short meeting between the Lady Lions' and Lions' Varsity games on Friday night. Please make plans to attend the meeting and also cheer on the Lady Lions and Lions to victories against Grape Creek..

Khalid Valencia, Rocky Venegas, Felipe Villarreal, Italy Villarreal, Jacinda Villarreal and Nicholaz Villarreal.

Fourth Grade

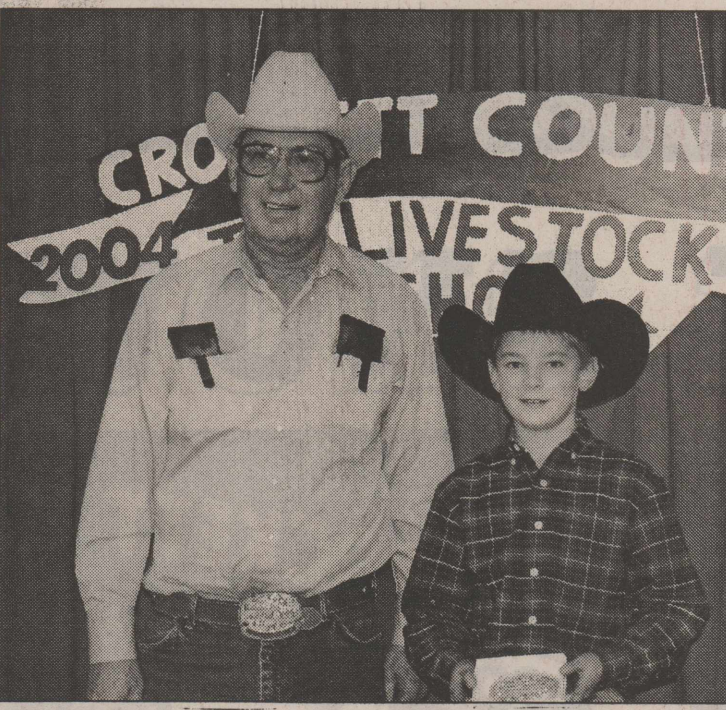
Aron Aguilera, Maria Camarillo, Camille Cervantes, Anthony Delgado, Leigh Ann Galindo, Katye Hernandez, Ryan Johnson, Neida Lozano, Joshua Martinez, Alexandra Rodriguez, Nancy Rodriguez, Steven Rubio, Amber Sanchez, Mario Sifuentes, Daizy Trujillo and Maria Villarreal.

Fifth Grade

Matthew Baseril, Joe Patrick Borrego, Jose Cedillo, Sean Davis, Kyle Dean, Erik Estrada, Trey Fierro, Jessica Franco, Mariah Gallardo, Anthony Gutierrez, Leandra Hernandez, Abel Ibarra, Raevon Johnson, Russel Komcchak, Jill Marquez, Emily Merrill, Layla Perez, Jady Poindexter, Rebecca Ramos, Gabriela Rodriguez, Wilton Russell, Miguel Vergara, Tyler Vitela and Stefan Wilson.

Mentoring Program

Ozona Primary and Ozona Intermediate schools will be implementing a mentoring program for some of the students. An orientation will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ozona Primary School for all those interested in becoming mentors. The program consists of volunteers from the school or community coming to school once a week to meet with a student and help them with schoolwork, reading a book or just talking. Mentoring has shown that it helps build a student's self-esteem, improves their grades and helps students overall. Students referred by the teachers will be paired with a mentor they will meet once a week on the school campus during the school year. For information, call Janina Savala at 392-5750.



MURPHEY BLACK was presented the Regina Everett Memorial Award by R.J. Everett at the Jr. Livestock Show on Jan. 10. Black won the award by placing highest at major shows in 2003 with his lambs. Photo by Melissa Perner

Ozona High School honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Freshman

Adrienne Bendele, Matthew Bullard, Benjamin English, Justine Fielding, Diane Hernandez, Caleb Mitchel, William Richie, Catlin Sessom and John Tijerina.

Sophomore

Brian Anderson, Alexandra Bean, Tyler Cunningham, Victoria Miller, Malorie Moran, Allison Skehan and Jasmine Tambunga.

Junior

Amber Batura, Jared Bird, Kristin Bunker, Douglas Duncan, Derek Fierro, Jenna Henderson, Stephen Lara and Paarth Raj.

Senior

Phillip Baggett, Rose Garza, Juan Gutierrez, Clay Hale, Whitney King, Joshua Long, Laura Pierce and Jarryd Taylor.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Freshman

Isabel Aguilar, Lucinda Birkenfeld, Cristina Dominguez, Federico Fierro, Jose Galvan,

Lanell Garcia, Cristi Guynes, Jordan Long, Melony Moran, Melissa Morris, Lauren Pool, Jarrod Simmons, Frankie Skinner and Maria Jose Torres.

Sophomore

David Borrego, Daniel Cruz, Roberto DeHoyos, Derek DeWolfe, Miranda Fierro, Lorraine Lozano, Jessica Moore, Seth Peerson, Dean Wadsworth and Jonathon Webb.

Junior

Karla Aguilar, Cecilia Garza, Simon Garza, Clay Guynes, Hilary Huffman, Laurissa Lozano, Christina Martinez, Toby Pagan, Britney Ramos, Sara Richie Ruben Talamantez, Eliseo Treto and Cassandra Ybarra.

Senior

Bobbi Sue Bangeman, Arthur Bradford, Brandi Buchanan, Courtney Campbell, Layne English, Jamie Fierro, Arron Garza, Kristopher Gray, Trace Larson, Christopher Martinez, Jakob Parks, Ryan Pearl, Maria Rodriguez, Jake Stewart, Bryan Skehan, Dennis Taylor and Aldo Torres.

OHS students compete in Irion Co. meet

Sixteen Ozona High School Students competed Jan. 10 in the Irion County University Interscholastic League Practice Meet. The students competed in seven different events.

"This being our first meet, I am very pleased with how all the students did," said Wendy Justiss, OHS UIL Academic Coordinator. "I think we are off to a good start this year."

These are the results: Calculator Applications-third place team of Jimmy Ybarra, Harvey Ruiz, Mandy Fierro and Stephen Lara; Lara also placed fifth individually.

Number Sense-third place team of Josh Long, Mac Fred and Derek Fierro; Fierro placed fourth and Long sixth individually.

Science-Long placed fifth and was the high individual in physics; Brian Anderson placed sixth. The team of Long, Anderson and Ybarra placed fourth.

Spelling and Vocabulary-Derek Fierro fifth; Jenna Henderson just missed placing in the top six by two points.

Computer Science-Philip Baggett, Layne English, Paarth Raj, Victoria Miller and Mac Fred all placed first as a team; Baggett won first individually, English second, Miller third and Fred sixth.

Cross Examination Debate-Justine Fielding and Lauren Barrick won all three of the preliminary rounds, but missed making it to the semi-finals by 10 points.

Jenna Henderson, Derek Fierro and Josh Long also competed in mathematics.

Teacher of the month



DAN WEBB

Dan Webb has been chosen as "Teacher of the Month" at Ozona High School.

Webb teaches chemistry, physics and biology, and is in his fourth year at OHS.

"I am very honored," he said. "This is a very nice gesture on part of the students."

One student who nominated Webb described him as "always their for his students, whenever they need help or don't understand. He'll always help them."

Other students said "he explains everything until you get it and he always has to add a little joke in to make your day a lot easier."

"He teaches his class on a college-like level."

"He makes all his classes fun and interesting."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU	FAST FOOD
<i>All lunches served with your choice of white or chocolate milk</i>	Jan. 19 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Roll
REGULAR	Jan. 20 - Frito Pie, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Ranch Style Beans
Jan. 19 - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Corn, veg. Salad, Roll	Jan. 21 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
Jan. 20 - Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Ranch Style Beans	Jan. 22 - Barbeque on Bun, French Fries, Peach Slices
Jan. 21 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie	Jan. 23 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Roll
Jan. 22 - Chili Dog, Cheese, French Fries, Peach Slices	BREAKFAST
Jan. 23 - Pork Choppets, Creamed Potatoes, Green Bean, Gravy, Roll	<i>Each meal is served with milk, juice, muffin, toast and jelly. You may have your choice of one of the following items each day.</i>
	Jan. 19 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal
	Jan. 20 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal
	Jan. 21 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal
	Jan. 22 - French Toast or Cold Cereal
	Jan. 23 - Chorizo & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal



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