

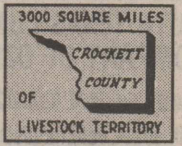
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## County unanimously approves Proposition 13

Decision freezes property taxes for senior and disabled residents claiming homestead

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County seniors and disabled homestead tax payers will no longer have to worry about county tax increases, thanks to the unanimous approval of Proposition 13 during the commissioners' court meeting Monday.

Proposition 13, which was approved in a statewide vote Sept. 13 and took affect Jan. 1, freezes the tax for senior and disabled residents who claim homestead exemptions.

"What this bill asks is not to cut or eliminate taxes on seniors and the disabled, but only to freeze them," said Brigitte Rogers, representative for the Texas Silver-

Haired Legislature for Crockett County. "Seniors will continue to pay their fair share of taxes every year; they just won't pay a tax that increases year after year."

In Crockett County, there are 241 seniors over age 65 and 10 disabled who claim homesteads, Rogers said. The ruling pertains to just homestead tax payers.

The school taxes have been frozen for years, but this proposition will now freeze the county taxes, which haven't been done before, Rogers said.

"These are the same people that have been paying their fair share of taxes for more than half a century," Rogers said. "Many of these seniors live on fixed incomes and can ill afford to pay an

every increasing tax liability."

County Tax Assessor Collector Tom Stokes said the approval will have very little effect on the county's finances.

"It locks the tax amount in forever, unless there's a new improvement on the property," Stokes said. "The tax dollars are what's frozen. I think it's a good idea."

Rogers, who lives in Sonora, also said that Sutton County recently became the first county in Southwest and West Texas to approve the proposition. Other counties who have approved include Collins County and Johnson County, both in East Texas.

The commissioners also approved to pay \$13,000 toward a

new x-ray machine for the clinic.

Crockett County Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs said the latest quote for the entire machine is \$17,300 with a \$1,500 option for an analytical programmer that is used for upper extremities.

County Judge Johnny Jones said the county would pay \$13,000 toward the machine with Shannon Medical Center picking up the rest. Shannon would also take out the old unit and dispose of it.

Commissioners' also approved:

- Authorization of deposit of a \$982.50 donation from DRB Publishing in DARE account.
- Rules for the use of the Crockett County Civic Center. No revisions were made.

- Employment of Miles Dabovich as County Ag. Agent to begin March 1.
- Preliminary plan for Phase II of the Hersey Ranch subdivision that would add 19 lots bringing the total to 41. The lots vary from 100-150 acres.
- Appointed Nancy Hale, Irene Gomez, Nell Wester and JoAnn Babbitt Senior Citizens Board.
- Advertisement for bids for mobile homes.
- Appointment of Felice Gutierrez as member of the Child Welfare Board.
- Establishment of a County Emergency Management Program.
- Proposal for regional notification system.

## Motorcycle wreck ends with injured San Antonio man



**AIRMED** waits as a San Antonio man is lifted into the helicopter by members of the Crockett County Sheriff's Department, EMS, AirMed paramedics and Del Rio EMS.

A San Antonio man was taken by AirMed to San Angelo after suffering injuries in a motorcycle accident Friday.

The accident was 10.5 miles west of Pandale Bridge on Felder Road in Terrell County.

The man was traveling with a friend, also from San

Antonio, when he lost control of his motorcycle going around a turn, said Sgt. Lavell Barrera with the Val Verde Sheriff's Department.

The man tried to straighten up and the motorcycle ran off the road about 20-25 feet and possibly flipped. The man was complaining of shoulder and chest pains.

The two men were traveling to the Davis Mountains. Both were wearing helmets. The other man was not injured.

Val Verde Sheriff's Department, Del Rio EMS, Crockett County EMS, Crockett County Sheriff's Department and AirMed from Ozona all responded to the scene.

## English honored for helping domestic violence victims



**LAURIE ENGLISH** receives a resolution of appreciation from County Judge Johnny Jones Monday.

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Laurie English was honored twice Monday for her work and dedication to helping victims of domestic violence.

English, first assistant district attorney with the 112th Judicial District, was given a resolution of appreciation by the Crockett

County Commissioners' Court. She was also given a certificate of appreciation by the NewBridge Family Shelter in San Angelo.

"I am honored and humbled," English said. "This is part of my job and I really love working with people, especially helping those who are victims of domestic violence."

The NewBridge Family Shelter is a non-profit organization that provides temporary housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence as well as housing and developmental services to adults with mental retardation.

Program Director Tammy Harris said that English is a good resource due to her legal work and provides education to help victims.

"The work is very fulfilling," English said. "Being a female, I feel that I'm able to emphasize with victims, unlike my male counterparts. I believe women feel more comfortable when they're talking to other women."

English also said that victims should protect themselves and their children at all costs, and to also be aware of lifelines outside the situation.

"If you are stuck in a situation, you should know who to call in order to get out," she said.

English is running for District Attorney for the 112th Judicial District. Her opponent is Frank Lacy from Fort Stockton.

The race will be decided in the March 9 primary.

## TexWomen magazine pays Ozona a visit



**WILL COLLETT** (right) shows off some of his handywork to writer Bob Miles and his wife, Edith of TexWomen magazine Saturday.

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**  
 Chamber Director

Ozona was host this past weekend to TexWomen Magazine, the magazine for the discriminating woman in Texas.

Writer Bob Miles and his wife, Edith, came to Ozona to learn about the town for the magazine's May issue. TexWomen features small towns in Texas as well as amazing women. TexWomen is published out of Fort Davis, and its editor and publisher, Charlotte Leslie, has a real love and affinity for Texas that she puts in every issue.

Edith, wearing dual hats, was also looking at the town as a possible stopping point for motorcoach tours.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce put together an itinerary

and escorted the visitors to a variety of locations throughout town. The tour of the town, started at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at The Cafe Next Door, where local citizens, enthusiastic about sharing the history of the county, joined them.

Oscar Kost and Eugene Miller were just two of the locals who were able to talk about everything from the founding and the name of the county to the challenges met by those who originally settled on this land.

Throughout the day, names began to sound familiar. They finally realized that the majority of the folks they had breakfast with were actual descendants of those early settlers.

The tour continued on to the Wool Growers Central Storage.

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## Shot's 11 burglary being investigated

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating the burglary of Shot's 11 convenience store Feb. 19 on 14th Street.

According to Crockett County Sheriff Shane Fenton, a deputy pulled into the store at 1:52 a.m. to investigate a vehicle at Shot's and found a broken window and door on the north side of the building. The vehicle

was fueling up. About \$400 in cash, seven cartons of cigarettes and 30 packs of beer were taken, Fenton said.

A piece of wood was found in the drawer, and was sent to the Department of Public Safety lab for fingerprinting.

No suspects have been found at this time.

Anyone with any information about this incident, call the sheriff's office at 392-2661.

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Feb. 04	54	31	-0-
Feb. 05	58	31	-0-
Feb. 06	59	22	-0-
Feb. 07	59	23	-0-
Feb. 08	58	45	-0-

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**Crockett County History**  
 "This is the way it was"  
 By Oscar Kost



## A history of the Pecos River

The Pecos River emptied into the Rio Grande about 20 miles above Del Rio.

The river heads up in upper New Mexico, and gets filled up by springs, snow and rain. It is hard to believe that from the 1850s-1880s the Pecos was a roaring stream. Impossible to cross except in a few places and Horsehead crossing near the McCamey area.

It is said the crossing at best was treacherous. There was two trails leaving San Antonio, one south by Juno and Fort Lancaster to the crossing. The other went north and ended at the crossing.

The south route went by Live Oak Creek near the fort, then up the Pecos to the crossing.

Things change with time. Now, the Pecos is just a small stream that you can step across in several places. You often have to wade across in other areas.

Dams and use of water for farming, irrigation and other industries have taken its toll on the river.

When the Hoover family arrived to the Pecos in 1891-1892, they were the first family in Crockett County. They were going on further west.

In the attempt to cross the Pecos, which was a large stream, they lost their wagon and also his gun. It was a deal to be that far from civilization and no gun. They settled on this side of the Pecos.

In the flood of June 28, 1954, the Pecos was all over the county, east of Sheffield. The valley was flat for some ways down the river and deep canyons on the Hind's Place. Mr. Will Baggett placed a copper marker in the bluff, at least 75-feet above water level.

Today, the Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation District, along with the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service are heading The Pecos River Ecosystem Project to eradicate the saltcedar along the Pecos to help raise the water level, through the use of aerial application of herbicides.

**News Reel**  
 News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman



**NEWS REEL FEB. 14, 1974**

The Pandale Study Club met Thursday with Mrs. Henry Mills Jr. Members present included: Mrs. Ted White, Mrs. Terry Gries, Mrs. R.J. Everett, Mrs. Tom Everett, Mrs. W.O. Mills, Mrs. George Turner, Mrs. Welton Bunger, Mrs. Larry Arledge, Mrs. Herbert Kunkel and guest Mrs. L.D. Kirby.

Mrs. Tony Allen, Valentine Girl of the Alpha Alpha Mu Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi, will be honored at the Couples Valentine Party on Feb. 15.

Mrs. Gertrude Perry will move

**NEWS REEL FEB. 22, 1945**

D.C. Ratliff, stationed in the Admiralty Islands with the U.S. Navy Seabees, has written of his surprise at meeting three other Ozonans, Ted Maples, Earl Langford and Byron Williams.

Pvt. Bernie Adwell has been transferred from Camp Wolters to Fort Reno, Okla.

Mrs. Arthur Phillips is in Asherton, Texas this week for a visit with her parents.

Mrs. Gertrude Perry will move to San Antonio this week to make her home with her son, Joe Perry, and his family.

## Agriculture chief calls for water debt payment

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs was in Mexico earlier this week to discuss something fundamental to Texas agriculture and everything else; water.

The prime topic on the agenda was Mexico's water debt to Texas under the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty. With a lingering drought, Mexico had gotten way behind in its release of water into the Rio Grande in recent years.


But last month, the nation released 389,306 acre-feet of water, an act Combs said was greatly appreciated by South Texas farmers. However, the nation still owes Texas more than 1 million acre-feet of water. The good news, Combs said before leaving for Mexico, is that Mexico got a lot of rain last summer. In fact, it has 4.5 million acre-feet of water in reserve in impoundments on the Rio Concho (which flows into the Rio Grande).

"The next logical action is to start reducing the water debt owed to Texas," Combs said. "The time to pay up is now."

Public schools mark 150 years... Texas declared itself independent from Mexico in 1836, but it did not get around to formally sanctioning the development of independent thinking until 1854.

Now, 150 years later, the Texas Education Agency is coordinating the observance of the sesquicentennial of the enactment of the Common School Law of 1854. That measure, signed into law by Gov. Elisha M. Pease, provided state money for public schools for the first time.

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
 By Mike Cox



Don't feed the bears... Not that Texas has that many bears in its state parks, but beginning in March, it will be against the rules to feed the wildlife. Published for public comment last December, the then-proposed rule received only six comments - though four of those were in opposition to the change.

The wildlife feeding ban will cover all 120 state parks. The reason behind the measure is safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department says.

"When wild animals begin associating humans with food," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "they don't become less wild; they lose their inherent fear of humans."

That, he continued, increases the chance of an unfortunate bite or worse.

Getting caught feeding a wild animal also could take a bit out of a person's wallet to the tune of up to a \$500 fine.

**Veteran's Cemetery under way...**  
 Work has begun on the first Texas State Veterans Cemetery. The site is off Texas 195 at Chaparral Road, about 6 miles south of the intersection of that highway and U.S. 190 in Killen. The new cemetery is scheduled to be ready for burials in mid-2005.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- Feb. 11-29 - Art exhibit featuring bronze sculpture work by Judy Black Hall and paintings by Mary Jo Mason's San Angelo painting group, during library hours at the Crockett County Library. For information, call Charlotte Harrett at 392-2501 or the library at 392-3565.
- Feb. 13 - JV and Varsity Boys basketball vs. Wall, 6:30 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Lake View Invitational Tennis Tournament in San Angelo.
- Feb. 14 - Varsity Lion Baseball scrimmage vs. Mason, 2 p.m. in Mason.
- Lake View Invitational Tennis Tournament in San Angelo.
- Feb. 16 - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. in the board room at the Administration Building.
- Crockett County Museum Appreciation Dinner and Program featuring guest speaker Joni Jordan, 6:30 p.m. at the museum.
- Feb. 17 - JV and Varsity Boys basketball vs. Reagan County, 6:30 p.m. in Reagan County.
- Devil's River Trail Ride, San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Kick-off, 6 p.m. dinner and entertainment at the Sutton County Park and Civic Center. Cost is \$10 per person. For information, call 387-2880.
- Varsity Lion Baseball scrimmage vs. Rocksprings, 6 p.m., at the baseball complex.
- Feb. 18 - Devil's River Trail Ride, Sonora to Eldorado, 6:30 a.m. breakfast, ride at 8:15 a.m. and begins with a parade through Sonora. Cost is \$5 per person.

**What's on My Mind**  
 By Melissa Perner



## Living at the ranch is a 'whole other country'

Before moving out to the country, it was always easy when people asked me where my house was.

The answer was usually just my address.

Now, when people ask me where I live, the answer is usually "the ranch." The next question posed is "where is the ranch?"

That is when the answers become difficult. Even when I do tell people that my house is about 50 miles from town, it doesn't really sink in.

In fact, it doesn't sink in until they actually travel the road.

Most of the time when people think about living in the country, it varies from about 10-20 miles outside of town.

The concept of living as far as I do now is something the average person wouldn't fathom. Of course, I can't fathom of living someplace as crowded as the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

The past two weeks my family has paid their first visits to our new home, and they now know the road I travel everyday.

While driving, questions of "how much further?" and "are we ever going to get there?" were asked over and over. Often my response was "not too much longer" and "yes, we'll be there in a minute."

When traveling the road at first, it can seem daunting. After 30 minutes of driving, it continues to go on. It seems never-ending; at least that's what my family thought at first.

My dad joked with me all the way with comments like "we've been on the road for six days."

Up, over the hill and through two bump gates, we're home. Our dog meets us at the gate to our yard. The only sound you hear is the wildlife and the wind.

As they all take in the scenery and the realization of how far they've traveled, my dad looks at me and says "you don't live in the country, you live in another country."

Those that don't have this experience just don't know what they're missing.

## Folktales of Crockett County

### Don't be caught with a feather in a felt hat

By John Fluth

A couple of years ago, roaches ate holes in my 1976 Stetson, left in the Lodge hall all summer.

I asked a group of ladies in Ozona about the best hat to replace my old Stetson. They agreed that a man my height needed a felt hat with a four-inch brim, a tall crown (but not too tall) and good felt—at least 15X beaver.

Then, there was the talk of impertinence of having a brim too narrow or having it shaped the wrong way. The ladies patiently explained how the sides of a straw hat showed folks at a distance if the wearer raised cattle or sheep. The brim of a felt hat was shaped to show that the wearer did anything from busting broncs to herding sheep, and it was impertinent for a sheep man to wear a bronc fold.

After a bit of discussion, one woman whispered, "Of course, you can't have a feather in the brim!"

The ladies paused, looked at each other with wide eyes, and smiled and nodded their heads in a knowing way that only comes from discussing a subject for years. I did not ask what they meant by no feather, but knew it had some great importance in Ozona's history.

The next week, a city fellow came from San Angelo to Ozona to visit me for the first time. He was proud of his new felt hat and showed it off. I recoiled in horror at the sight of a songbird's feather in the brim.

I told him, "I can't explain it, but just lose that feather fast!"

I introduced him to a number of people, and watched each one look at both sides of that shiny, new felt hat, knowing what they were looking for. Each person gave a little nod after looking at the four-inch brim, bronc fold and no feather.

And the city fellow looked on me in wonder at my hat knowledge that was only common knowledge to any lady drinking coffee at the drug store, or fellow solving the problems of the world at the feed store.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com.

Please include name, address, phone number and email if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

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### Hill-Claburn exchange vows

At half past six o'clock in the evening on Jan. 31, 2004, Heather Hannah Hill and Allen Wayne Claburn were joined in marriage in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Midland. Three large rainbow arches of 15 candles each were flanked on the side by smaller floral candelabras. This set the background for the double ring ceremony in which the couple had written their own vows asking family members Adrienne Dickerson and Mark Claburn to read scriptures. Brother of the groom from Midland, Chuck Claburn, officiated the service.

The bride chose a single shoulder designed dress. It featured white beading around the top and down the skirt and train. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies, tulips, and roses with English ivy in a cascade. Her veil was a family heirloom that was purchased by the bride's great-grandmother Wilma Carson, to be worn by all of her granddaughters. Heather was the eighth descendant to wear this veil in 34 years.

The bridesmaids wore long black gowns featuring the one shoulder design with black beading around the top and bodice. Kristy Pridemore of Ozona and Austin served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Adrienne Dickerson of Ozona and Bryan, Carla Claburn of Monahans, Amy Hall of Roswell N.M. and Houston and Leia Cunningham of Midland. They each carried single calla lilies. Flowergirl, Emily MacPherson, of Midland carried a tiny bell rather than flower petals.

Brothers of the groom, Mike Claburn, of Monahans served as best man and Mark Claburn of Georgia was a groomsman along with Mike Collins of Corieth and Mike Cunningham whose son Ethan was the ring bearer. Both are of Midland. A special honorary groomsman was the late Chris Cornett of Ozona. The groom and his men were dressed in black tux. Parents of the couple are John and Chris Beckham of

Ozona and Bruce Hill of Post. Also Charles Claburn of Monahans and Patricia Claburn of Carlsbad, N.M. Grandparents are the late Bill Clegg and Ella Clegg of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Hill of Lubbock and the groom's grandmother, Eunice Norwood of Artisia N.M.

A reception was held at Green Tree Country Club where the married couple entered the candle lit ballroom to the sounds of cheers and celebration horns. Their first dance was "Fly Me To The Moon." Then, Allen greeted guests and led in prayer prior to making their way to be first in line for the tasty hors d'oeuvres, beef carving station, pasta cooking station and fruit and cheese tables. The food service room featured an old bicycle built for two that was decorated with a just married sign and ribbons that trailed white coffee cans behind it. A bouquet of daffodils and white carnations adorned the handlebars. This toss bouquet would later separate into many single bouquets when thrown for all the single women to catch. The head table featured tall candelabra floral arrangements of white calla lilies, astrimerias, tulips, snaps and roses with fern and English ivy draping down each side.

A three-tier wedding cake was raised up above a fountain that was encircled by several dozen yellow and white roses. Yellow and white roses also embellished the two tier chocolate groom's cake that featured love doves on a golf theme. An ice sculpture of love doves in yellow and white roses graced the punch table. Compact discs of love songs were the wedding favors. And, guests waved yellow roses attached to celebration bells as the happy couple left in a 1928 Model A Ford belonging to the bride's grandfather. This was complete with an "ah-u-u-gha" horn which the couple sounded as they drove away from the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Claburn will make their home in Midland after a wedding trip to Mexico.



Mrs. Allen Wayne Claburn

### School board candidate workshop Feb. 16

The Region 15 Education Service Center and the Texas Association of School Boards will host a school board candidate workshop from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Region 15 Education Service Center, 612 S. Irene St. in San Angelo.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee.

Topics include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively and where to find more information.

Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a TASB video highlighting many aspects of board service.

Admission is free and is open to anyone. For information, call Brenda Canul at TASB, at 1-800-580-8272.

### WTU files for rate increase

HOUSTON — Due to a nine percent increase in natural gas prices since Feb. 2003, WTU Retail Energy L.P. filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas Feb. 5 to raise the fuel factors included in its Price to Beat rate for customers.

If approved, the change will increase residential customers' bills by about \$5.71 per month for usage of 1,000 kilowatt hours.

"Natural gas is the main source of fuel for the electricity we provide to our customers," said Don Whaley, president of WTU Retail

Energy. "Because of this, the price of natural gas greatly impacts the cost of electricity and the rate we must charge customers. The decision to apply for a fuel factor increase was not made lightly because we understand that a rate change impacts the lives of our customers. Aiy sustained change to natural gas prices, however, forces us to re-evaluate our rates and occasionally adjust them in line with the natural gas market."

The Commission will rule on WTU Retail Energy's filing within 45 days.

You are invited by **The Heavenly Way** of Eldorado to a **FREE** Natural Health Seminar featuring Dr. Brandfas, natural path and iridologist, speaking on many health issues including muscle response testing, light touch body work and rain drop therapy will be at the **Best Western - Ozona Inn Hospitality Room on Monday Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m.** For more info call: 325-853-2746.

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### Ozona artist to be featured at West Texas Rehab show

Mary Jo Mason of Ozona will be among more than 150 artists participating in the fifth annual Stribling Art Extravaganza Feb. 20-22 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo. The event benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Beverly and Ben Stribling are underwriting the show and sate which features the artistic talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Also assisting with a portion of the event costs are Deby and Danny Calhoun and First National Bank of Mertzon.

Displayed works will range from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, ceramics and wood — all of which will be for sale.

The event will be held at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quarter-

master and Barracks 6 buildings. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1-4 p.m., Sunday. Admission is free.

The Young Artists' Display, sponsored by Jud Gray, will be expanded this year into Barracks 6 and will feature the works of local and area high school students.

"Not only are we pleased with the tremendous response from area and local artists, we're equally proud to provide an opportunity for the public to see the amount of artistic talent in the region and, at the same time, provide a source of financial support for West Texas Retiab Center facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

For information, call WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

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Feb. 15 - Desa Ray Goff and Jonathan Sanchez

Feb. 16 - Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry, Angel D. Suarez and Abigail Zamarripa

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### 'Texas Yes' workshop Feb. 25-26 in Alpine

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The workshop will be held Feb. 25-26 at the University Center on the Sul Ross State University campus.

The leading topic will be the Texas film industry and how rural communities and business people can work with the film industry for the benefit of all.

Keynote speaker will be Frank Q. Dobbs, who has produced the films "The Texas Rangers," "Streets of Larado" and has worked on two feature films in the Big Bend area.

Other topics include "Rural Economic Diversification" and "Landowner Liability and other Legal Issues."

Registration is \$65 for the event. For information, call the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center at (432) 837-8694.

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**Ozona Garden Club News**

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL

The Ozona Garden Club and The Rustic Wheel Barrow of San Angelo will jointly host a special program on "Organic Gardening 101" free of charge for the public at noon Feb. 24 at the Civic Center.

Everyone is invited to bring a brown bag lunch to eat while learning about how simple organic gardening really is. The Ozona Garden Club will provide dessert and iced tea.

Bruce Deuley who is a Master Gardener and a natural gardener specialist will present the program. Mr. Deuley is affiliated with Gardenville, producers and distributors of natural and organic gardening additives. He hosts a TV show out of Kerrville on HGTV and also writes weekly articles for the Kerrville Daily Times. Mr. Deuley has more than 20 years experience in his field and will be glad to answer your questions and to discuss any aspect of organic gardening of interest to you.

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**Care Center Chatter**

By JAN ST. CLAIR  
Activity Director

This past week residents watched as Benny Sanchez and his helpers finished the main dining room construction. Thanks goes to employee Marciela Galindo C.M.A. for doing our curtains for our main dining room.

The first of each month, the Catholic Church has services for our residents. On Tuesdays, its the First Baptist Church and the first Sunday of the month the Ozona United Methodist Church. The Church of Christ comes each Sunday morning and the third Sunday the First Baptist Church. If you need that special feeling, come for one of our church services. Thanks goes to these special volunteers for their services.

Wednesday afternoons Merle and Mary Weltz and Otis Nester rocked our walls with their singing and music. Thank you three, we can always depend on you all. We're still enjoying those

fresh, hot rolls Penn Baggett on Monday afternoons. Thank you Penn.

Our readers for residents are E.A. Wadsworth and Esther Williams. Our reading group has really grown. Thank you ladies.

A special thanks goes to JoAnn Williamson, our beauty shop volunteer. JoAnn's mother is in the hospital, but that didn't stop JoAnn from coming to the ladies beauty shop Thursday morning. We all appreciate you JoAnn. We hope your mother is doing better.

Residents that helped with Meals on Wheels last week are Alma Wilson, Manuel Ybarra and Elias Tambunga Jr.

Thanks goes to the Levis and Lace square dancers for their performance on Thursday evening for our residents. It was enjoyed by all.

Residents Valentine and birthday party is 3 p.m. Feb. 13, sponsored by Crockett National Bank.

Come check us out at CCCC, we're doing great things here.

From our home to yours, have a good week.

**Levis and Lace News**

By CAROL ADCOCK

Eleven squares of exuberant square dancers filled the floor of the Senior Activity Center to capacity for a fun filled 30th anniversary celebration of the Honey Bees Square Dance Club of Uvalde.

Joining the in the festivities were eight members, a full square, of the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club of Ozona. Attending from Ozona were JoAnn Babbitt, Pate Caddell, Nell Wester, Tina Jarvis, Maria and Raul De La Rosa and Leroy and Carol Adcock.

It was the first really big dance some of the Ozona dancers had attended. Great dancing was

enjoyed by all.

Dancers from all over South Texas, San Antonio, Ozona and some winter Texans from Illinois and Indiana enjoyed square dancing to Art Tangen from San Antonio. Between trips, Wayne Weston cued round dancing. It is a beautiful sight to see with all the couples dancing the exact same calls at exactly the same time.

There was great food served and consumed by all the dancers. Leroy Adcock and Raul De La Rosa both won gifts from the Country Store. A religious store etching was won by Leroy and beautiful bird candle holders were won by Raul.

Even though it was very late when the dancers arrived back in Ozona, it was well worth the time and effort spent to make the dance in Uvalde.

<sup>(21)</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.  
<sup>(22)</sup> No one can serve two masters for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (deceitful riches) money, possessions or whatever is trusted in).  
Matthew 6:21, 24

Next regular dance for Levis and Lace will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizen Center with Skip Miller from San Angelo calling. Everyone is welcome to come visit and join the dancers in great food and fellowship set to music.

**Obituaries**

**Eddy Glynn Davis Hall**

Eddy Glynn Davis Hall, 61 of Ozona, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed from this life to be with her Lord on Feb. 4.

Graveside services were held Feb. 7 at Wilder Cemetery in Naples, Texas. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

She was born to Glynn and Frances Davis on Sept. 9, 1942 in Naples. Eddy may have moved from Naples more than 20 years ago but she never left our thoughts or our prayers. She had a twinkle in her eye and a contagious laugh that could warm your soul. She had a generous heart that made her a lover of all people. As a mother or a friend you could talk to her about anything. Without a college degree she had a resume that most people would desire. She was a mother, teachers' aid, a nurses' aid, bookkeeper, dental assistant, dental office manager, office administrator for an oil company, employee of TNN, apartment manager, worked in advertising for a local newspaper, held many different positions in the banking industry and had her real estate and brokers license. Her hobbies throughout her life included water and snow skiing, fishing, singing, dancing, volleyball, golf and living her life to the fullest. Eddy will be missed by all who knew her and loved her. We all will carry memories with us that we will treasure the rest of our lives. We have joy, pain and sorrow that will stay with us forever, but being children of God we know that this is just a part of life here on earth and that life here on earth is only temporary. Only life with Christ is eternal.

Eddy is survived by her husband, Randy Hall of Ozona; children, Karen and husband Jeff Slagle of Denison, Kelley Hicks of Sherman, Paul Hicks and wife Lana of Naples, Reid Hall of San Angelo and six grandchildren, Justin and Brittany Vissering and Jordan and Ryan Slagle of Denison; Austin and Jared Hicks of Naples; a sister Wanda Ramsey of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; brother-in-law L. A. Carroll of Leavenworth, Kan.; four nephews and four nieces; extended family Clois and Isabelle Hicks of Naples and numerous cousins and beloved friends.

She was preceded by death by her parents; a brother, Marshall Davis; two sisters, Lurline Carroll and Barbara McEntire.

**Jane Graves**

Jane Graves, 63, of Fort Stockton died Feb. 2 in Odessa. Funeral services were held Feb. 5 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Stockton with the Rev. Mike Fickenschor officiating. Burial was held afterwards at the East Hill Cemetery.

Graves was born on April 19, 1940. She married Larry L. Graves on Oct. 9, 1961 in Ysleta, Texas. She was a retired medical records clerk and lived in Fort Stockton since 1979.

Survivors include her husband, Larry, of Fort Stockton; son, Michael R. Graves, of Fort Stockton; brother, Michael Whitico, of Chesswick, Pa.; sister, Emma Winter, of Chesswick, Pa. and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Fort Stockton Funeral Home.

**Ozona Senior Happenings**

By LYNN ENGLISH

We had a real good group Monday A.M. for our exercise. We had a visitor from Harlingen, along with our regular ladies.

We welcome any late joiners to walk your way into shape by walking a mile.

Today will be our bi-monthly noon potluck. Seems as if all our local folks look forward to the good food and fellowship.

The trip that Jan St. Clair, Lupe Martinez and myself made to San Angelo to the meeting of the Concho Valley Chapter of Activity Professionals last Friday, all day, was informative and we earned six hours of continuing education units.

Levis and Lace Square Dancers traveled to Uvalde to square dance last Saturday night. They had a great time and there were eight that went. That was enough for one square.

Saturday will be the Levis and Lace Valentine Dance here at

8 p.m. at the Senior Center. The square dancers are all looking forward to their dance.

Valentine Dance will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Senior Center. Willena Holden and her Red Bandana Band will be playing. We invite all to attend!

I want to remind everyone that we have the Texas Defensive Driving Videos for rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Keep in mind that we are always needing people 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 and reserve yourself a day.

AAARP will meet the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. here at the Senior Center. Exercise class will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 p.m. Afternoon games are 1-3 p.m. Mondays. Remember our establishment is smoke and alcohol free. Watch out for cupid!

**'Drinking from a saucer'**

I never made a fortune and it's probably too late now, But it don't matter that much, I'm happy anyhow. And, as I go along life's journey, I'm reaping better than I've sowed. I'm drinking from a saucer, 'cause my cup is overflowing.

I ain't got a lot of riches and sometimes the going's tough, But, I got friends and kids that love me and that makes me rich enough, I just thank God for the mercies and blessings he's bestowed, I'm drinking from a saucer, 'cause my cup is overflowing.

Oh, there were times when things went wrong and my faith got a little bit thin, but then all at once the dark clouds broke and the old sun peeked thru again. So, Lord help me not to complain about the rough rows I've hoed, I'm drinking from a saucer, 'cause my cup is overflowing.

And, if God gives me strength and courage when my way grows steep and rough, I'll not ask for other blessings, I've already been blessed enough. And may I never be too busy to help others bear their load, And I'll just keep on drinking from a saucer, 'cause my cup is overflowing.

-Author Unknown

**Falling off the Wagon**

Many years ago when I was just a youngster my friends and I would try and hitch a short ride on one of my grandfathers wagons going to the cotton fields.

Teams of mules pulled the wagons and if the drivers weren't in a hurry they would slow down so we could run and jump on the back and ride for a short ways. We would be laughing and giggling so hard sometimes we couldn't get completely on or we would fall off

the wagon. It wasn't very far to the ground and the dirt was soft so no harm done.

Those events made me aware of some problems we face in our Christian lives.

Many times we will make a personal promise or even a vow to God and fail (1 John 1:9). Maybe we wanted to stop drinking or cursing or smoking or lose weight. It might even be reading our Bibles daily or attending

Church regularly. If we try and fail (fall off the wagon), no problem just try to get back on and go on. For victory it takes our effort and a lot of help from God (Philippians 4:13).

So start with prayer continue in prayer and finish with a big thank you to God (2 Timothy 4:18).

See you in Church next Sunday.  
Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Worship: 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon &amp; Charly McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 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><b>Church of God of Prophecy</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. &amp; Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 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><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. &amp; Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: Amello 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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"THE PANHANDLERS," a bronze by Judy Black Hall, is part of an art exhibit on display at the library through the end of March.

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By LOUISE P. LEDOUX  
Crockett County Public Librarian

The Crockett County Public Library is happy to host a free tax preparation program, sponsored by AARP.

## SAMFA art show opens Feb. 12 in San Angelo

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibit on Thursday: "Contemporary American Printmakers" sponsored by the Southern Graphics Council.

The opening reception will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

Working in cooperation with Angelo State University, one of the artists included in this exhibit, Brian Johnson, will attend the opening. He will also be on hand to give a printmaking demonstration in the gallery prior to the opening reception. The demonstration will begin at 4 p.m. and will be attended by art students from ASU, as part of their major-minor program. Each month different artists talk about their work and frequently show slides, which gives the students exposure to other artists outside the department. The public is invited to attend the demonstration.

Johnson is an artist/printmaker living in Austin. He is also an instructor at Texas State University and Austin Community College. He received his bachelor of fine arts from the University of South Dakota in 1994 and his master of fine arts from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. Along with teaching at both institutions, he worked as the Master Printer for Coronado Studio's Serie' project from 1997-1999. Currently he serves as an artistic/technical consultant and occasional contract Master Printer for the studio. Brian's work has been included in more than 100 national and international exhibits, including most recently "Hand-Pulled: The Contemporary Print," "Visions International" and "Colorprint 2002." Brian is a member of the Mid-America Print Council, the Print Center of Philadelphia, the Southern Graphics Council and the Texas Fine Art Association.

This exhibit is a chance for people to see a cross-section of art that is being produced by contemporary printmakers. It includes 39 prints by 35 artists. These artists reside in 21 states and three are from Canada. The exhibit will travel for three years until spring of 2006. The museum's regular operating hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens. ASU and SAISD students are admitted free as well as museum members and active military personnel. For information, call the museum at 653-3333.

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## Bonilla helps secure funding for West Texas projects

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, is proud to announce that West Texas will receive more than \$6 million in funding this year. This news comes after President George W. Bush officially approved the Fiscal Year 2004 spending legislation.

"This is always an exciting time of year. I've dedicated several months to securing funding for my district. But my job is never complete until the president has signed the legislation and made the funding law," Bonilla said. "This is a great day for the people of West Texas and I'm proud to make this terrific announcement."

A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla's role enabled him to secure the funding for West Texas. Bonilla was the first freshman Member of Congress in 25 years to be given a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He is now regarded as one of the two most influential lawmakers in Texas.

"I say it over and over, but I feel so fortunate to have a seat on this important committee. Many people do not recognize the importance of the Appropriations Committee. By serving as a senior member I'm able to shepherd and secure funding for my home-district in Texas," Bonilla said. "I'm just thrilled that I can utilize this role to help the people of West Texas."

Bonilla was able to secure the following funding for West Texas

in this year's spending bill:

- \$1.27 million in funding for meat, goat and wool research and \$3.42 million for efficient irrigation technologies research. Both research projects will provide crucial information and technology to the farmers and ranchers of West Texas.

- \$2.11 million in funding for the West Texas Telecommunications Project. The funding will support increased trails and use of technologies and will assist thousands of farmers in their interactions with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- \$1 million in funding for Wildlife Services. Funding will be provided for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) specifically for use in the State of Texas. The funds are used by APHIS to control the predation and degradation of agriculture commodities and animals throughout the state.

- \$2.25 million in funding for Texas cotton research. This research will address issues in agricultural research in the cotton industry.

"This money will go a long way toward making West Texas an even better place to live. I'm proud to have played a role in securing this funding and look forward to the progress it will make," Bonilla said.

In Congress, Bonilla currently serves as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Committee and is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittees.

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I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who supported my fundraisers for the OMS New York trip. Special thanks to my grandparents and aunts for helping me. Winners for the raffle were: 1st prize (blanket) Adrian Tijerina, 2nd prize (stool) Chico Villarreal. Winners were drawn by Father Serafin.

Thank you,  
Lori Anne Villarreal

**Card of Thanks**

Foremost and above all, I want to thank God for allowing me to see and enjoy my 60th birthday. Special thanks go to all of my beautiful children for their love and time given to make this day one of the most wonderful ever. Rodney, Haley and Chelsey, thank you for your thoughtfulness and the entire idea of this great Surprise Party celebration. The mariachi band was like a dream come true. Stan and Stanton, Mylene and Jim, Marisa and Lauren, Dawn and Stanley, thanks to all of you for the cook-out, piñata, and mariachi music at home after the party. Thanks to my sister Linda for the time she took in preparing menu for all of us. Thanks to my brother Jesse and his wife Susan for making a special trip from Dallas to come join in my celebration; my cousins Irene and Anna from Austin; Stacy and Josef from Midland; Rudy, Lorraine, and their children from San Angelo; Don, Susan and children, also from San Angelo. I'd also like to thank my aunts Lelia and Nina for the breakfast and dinner they provided for us the following day. Thanks ever so much to everyone that came and joined in helping me celebrate this memorable day. Thank you for all the gifts and thoughtfulness. You made me feel very honored and loved. To my children and grandkids—I love you all so very, very much.

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## Ladies victorious against Sonora



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

**TAYLOR OGLESBY** reaches around a double team of Sonora Lady Broncos to make a pass in the Lady Lions 40-34 victory.

The Ozona Varsity Lady Lions defeated the Sonora Lady Broncos 40-34 Friday, giving the Lady Lions their second district victory.

Ozona dominated in the first quarter, putting up 7 points to Sonora's 3. The Lady Broncos then came back in the second, making the halftime score 17-15

in favor of Ozona. The third quarter would remain neck and neck, but in the fourth the Lady Lions broke out and scored 13 points to Sonora's 7 giving them the victory.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were Ruth Cervantez, 9, Whitney King, 7, Kayla Johnson, 6, Laura Pierce and Casey Ybarra, each with 5, Taylor Oglesby, 4, Brandi Buchanan, 2 and Hilary Huffman and Britney Ramos, each with one.

Three-point goals scored by King, Cervantez and Johnson, each with 2.

The Lady Lions were defeated earlier in the week by the Grape Creek Lady Eagles 37-41.

Ozona managed to take a one-point lead at halftime, with a 16-15 score, holding the Lady Eagles to only 2 points in the second quarter. During the second half, both teams were neck and neck, but Grape Creek outscored the Lady Lions in both quarters.

Scoring for Ozona were Buchanan, 13, Johnson, 8, Cervantez, 6, Ybarra, 5, Oglesby, 3 and Heather Ybarra, each with 1. Johnson also scored two three-pointers for the Lady Lions.

The Lady Lions are now 16-12 overall and 2-7 in district play.

## High school tennis team makes season debut at San Angelo

By **MAKINSEY MORRIS**  
Stockman sportswriter

This past weekend, the Ozona High School Tennis Team played their first tournament of the season at the 2004 West Texas Championships in San Angelo.

In the Boys Singles A Bracket, Ozona's Joseph Tambunga, Stephen Humphrey and Jared Espino competed.

Tambunga's first game was against Caleb Nixon of Eldorado. Tambunga won 6-0, 6-0. Tambunga's second game was against Kenneth Osteen of Lake View, with Tambunga losing 6-0, 6-2.

Humphrey was defeated 6-0, 6-4 by Chris McBurnie in his first game, but was able to make it to the consolation game where he lost to Nick Harrison of Midland Christian.

Espino lost his first game to John Koontz of Midland Lee 6-2, 6-2. Espino's second game was a better match up against Parker Riley of Midland Christian. Espino won 5 against Riley, but lost the match 6-1, 6-4.

In the Boys Singles B Bracket, Eric Fierro and Jorge Siller competed for Ozona. While both players lost their first game, they each competed hard in the consolation bracket. The final game for Siller came when he matched up with his own

teammate, Fierro. Fierro came out on top with a 6-0, 6-0 victory, and went on to win the Consolation Championship in a close match against Patrick Schuessler of Mason, 7-6, 7-4, 6-2.

In the Boys Doubles Bracket, Roland Galindo and Kris Gray blew over their first competitors 6-0, 6-0, but struggled during the second match. Against a Midland Christian team, Galindo and Gray lost 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.

Bobbi Sue Bangeman competed in the Girls Singles A Bracket, defeating Britney Phillips of Midland Christian 6-2, 6-3 in the first round. Bangeman's second game was against Midland Christian's fourth-seeded Molly Cook. Cook claimed the victory 6-3, 6-4.

For the Girls B Singles, Ozona's Christy Dominquez breezed past her first opponent 6-0, 6-0, but couldn't quite match her second one and lost 7-5, 6-3 in the second round.

Rebecca Enriquez was defeated during her first match, and after a tough match in the second round, she was defeated by a contender from Brady.

Lauren Pool lost 6-1, 6-1 to Jacklyn Shackleford of Midland Lee. Three games later, Pool took the Consolation Championship.

Heather Price's first match was a close one that lasted 43. In the end, Price was victorious and moved up to the second round. Price's next match was against

Midland Lee's Molly Archer, who took advantage of the worn out Price and won 6-0, 6-1.

In the Girls A Doubles Bracket, Patsy Larson and Lori Lozano lost their first match to a Wall team and lost another tough match in their second round 6-2, 6-1.

C.J. Graves and Jamie Fierro played a close game against a Lake View team, the Ozona duo moved on to the next round. The team was eventually defeated by Midland Christian in the semi-finals.

In the Girls B Doubles Bracket, Melony Moran and Dana Moran lost their first match 6-0, 6-0, and lost again to a strong Central team.

La nell Garcia and Diane Hernandez had a rough first round and lost 6-2, 6-2, and in their second round they couldn't quite catch up to a Colorado City team who defeated them 6-4, 6-2.

"This was once again a very tough tournament. The quality of play was extremely high," said Coach Bachman. "This was a great opportunity for many of our younger players to experience this quality of play in their first high school tournament. I am thoroughly satisfied with the overall effort exhibited by all the players, and they way they fought to win. This tournament provided an outstanding start and I feel this experience will help us to continue to improve as our season progresses."

## Freshman Lions defeat Grape Creek Eagles

By **MAKINSEY MORRIS**  
Stockman sportswriter

The Freshman Ozona Lions play Grape Creek Jan. 26 and completed in the Rankin Tournament Jan. 24.

In the Rankin Tournament, the Lions last both their first-round game to Wink, and their second-round game to Rankin's JV team.

"They played very hard both games, but they ended up short on the scoreboard," said Daniel Coach Fontenot.

The Freshman Lions' game that following Monday, however,

ended on a better note.

As they went up against the Grape Creek Eagles, the Lions fought hard. Their hard work paid, and at halftime the Lions were ahead 26-14. After the half, the Lions kept up the hustle and won 42-24.

"We played very hard the entire game," Fontenot said. "This group does an excellent job of giving everything they have for the entire game. I am very proud of their effort."

Leading scorer was Artie Gonzales, 18 points, Jordan Long and Caleb Mitchel, each with 8, Thomas Gray, 7 and Nick Perez, 1.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

**MEGAN McDANIEL** drives past a Sonora Junior Varsity Lady Bronco as Malorie Moran is poised to assist.

## Eighth-grade Lions play well against Broncos

By **MAKINSEY MORRIS**  
Stockman sportswriter

It was an exciting night as the eighth-grade boys took on the Sonora Broncos on Feb. 2.

The B Team Lions were closely matched in their game against the Broncos. The teams were so closely matched that the game ended in the Lions' second tie of the season at 6-6.

"It was a great job by everyone," said Coach Benji Unger.

Unger also said that Ramon Ybarra and A.J. Montanez played a "good defensive game."

Scoring were Tim Beseril, Parrish Aiguier and Alan Lozano,

each with 2 points.

The A Team had a monumental comeback against the Broncos winning 34-26 that night.

"It was a great job by the boys, in the fourth quarter, of hustling and playing defense to come back and win the game," Unger said.

It did, in fact, take quite a bit of hustle on the Lions part to put up an amazing 13 in one quarter.

Lead scorer for the A Team was Justin Maldonado, 19, followed by Matt Turland, 4, Rocky Munoz and Josh Santos, each with 3 and Abel Villarreal, Aaron Pearl and Rylee Ramos, each with 2.

## JV Lady Lions defeat Sonora, Grape Creek

By **MAKINSEY MORRIS**  
Stockman sportswriter

Ozona's JV Lady Lions smoked the Sonora Lady Broncos 48-22 Friday.

Already ahead by 17 points at the half, they Lady Lions held on and more than doubled their opponent's attempts

"It was a great second quarter to blow the game wide open," said Coach Rodney Johnson about the Lady Lions 17 points in one quarter.

Scoring for Ozona were Ashley Unger, 9, Malorie Moran and Allison Skehan, each with 7, Jenna Henderson and Allie Bean, each with 5, Meagan McDaniel, Jessica Moore and Larissa Lozano, each with 4 and Tyler Cunningham, 3.

Earlier that week, the Lady Lions defeated the Grape Creek Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles really had no chance against the Lady Lions this game and Ozona racked up a 25-5 lead at halftime.

During the second half, the scoring slowed, but the Lady Lions continued to dominate. By the time the last buzzer sounded, the Lady Lions had a 46-24 victory.

"It was a great team effort," Johnson said.

Skehan led with 15 points, followed by Unger, 9, Jessica Moore and Cunningham, each with 7, McDaniel, 3 and Henderson, Lozano and Victoria Miller, each with 2.

Ozona is now 19-5 over all and 6-3 for the season.

## Varsity Lions lose to Sonora

By **MAKINSEY MORRIS**  
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona Varsity Lions suffered another tough loss Friday against the Sonora Broncos.

The Lions were behind early on this game and had only 7 points to the Broncos' 20 at the end of the first quarter. The Lions were able to slow down Sonora's offense during thesecond quarter, but were unable to score enough points. The gap between the Lions and the Broncos grew to 12 points.

During the third quarter, the Lions really had it hard on the offensive side, scoring only 6 points to the Broncos' 15. In the fourth, the Lions put forth a massive last attempt. Ozona gained 23 points in the last quarter, but it wasn't enough giving Sonora the 48-63.

Scoring for Ozona were Arron Garza and Jarryd Taylor, each with 9 points, Brad Mayfield



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller  
**BRAD MAYFIELD** was fouled on this play against Sonora

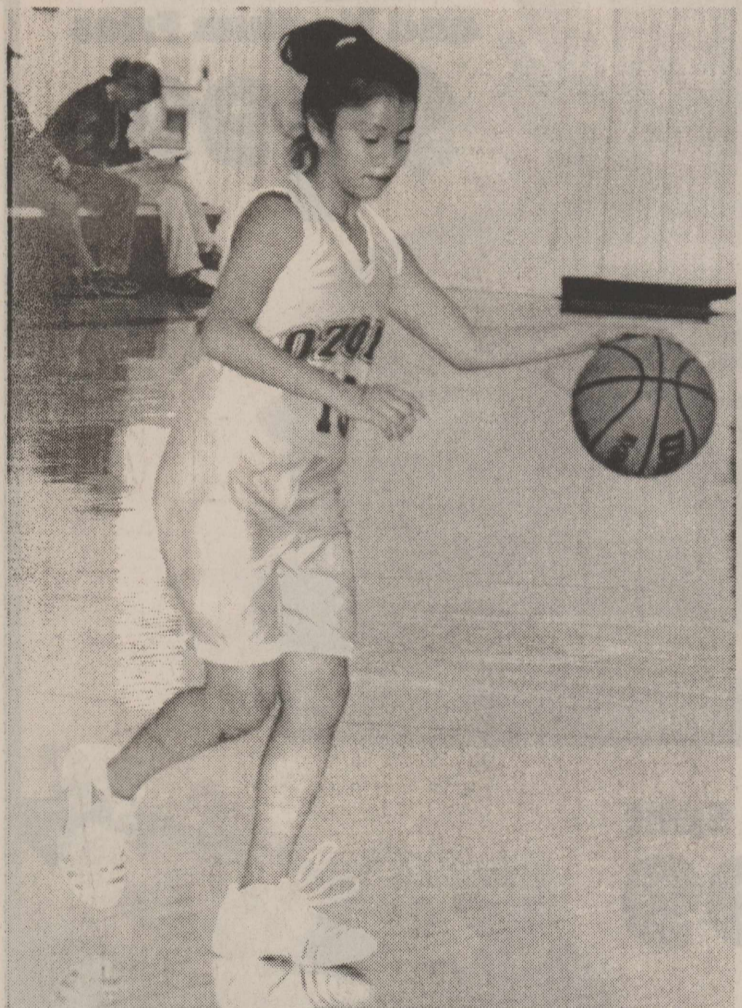


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**CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ** works the ball down the court in the seventh grade Lady Lions game against Grape Creek.

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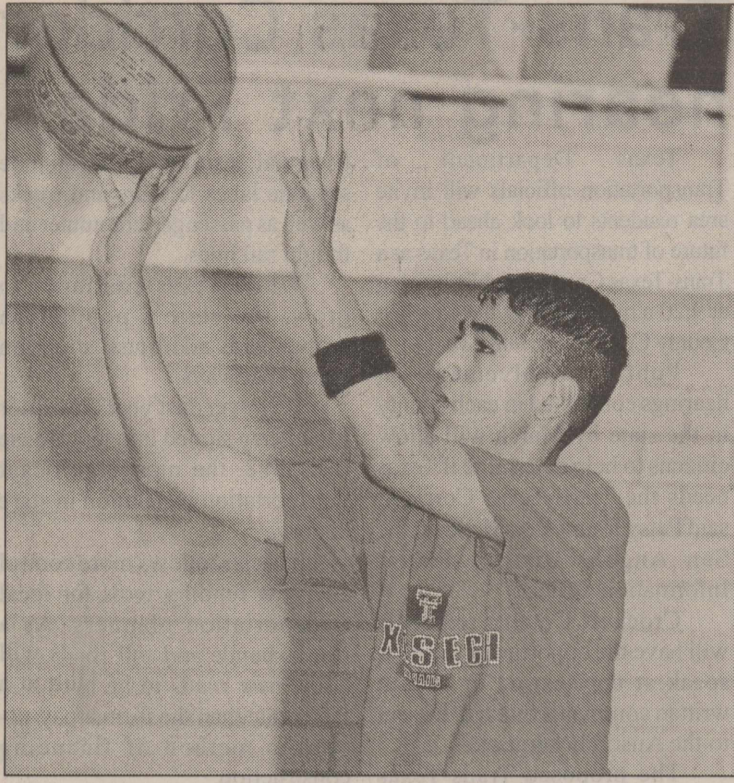


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**DANIEL GONZALES** takes a shot in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held Feb. 8 in Davidson Gym.

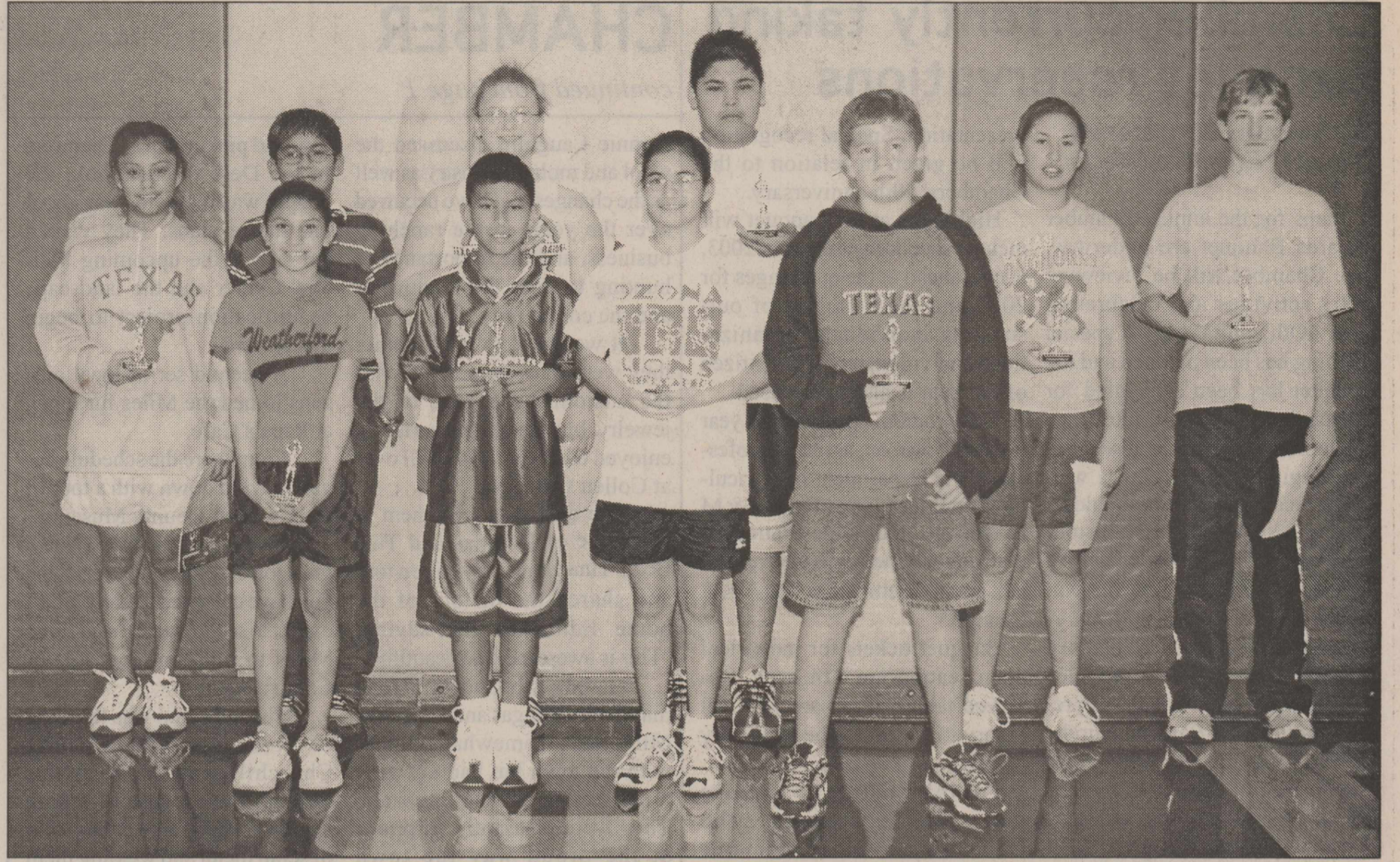


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**WINNERS IN THE KNIGHTS OF COULUMBUS** Free Throw contest are: (front, l. to r.) Stacie Quiroz, Anthony Delgado, Katie Villarreal and Dylan Castillo. Back: Christina Rodriguez, Freddy Veloz, Morgan Glosson, Steven Silva, Eva Vasquez and Matt Turland.

### Ozona High School Track & Field Schedule

Feb. 28	Brady	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
March 4	Irion County	Varsity & JV Boys
March 6	Junction	Girls
March 13	Sonora	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
March 20	Iraan	Varsity & JV Boys
March 19-20	Abilene	Girls
March 26-27	San Angelo	Varsity Boys
March 27	Water Valley	Girls
April 2-3	Brownwood	Varsity & JV Boys
April 3	Crane Relays	Girls
April 8	Ozona Relays	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
April 15	2-AA District @ Big Lake	Girls, Varsity & JV Boys
April 22-24	Regional Qual. (TBA)	Varsity Boys
April 23-24	Regional Qual. (TBA)	Girls
April 30-May 1	Region 1-AA - Abilene	Girls, Varsity Boys
May 6-8	State Qual. (TBA)	Varsity Boys
May 7-8	State Qual. (TBA)	Girls
May 14-15	State Meet @ Austin	Girls, Varsity Boys

### OHS Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 17	Mason*	Mason	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Rocksprings*	Ozona	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	McCamey	McCamey	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 26-28	Midland JV Tourney	Midland	TBA
Mar. 2	Rocksprings	Rocksprings	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 4-6	Eldorado Tourney	Eldorado	TBA
Mar. 11-13	Alpine Tourney	Alpine	TBA
Mar. 16	Crane	Crane	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	Wall**	Wall	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 26	Eldorado**	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 30	Grape Creek**	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
April 2	Sonora**	Sonora	5:00 p.m.
April 6	Reagan County**	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
April 8	Wall**	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
April 13	Eldorado**	Eldorado	4:00 p.m.
April 16	Grape Creek**	Grape Creek	4:00 p.m.
April 20	Sonora**	Ozona	5:00 p.m.
April 23	Reagan County**	Big Lake	5:00 p.m.

\*Scrimmage \*\*District Game

### OHS Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Feb. 13-14	Lake View Invitational	San Angelo
Feb. 20-21	Fort Stockton Team	Fort Stockton
Feb. 27-28	Ozona Invitational	Ozona
Mar. 5-6	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo
Mar. 12-13	State Team Tennis	Austin Area
Mar. 19-20	Reagan Co. Invitational	Big Lake
Mar. 26-27	Eldorado Invitational	Eldorado
April 1	Mason Invitational (JV Only)	Mason
April 2-3	Mason Invitational (Varsity & JV)	Mason
April 5-6	District 2-AA	San Angelo
April 15-17	Regional Qualifiers	TBA
April 18-19	Dual Qualifiers	TBA
Apr. 30-May 1	Region 1 Champs.	Abilene
May 10-11	State Championships	Austin

### OHS Golf Schedule

GIRLS		BOYS	
Feb. 23	Ozona	Feb. 26	Sonora
Mar. 3	Sonora	Mar. 1	Ozona
Mar. 18	Greenwood	Mar. 19	Greenwood
Mar. 23	Iraan	Mar. 24	Iraan
Mar. 26	District - Ozona	Mar. 31	District - Ozona
Apr. 7	District - Big Lake	Apr. 7	District - Big Lake
Apr. 14	District - Grape Creek	Apr. 14	District - Grape Creek
Apr. 21-22	Regional - Baird	Apr. 21-22	Regional - Baird
May 10-11	State/Austin	May 10-11	State/Austin

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw results

Ozona boys and girls ages 10 to 14 competed in the Knights of Columbus Council #8572 Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Feb. 8 in Davidson Gym.

The winners will advance to district competition in Eldorado on Feb. 15.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Winners:**

**10-year-old Boys:** 1. Anthony Delgado; 2. Abey Lara; 3. Anthony Tambunga

**10-year-old Girls:** 1. Stacie Quiroz; 2. Makayla Badillo; 3. Rebecca Ramos

**11-year-old Boys:** 1. Dylan Castillo; 2. Jesse Badillo; 3. Austin Sudderth

**11-year-old Girls:** 1. Katie Villarreal; 2. Teresa Cervantes; 3. Shelby Ortiz

**12-year-old Boys:** Freddy Veloz; 2. Matthew Garza; 3. Kyle Sewell

### Seventh-grade boys defeat Sonora

By MAKINSEY MORRIS  
Stockman sportswriter

Monday, the Ozona Lions seventh-grade team took on the Sonora Broncos.

For the B-Team it was a tied ball-game at 2-2. The two points on Ozona's side came from Latham Decote.

The A-team game was an exciting one. The Lions and Broncos took turns in the lead.

After the first quarter the Lions were ahead 11-4, but let the Broncos catch up and lead by one 17-16 by halftime. In the third quarter the Broncos started to slip past the Lions and were ahead 27-21 before the Lions made an awesome comeback for the win at the buzzer 33-32.

"The boys came through once again," said Coach David Delgado. "[They] never gave up and got another come-from-behind win."

Fifteen of Ozona's points this game came from Matthew Garza and 8 more from Wade King. Daniel Gonzales was able to rack up 5 points for the Lions while Josh Smith had 3 and Jonathan Flores added 2.

**12-year-old Girls:** 1. Christina Rodriguez; 2. Sophie Trevino; 3. Desiree Galan

**13-year-old Boys:** 1. Steven Silva; 2. Matias Gandar; 3. Wade King

**13-year-old Girls:** 1. Morgan Glosson; 2. Alysha Lara; 3. Lori Villarreal

**14-year-old Boys:** 1. Matt Turland

**14-year-old Girls:** 1. Eva Vasquez; 2. Anna Hernandez

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## Chamber currently taking banquet reservations

By **Shanon Biggerstaff**  
Chamber Executive Director

Plans for the annual Chamber Awards Banquet are underway. The Chamber will be reviewing 2003 activities and celebrating their 40th anniversary. A special evening has been planned and the banquet has been scheduled for March 4 at the Civic Center.

Doors open and the festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a welcome reception. Guests should be sure to take a look at the history wall upon arrival. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., by the National Honor Society students. A wonderful meal has been planned and dinner music will be provided by pianist Stan Burleson representing the First Baptist Church.

The program will begin with the posting of the colors by Boy Scout Troop #153 who will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the awards

presentation. Special recognition will be given in relation to the Chambers' 40th anniversary.

Highlights at the banquet will include accomplishments of 2003, a look ahead at the challenges for 2004 and the honoring of outstanding individuals, organizations and volunteers. The Citizen of the Year is also announced.

The program speaker this year is Chris Boleman, assistant professor to the Department of Agriculture and Education at Texas A & M Extension of College Station. A motivational speaker, Boleman will talk about "Getting Excited About Change."

Banquet tickets for individual open seating are \$14 each. Reserved tables of six are \$84. All reservations must be made by March 1.

For information or to make your reservation, call the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

## CHAMBER

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Donnie Laughlin discussed the wool and mohair industry as well as the changes that have occurred over the years in the ranching business, and the importance of hunting to both the landowner and the community.

It was hard to tell whether they were more impressed with the custom-made guns or the jewelry, but the couple certainly enjoyed their visit with Will over at Collett Gun Shop.

The next stop took them to the home of Douglas and Tina Bean. Tina graciously gave a tour and shared the history of the home. Edith just kept saying, "This is awesome, just beautiful!"

Having stopped in Ozona many times for gas and lunch, the Miles were somewhat finnhar with the town but had not ventured too far off the interstate. They were pleasantly surprised at the proud way the town boasted about its history and the number of buildings designated as historical markers.

The Miles were beginning to put the story together, having now seen the Big Oak Tree where the county was founded, the Emerald House depicting the first settlers, and the first water well.

The 1954 attempted bank robbery of the Ozona National Bank, along with the many historical sites, was of great interest. They had been given a great deal of information about our past, and it was time to talk about what was happening in the future.

After fitting for a coon skin

cap, and picking up a "Diamond In the Desert" cookbook, the couple was ready to hear about our future plans. They visited the site of the upcoming Visitors' Center and the landscape beautification project to begin this summer.

A second set of local citizens joined the Miles for lunch at Pepe's Cafe.

From there the schedule began to wind down with a tour of the Crockett County Museum.

"Wow, you all have done a great job of displaying everything you have collected. I really didn't expect to see so much," said Edith Miles to museum coordinator Carmen Ramos.

The next stop was the shop of Red Hot Mama. Judy Churchill walked the Miles through the process of taking vegetable cans, pipe or any kind of scrap metal and welding them into everything from signs, decorative wall hangings and a string of Christmas tree lights bought by Edith.

The final stop was at Duke Energy Field Services where Greg Thornton gave a lively presentation all about gathering gas and the separation into propane and butane.

After taking his final photograph at 3:40p.m., Bob looked at Chamber Director Shanon Biggerstaff and said, "this has been great, but I'm tired."

"Unbelievable! We just had no idea all of this was here. This is a great little town," said Edith.

## Trans-Texas Corridor hearing next Friday

Texas Department of Transportation officials will invite area residents to look ahead to the future of transportation in Texas at a Trans-Texas Corridor public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Crockett County Courthouse, 908 Ave. D.

Public involvement at hearings conducted in each county in the state by March will allow citizens to help determine if Texas needs the Trans-Texas Corridor, said Patsy Rainwater-Maddux, the San Angelo District Public Information Officer.

Crockett County residents will have the opportunity to either speak at the hearing or submit written comments that will be sent to the Austin headquarters.

The proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, a network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone, will be able to move people, goods, utilities and even ideas through the state safely and faster than ever before.

Eventual features could include separate lanes for cars and trucks as well as passenger, commuter and freight rail lines.

While Texas continues to grow, the state's population growth adds additional strain on aging roadways.

However, last year Governor Rick Perry signed into law House Bill 3588, the most significant transportation legislation in state history.

This law allows more control and new funding tools for local transportation planners. As a result, bonds and toll roads will allow new roads to be built at a faster rate than the former pay-as-you go method of financing construction.

Potential routes and these new funding tools will be presented during the public hearings.

For information, call Rainwater-Maddux at 947-9205.

## Social Security Act listed in Top 10 historical documents

By **Fredi Franki**  
Social Security Manager in San Angelo

Those of us who work at Social Security have always taken great pride in the fact that our programs touch the lives of millions of Americans each and every day. But we can now also be proud of the fact that in December the Social Security Act was voted one of the top 10 United States historical documents.

Nearly 40,000 Americans cast their votes a part of a national initiative called, "The People's Vote: 100 Documents that Shaped America." The project was co-sponsored by the National Archives, the USA Freedom Corps and private sector cosponsors. They invited Americans of all ages and backgrounds to vote for 10 of 100 milestone documents drawn mainly from the holdings of the National Archives.

The results of the vote were announced in a ceremony in the National Archives Rotunda on Dec. 15. Of the 100 documents voted on, the Social Security Act, the Civil Rights Act and the Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote were the only documents from the past century to make the top ten list.

The Top Ten Milestone Documents are:

- The Declaration of Independence (1776)
- The Constitution of the United States (1787)
- The Bill of Rights (1791)
- The Louisiana Purchase Treaty (1803)
- The Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
- The 19th Amendment to the Constitution: Women's Right to Vote (1920)
- The 13th Amendment to the Constitution: Abolition of Slavery (1865)
- The Gettysburg Address (1863)
- The Civil Rights Act (1964)
- The Social Security Act (1935)

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- The Social Security Act (1935)

I think everyone would have to agree that this is a very impressive list.

In announcing the results of the People's Vote, the Archivist of the United States, John Carlin said, "No other project has invited Americans from all walks of life, all across the country, to voice their opinion on the documents that have shaped our history, culture and society today. Not only did it challenge voters to really think and learn about the 100 milestone documents, but it encouraged enthusiastic debate in homes, classrooms, workplaces and online."

For information, or to see the entire results of the vote, visit [www.ourdocuments.gov](http://www.ourdocuments.gov).

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**KATI MAYFIELD**, daughter of Martha Mafield, is one of the 14 San Angelo Rodeo Princesses this year.

## Kati Mayfield selected as San Angelo Rodeo Princess

On Feb. 7 Kati Mayfield was chosen to be a San Angelo Rodeo Princess.

Kati is the 4-year-old daughter of Martha Mayfield, of San Angelo, and the great-granddaughter of Troy and Estelle Williams, of Ozona.

There were 32 contestants and only 14 were chosen to represent San Angelo this year.

Their ages ranged from 4-9 years. The contestants were judged

on their appearance, personality, and ability to answer a question.

Kati was asked what she would say if she were president.

She answered that she would tell people to be nice and to work hard.

Her duties as rodeo princess will include riding on the Sunset Mall float in the rodeo parade and handing out awards for the mutton busting at the Thursday night rodeo performance.

## Primary students gear up for Jump Rope For Heart

The students of Ozona Primary School are jumping at a chance to help fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's number one and three killers.

On Feb. 26, the school will hold its annual Jump Rope For Heart event. Students will jump rope to raise funds for the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and educational programs.

Jump Rope For Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical

Education, Recreation and Dance.

Jump Rope For Heart teaches participants about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The event empowers children as they provide vital community service and discover that they can make a difference. At the same time, the students enjoy being part of a team while jumping into the spirit of this fun-filled event.

Students will be asking people for sponsors up to the event.

For information, call Debbie Arrott at 392-3222.

## Permian Basin Area Foundation accepting scholarship applications

MIDLAND - The Permian Basin Area Foundation has initiated college scholarship application and selection processes for the 2004 fall semester.

Students and counselors may now view eligibility, selection criteria, and application forms online at the foundation's Web Site [www.pbaf.org](http://www.pbaf.org) in the scholarships section.

The application deadline for most scholarships is March 31.

During the 2003-2004 college year, Permian Basin Area Foundation awarded scholarships totaling more than \$90,000 to 82 students from the region.

The foundation also welcomes opportunities to serve donors who may wish to create charitable funds for the purpose of providing scholarships.

For information about the Permian Basin Area Foundation, visit [www.pbaf.org](http://www.pbaf.org), or call the foundation at (432) 682.4704



Photo by Susan Calloway

**DEL'S LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE STUDENTS** are pictured in the clerk's office during a tour the courthouse earlier this month

## Historical commission recognizes online documents

The Texas General Land Office was recognized by the Texas Historical Commission Tuesday, for making historical documents available online.

Larry Oaks, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, presented the Award of Merit to staff members of the Land Office Archives and Records Division for their efforts to scan documents and post them on the Internet.

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, also attended the event in Austin.

A demonstration of the careful work involved in getting these documents online took place after the award presentation.

One example of the 45,000 plus maps and documents now online is a map of Texas published in 1849 by Jacob De Cordova. Compiled by Robert Creuzbaur and engraved by J.M. Atwood.

It shows roads, cities, counties, geographical features and notes about flora and fauna in the young state.

An inset on the map shows Texas' 1849 boundaries, which included parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

The Land Office is constitutionally charged with taking care of more than 35 million documents containing information about Texas land grants and land transactions dating back to the 18th century.

To view online documents of the Texas General Land Office, visit the Web Site at [www.glo.state.tx.us/archives.html](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/archives.html).

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**STREET CLOSURE:** The street known in the town of Ozona, running between Highway 163 and Avenue "F" will be closed to the public commencing 21 days after posting this notice. John R. Jones, County Judge, Crockett County, Texas. 2c02

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION:** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CONCHO EXPLORATION INC, 530 W TEXAS STE 1300, MIDLAND TX 79701 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the distance, between well and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the drill permit for Well No. 2406, E. G. Baggett Lease, 651.2 Acres, Sec. 24, Bk. F, GC&SF RR CO/E, B. Baggett Survey A-4617, Baggett (Clear Fork), Hunt-Baggett (Strawn) Field(s), Crockett County, being 10 miles from southwest of Ozona, Texas. The location of the well is as follows:

2500' from the north line and 1540' from the east line of lease.  
2500' from the north line and 1100' from the west line of survey.  
As apart of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Baggett (Canyon), Wildcat field(s). No Rule 37/38 is necessary pursuant to field rules for these fields.

Field rules for the Baggett (Canyon), Wildcat field(s) are 467/120, 40 acres. Field rules for the Baggett (Clear Fork) field(s) are 660/1867, 320/160 acres. Field rules for the Hunt-Baggett (Strawn) field(s) are 660/1320, 320/80 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.

**PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish Standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Glenn S. George, Consultant, at 432-683-7443. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6999.**

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. 4c02**

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF SALE:** The State of Texas, by virtue of an order of sale, County of Crockett, February 2, 2004, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Crockett County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have February 2, 2004, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in March, 2004, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Ozona, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Crockett and the State of Texas, to-wit:

**CAUSE NUMBER**  
96-01-05832

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The County of Crockett, Texas vs. Annie Mae Ward Pierce and Unknown Heirs to the Estate of Annie Mae Ward Pierce

Lot 3, Block 3, Harlem Addition to the Town of Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, (Volume 133, Page 489 of the Deed Records, Crockett County, Texas)

03-06-06598

The County of Crockett, Texas vs. Abco Energy Corporation

.037084 Overriding Royalty Interest in the Marley lease in Section 91, Block 0, GH&SA RR Co. Survey, Crockett County, Texas; Operator: Oz Gas Corporation (Volume 355, Page 109 of the Official Public Records, Crockett County, Texas SAVE AND EXCEPT Volume 357, Page 197, Volume 373, Page 227, Volume 373, Page 373, Volume 373, Page 548, Volume 375, Page 590 and Volume 377, Page 19 of the Deed Records, Crockett County, Texas)

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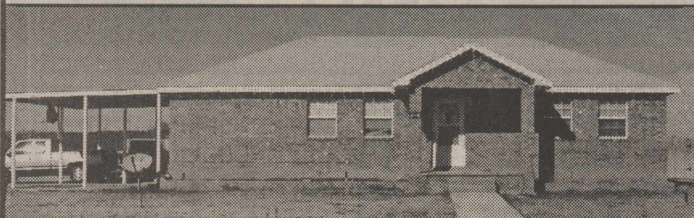
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Place your non-commercial classified ad in The Ozona Stockman, The Eldorado Success, The Devil's River News and The Big Lake Wildcat for one low, low price. Call today for details.

## 392-2551

The whole world reads your classified ad on the Internet at [www.ozona.com](http://www.ozona.com) or [www.ozonastockman.com](http://www.ozonastockman.com)

## JOHNNY JONES



### 210 Mockingbird

3 BR, 2 BA, hot tub room, fenced back yard, central H/A.  
PRICE REDUCED - \$82,900

**512 Cedar Ridge - Immaculate Hill Top Family Home**  
3 BR, 2 BA. Fireplace, sunroom, lots of hand painted art accents, back patio, excellent view, 2 carport, shop/office/storage, energy efficient, CH/A, quiet neighborhood. Call for appointment. **PRICE REDUCED to \$85,000**

605 Ave. J --Very nice family home. 3 BR, 2 BA. CH/A. Separate two car garage. Large back yard, sprinkler system, metal roof. \$72,500.

### Choice Hunting Ranch

1,100 acres, highway frontage, liveoak, excellent hunting, restored rock swimming/livestock tank, 10 travel trailer hookups/campsites

### Historic Crockett County Hunting Ranch

This ranch has been family owned over 100 years. The last 7 years it has been under the Level Three TP&W Game Management Program. Both superior quality whitetail deer and an abundance of turkey. 800, 1,100 & 1,700 acres. Excellent water, utilities and access (state highway frontage) make this a real jewel. No minerals.

**214 Ave. M Properties** - House & extra lot, Ritter Sitter commercial building, extra large area/multiple uses, may be sold separately - Call for appointment & price.  
**Henderson Heights** - 2 acres off of ~~SOLD~~ Street. Great for building, . . .

### RANCH & COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS

**Ave. B & I-10 Frontage Rd.** - 1 acre ~~SOLD~~ 3 br., 2 ba. house and garage - can be converted to office or showroom.

**Service Station** - 901 Sheffield Rd. - Commercial Property - Broker/Owner

**Large Warehouse/Storage/Shop** - Broker/Owner

**CHANDLERDALE WEST LOTS** - Owner Financed

**392-5822 226-0182**

J.J. SALES PORTABLE BUILDINGS

## Childress Realty

325-392-3845

### RANCHES

- Prime Sutton Co. - 5,300 +/- acres - \$680/acre. Large headquarters home w/foreman's and guest house. Many improvements & excellent hunting.
- Kimble Co. - 1,400 +/- acres - \$2,500/acre. 1/2 mile Llano river frontage. 1 large rock house, many improvements.
- Kimble Co. - 603 +/- acres - \$2000/acre. .7 miles of Bear Creek frontage.

### RESIDENTIAL

- 2 large lots w/ horse facilities and structures - \$35,000.
- Charming 4 bd./2ba. M.H. - 2,000 +/- sq. ft. Approx. 2 years old. - \$44,500.

Contact us for property management services.



Bob Caruthers, Broker  
(325) 387-LAND

### For Rent or Lease

**FOR RENT:** 2 beautiful offices fully carpeted for rent on main street with or without furniture. If interested call J. B. Miller at 392-2641. tfc3

**FOR RENT:** 1 & 2 bedroom trailers for rent with icebox and stove, TV and phone available. Call J. B. Miller 392-2641. tfc33

### Yard Work Home Services

**TREE TRIMMING:** Ozona area, reasonable tree trimming and removals. **Guaranteed.** Call Chuck or Jesse at 374-3955, 450-4169 or 224-8613 and leave message. 2p01

### Employment

**DEPUTY VACANCY CAPTAIN/INVESTIGATOR:** Crockett County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF/CAPTAIN/INVESTIGATOR through February 16, 2004 at 5:00 PM. The starting salary is \$31,777.20. Only applicants who possess a current Texas Peace Officer License or those who have passed the State Peace Officers Test and are eligible to be licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education will be considered. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States; a high school graduate or passed a GED test, or have obtained the equivalent of twelve (12) semester hours at an accredited college or university; not on probation for a criminal offense; not convicted of a felony offense; not convicted of a misdemeanor offense of a grade of class "A" or its equivalent within the last twelve (12) months; not been convicted of a misdemeanor of the grade of class "B" or its equivalent within the last six (6) months; not been convicted of the offense of Driving While Intoxicated or Driving Under the Influence of Drugs within the last two (2) years. Applicants must possess a valid Texas Drivers License and have a good driving record, should be of good moral character, be able to pass back ground investigation and interview board. Successful applicant must pass a Psychological Evaluation, a Medical Examination and Drug Test. Minimum Preferred Requirements: Advanced Certificate from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Fifteen Years Law Enforcement Experience with a Minimum of five years performing duties as Investigator and five years supervisory experience. Applications can be picked up at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, 903 Ave. D in Ozona, Texas or by calling (325) 392-2661. The deadline for submitting an application is February 16, 2004 at 5:00 PM. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 1c02

### Real Estate

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 3 BR's, 1 BA, kitchen, dining room, living room and two-car carport. 2009 Santa Rosa St. Call 392-2940. 1p02

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 308 Hillcrest, 3 BR's, 2 BA's, 1,700 square-foot living area, large deck, all electric, CH/CA, beautiful hilltop view. \$87,500. Call (830) 864-5753 after 5 p.m. 2c01

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 205 Live Oak Dr., 3 BR's, 2 BA's, den w/ fireplace, large lot, shop w/alley access. \$52,500, NO OWNER FINANCING. Call (325) 392-3347 after 5 p.m. 4p52

### Gun Show

**GUN SHOW:** Ozona Fair Park Convention Center, 1301 Ave. AA, Ozona, Texas. Feb. 28 and 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Buy/Sell/Trade. Information, call 361-364-3637, 361-548-2325 or 830-444-9673. 2c02

### REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidated domestic subsidiaries of OZONA NATIONAL BANK of OZONA in the state of TX, at the close of business on December 31, 2003.

#### ASSETS

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Cash & balances due: Noninterest-bearing balances	8,118
Cash & balances due: Interest-bearing balances	2,100
Securities: Held-to-Maturity securities	8,350
Securities: Available-for-sale securities	40,485
Federal funds sold	10,450
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and leases held for sale	256
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	65,674
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses	769
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance	64,905
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets	3,407
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	0
Customers' liability on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets: Goodwill	0
Intangible assets: Other intangible assets	0
Other assets	2,478
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>140,549</b>

#### LIABILITIES

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Deposits: In domestic offices	121,974
Deposits: In domestic offices, noninterest-bearing	31,705
Deposits: In domestic offices, interest-bearing	90,269
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money	0
Bank's liability on acceptances	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	833
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>122,807</b>

#### EQUITY CAPITAL

	Dollar Amounts in Thousands
Perpetual preferred stock	0
Common Stock	400
Surplus	600
Retained earnings	16,477
Accumulated other comprehensive income	265
Other equity capital components	0
<b>Total equity capital</b>	<b>17,742</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, minority interests, and equity capital</b>	<b>140,549</b>

I, D. Renee' Pearl, Cashier of the above-named bank, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*D. Renee' Pearl*  
Signature

1-29-04  
Date

### Miscellaneous

**\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD**  
During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Shane Fenton. Callers names will remain anonymous. tfc16

### NOW RECRUITING FOR PART TIME

We are looking for friendly, motivated, responsible team players that enjoy working with people. We currently have positions open for Sandwich Artists\*. If you would like to work in a great environment, please apply in person at 1204 Ave. E.



1204 Ave. E  
Ozona, Texas  
APPLY IN PERSON  
Daily - 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Public Notices

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS:** Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Odessa

Contract 6104-78-001 for PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE IRAAN in PECOS County will be opened on March 09, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$12,284.00.

Contract 6111-09-001 for STRIPING in REEVES County, etc will be opened on March 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$744,964.64.

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](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12154

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Odessa District  
District Engineer  
3901 E. U.S. Hwy 80  
Odessa, Texas 79761  
Phone: 432-332-0501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates 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. 2c01