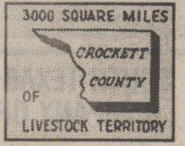


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Board moves Spring Break

High school pep squad/drill team also approved

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Spring Break for the 2004-2005 school year will be a week later.

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees voted at their monthly meeting March 23 to move Spring Break from March 7-11 to March 14-18, making it the same as most schools and colleges. The vote was 4-2 with trustees George Ybarra and Jack Baggett Jr. voting against the change.

One reason for having Spring Break during the earlier week was

due to students taking distance learning college courses from Midland College, which has its Spring Break during that week, said David McWilliams, high school counselor.

With the changing of the Spring Break, those students will have to find the time to make up the missed classes, which are also videotaped, McWilliams said. There are 18 students currently taking the classes.

"Midland College will work with us," he said. "Our kids do anything we ask them to. Someone needs to support these kids taking college classes." County Extension Agent

Miles Dabovich said that a number of students will be gone that second week in March to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, making it additional school days that will be missed. Around 26 students went to Houston this year. Dabovich said he hopes the number increases next year.

"It doesn't matter to me when Spring Break is, but those people will be at a stock show," he said. "That's a lot of school for these kids to miss in March."

Trustee Laurie Hale said that the students taking the college courses made an extra commitment and that the board should

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Ozona Fire Department to host Spring Convention

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring this year's Spring Convention for the State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association Hill Country District.

The bi-annual convention brings together members from 27 area departments. The area covered by the Hill Country District stretches from Ozona to Rocksprings and as far north to Sterling City, Winters and Brownwood.

The day long convention will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Fair Park Convention Center with a morning business meeting.

After the business meeting adjourns, departments attending

will be competing in several races based on firefighter's duties in the course of their work at a fire.

Races will be followed with an evening meal and dance by Romaldo and Estillo Band.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy the races in the Convention Center parking lot.

For those wanting to stay for the meal, tickets will be available at the Convention Center. The dance will be open to the public with tickets sold at the door only for \$10 for adults and \$3 for children.

For information, call the Ozona Fire Station at 392-2626 or visit the Hill Country District's Web Site at www.txhcfa.org.

Rental car takes a tailspin

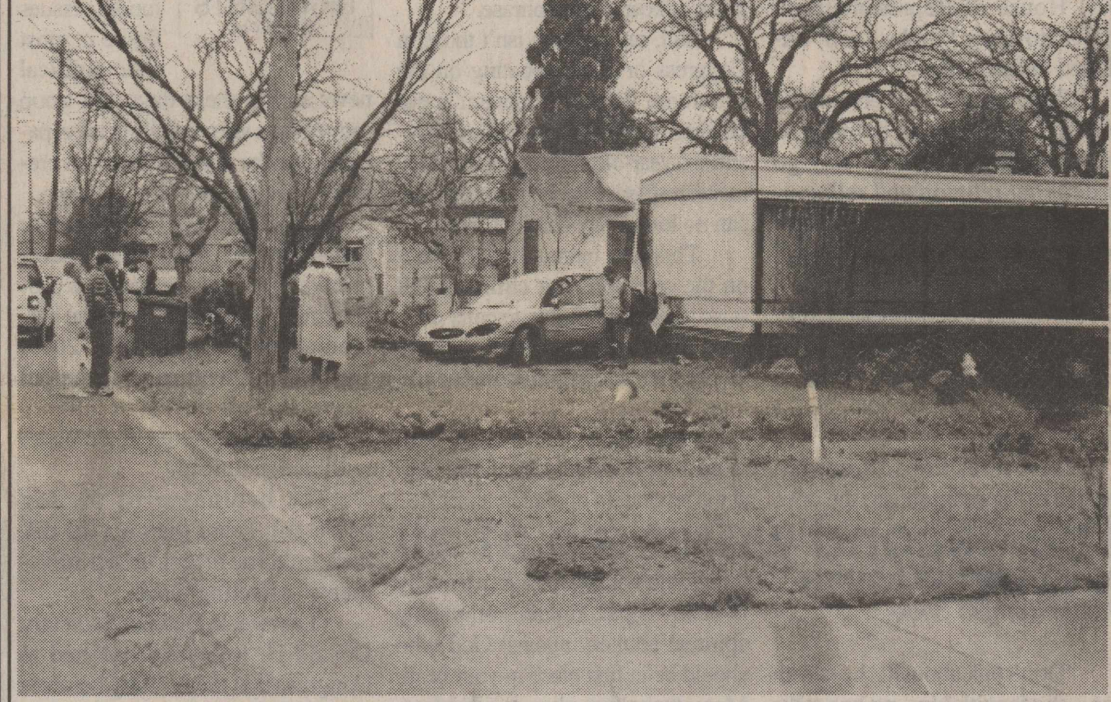


Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

NICK CONLIN lost control of the Ford Taurus he was driving on March 26 on State Highway 163 coming into Ozona causing the vehicle to crash into a trailer house owned by J.J. Flores at 106 Avenue E. The vehicle was an Enterprise rental car checked out of Odessa to be returned March 29. Wet road conditions may have contributed to the cause of the accident. Conlin was transported to the Family Health Center of Ozona by ambulance.

One-Act Play to perform 'Alice in Wonderland' Thursday



Photo by Melissa Perner

ALICE (portrayed by Courtney Campbell) is ordered to "play" by the rest of the cast during a game of croquette in the Ozona High School One-Act Play production of "Alice in Wonderland."

The Ozona High School One-Act Play will perform "Alice in Wonderland" for the public at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the high school auditorium.

The play is adapted by Charlotte Chorpennig and produced by permission from Dramatic Publishing.

The cast is Derek Fierro as Rabbit; Courtney Campbell as Alice; Jimmy Ray Ybarra as Caterpillar; Allie Bean as Hare and Tweedlelum; Kyle Webb as Hatter; Aridrienne DeHoyos as Frog; LuCinda Birkenfeld as Duchess; Lori Lozano as Doormouse; Erika Conner as

Turtle; Kyle Webb as Gryphon; Farran Wilson as Tweedledee; Jessica Newby as Red Queen; Kayla Parks as White Queen; Jasmine Tambunga as Cook; Cat Sessom as Knave and Jakob Parks as King.

The crew is Victoria Velasquez, state manager; Andy Birkenfeld, lighting; Baylor Myers, sound; Jorge Siller, crew and directed by Coach Ty Payne.

The group will then compete in District One-Act Play competition Saturday at the auditorium. Performances will begin at 1 p.m. and no admission will be charged.

Tobar recognized in Washington

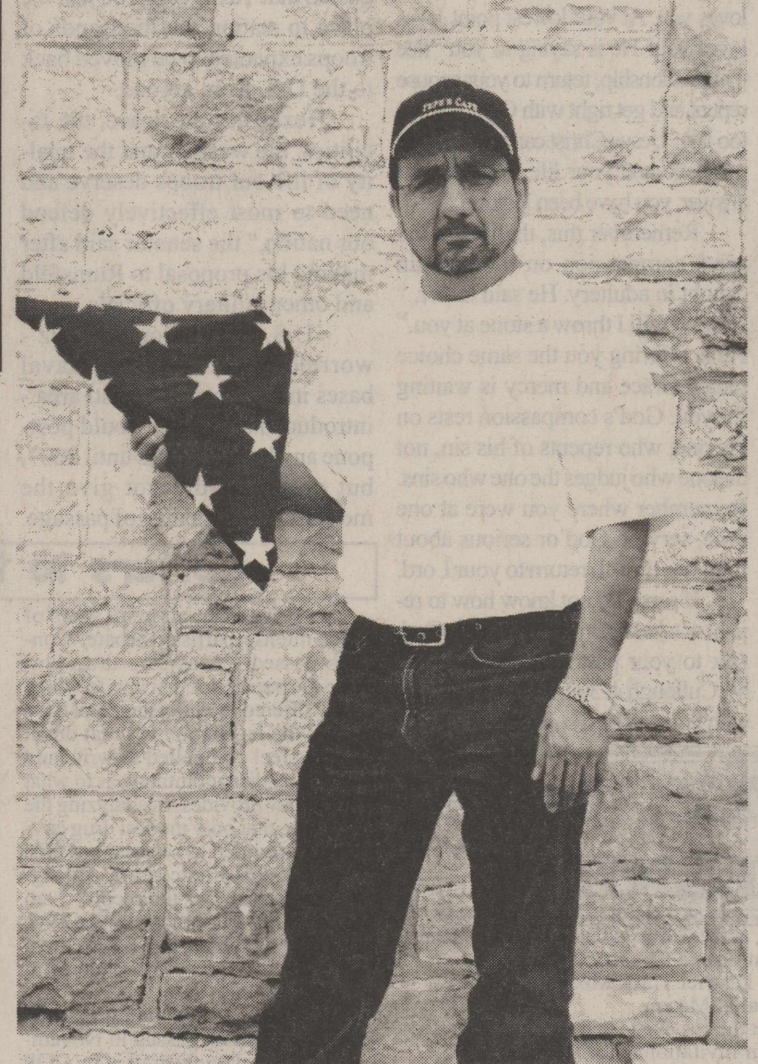


Photo by Melissa Perner

ALFREDO TOBAR recently received a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building March 1 in Washington D.C., at the request of U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, for Tobar's contributions to the Hispanic community. Along with the flag, Tobar received a certificate and a letter from Bonilla.

Late career change a happy one for Rehab audiologist



Allison

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Shirley Allison's late in life career has given her a new found love of helping people to hear.

Allison is the new audiologist at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Ozona. She has been traveling to Ozona every Tuesday since December.

As an audiologist, Allison performs hearing tests, diagnoses hearing loss, fits hearing aids and conducts hearing screenings. Her job allows her to go to hospitals, businesses, clinics and schools, as well as at the center.

"I haven't been at it long to find a part I enjoy, so I love it all still," she said. "I got into it

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The man of a thousand pencils



Photo by Melissa Perner

OSCAR KOST has donated some of his pens and pencils that he has been collecting for the past 45 years to the Crockett County Museum. The collection includes writing tools from the very rare to the most recent and modern. Kost was born Nov. 22, 1909 and has lived in Ozona since 1933. For 44 years he owned and operated Ozona Boot and Saddlery and was one of the original four owners of the Ozona television system that brought cable television to Ozona. A reception honoring Kost and the exhibit will be held from 2-5:30 p.m. April 7 at the museum.

No one injured at 15-mile intersection

No one was injured at a two-car collision Friday night at the 15-mile intersection of State Highways 163 and 190.

Cesar Soto, of El Paso, was driving a 2000 Volkswagen four-door car on 190, when he came upon the intersection and stopped

thinking it was a 4-way stop, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Wendy Justiss, of Ozona, was driving a 2002 Chevrolet Suburban traveling on 163 when Soto's vehicle pulled out into the path of Justiss's suburban.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

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| March 23 | 65 | 53 | -0- |
| March 24 | 69 | 62 | -0- |
| March 25 | 69 | 62 | -0- |
| March 26 | 73 | 61 | -0.5- |
| March 27 | 75 | 55 | -0- |
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Think about the children before altering the Pledge

For the past week, the words "under God" have come under heavy scrutiny.

These two words were what prompted a California man to launch a fight against the Pledge of Allegiance. After much debate, it now sits on the shoulders of the U.S. Supreme Court to determine whether or not people will continue to utter these words when they say the Pledge. A decision is expected in June.

It's basically anybody's guess what the Supreme Court will do, but as seen in the past they are not always in favor of religion. Most people remember four years ago, when the court banned student-led prayers before football games.

Of course this case is more unusual with an atheist father bringing it up on behalf of his daughter, who is being raised by her mother, in a separate home, under Christian beliefs.

This debate is one that has triggered many emotions throughout our country, but as far as government officials go they are in favor of keeping the phrase.

In an article sent to me by Roy A. Harrell Jr., of Ozona, he said that the U.S. Senate voted 99-0 and the U.S. House of Representatives, 416-3, to keep "under God" included in the Pledge.

"Just how this case is resolved will go a long way in defining to what extent government may go in defining religion and religious concepts in an increasing diverse nation of believers and atheists," Harrell said.

In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that schoolchildren could choose not to recite the Pledge. I guess that was still not enough for this atheist father.

These cases, like so many others involving religion, are the ones

The second worst sin of all

By JON MCCULLOUGH
 Pastor Templo Siloe

"Don't talk about it... he is with her... she is with him... no one talks about it, but everyone does it."

Are you committing adultery? Are you committing spiritual adultery? In most small towns there is a certain level of problems with adultery. However, in Ozona we have an epidemic that is tearing apart families with the destructive aftermath of an adulterous affair. Right now some are reading this article and your heart is racing knowing that Jesus loves you right now just as you are, he is waiting for you to repent and fall into his arms. I have your answer today for your tortuously difficult situation. You're trapped and it looks hopeless with your spouse. It seems so easy to leave, but that is not God's plan for you or your family.

Now to the issue of spiritual adultery, which is committing adultery against God himself, or putting something in God's place. You can cheat on God with someone or something, which even appears good in nature. Cheating is possible by giving the person or thing in God's place your love, time, passions, dreams, gifts, and desires. If you are a churchgoer who pays tithes and is active in a ministry, that is not enough. It is possible to do all those

things that trouble me when it comes to our nation. On the one hand, the first amendment to the Bill of Rights gives us freedom of religion. On the other hand, that same amendment also gives us freedom of speech.

Then, there's that fine line between the separation between church and state. How do we know when we've crossed it? Difficult answer, but I do believe that our country, despite what the courts rule, continues to hold onto its religious beliefs.

When the court banned prayer before football games, that didn't stop people from praying. Crowds, both visitors and home, held hands and recited "The Lord's Prayer."

When people recite the Pledge, it means more than just words. "For adults, the Pledge is, when read as a whole, reasonably understood, not by establishing a state religion but as celebrating the historical forces that formed its national character," Harrell said.

I have to agree. Our Founding Fathers came to this country for religious freedom. Even on our money it states "In God We Trust." Even the great-grandson of the man who wrote the Pledge, which didn't contain the words "under God" until 1954, is in favor of keeping the phrase.

Still, my concern isn't those in Congress or those debating on the courtroom floor. My concern is our children. How do you explain to five- and six-year-old child that when they recite the Pledge every morning, they can no longer say "under God?"

This will have a huge impact on the questions our children will raise to us as adults, especially children brought up in Christian homes where they are taught to honor and love God just as I was.

I hope the Supreme Court considers that before they take another stab at the separation of church and state. Things and not know God personally or at any depth. You are committing spiritual adultery against God who should be in first place in your heart. Many times first place is school activities or sports, and jobs or businesses. Are you living out God's calling over your life or just going through the motions and going to church? When you think of Jesus do you think church or how he is the lord of your life and your best friend.

Have a message of mercy to those in an adulterous relationship. Jesus loves you. At your lowest point Jesus loves you! He is saying to you "flee that relationship, return to your spouse repent and get right with God. It is not too late." Jesus Christ can restore your marriage and your life. That is your answer, you have been looking for!

Remember this, that Jesus had great compassion on the woman caught in adultery. He said to her, "Neither will I throw a stone at you." He is offering you the same choice today. Grace and mercy is waiting for you. God's compassion rests on the one, who repents of his sin, not the one who judges the one who sins. Remember where you were at one time, serving God or serious about him. It is time to return to your Lord.

If some do not know how to repent or take the first step towards God, talk to your pastor or call me, Jon McCullough at 392-2271. I will pray with you and be a support for you.



NEWS REEL
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Navy Seaman Recruit Guadalupe Porras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dario H. Porras of Ozona, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Pvt. Americo Tambunga Jr., 18, received a parachutist badge upon completion of the three-week airborne course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Peter and Aileen Dickinson of Australia visited the Joe Tom Davidson ranch to view operations and results of feeding with molasses blocks. Peter Dickinson is studying the technique prior to building a plant in Brisbane, Australia.

NEWS REEL
 MARCH 29, 1945

The Sheriff's Department confiscated 13 cases of beer and four quarts of whiskey from three county residents and each was fined for transporting liquor into a dry county.

Several hundred Ozona children have been immunized against diphtheria after the death of a 7-year-old last week. No new cases have been reported, and it is believed the disease is under control.

Because of the continuing food shortage, Victory gardens are being encouraged on this year. A 2,000 gallon credit on water bills will be offered by the Water District to induce Ozonans to plant and tend gardens.

Troops rally support for Texas military bases

AUSTIN - School finance and the ongoing Travis County grand jury investigation into a campaign funding issues figure in most state political news stories these days, but troop movements are continuing in preparation for the coming "war" to preserve military spending in Texas.

The stakes are the economic well-being of some Texas communities, and the campaign is proceeding on schedule, with the balloon set to go up in May 2005. That's when, with the presidential elections over, the list of military installations targeted for closure will be announced.

The beginning of the big battle still more than a year off, here are some recent "troop movements" affecting Texas: Last week, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld certified to Congress that the military believes it has nearly a quarter more base capacity than it needs. Specifically, he said, the Army has 29 percent excess capacity, the Air Force 24 percent and the Navy and Marines 21 percent. The nation could save billions of dollars by 2011 in reducing those percentages, he said.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn suggested that Texas could be just the place to station the thousands of troops expected to be moved back to the U.S. from abroad.

"Texas has the space, the facilities, the weather and the quality of life our troops deserve and need to most effectively defend our nation," the senator said after making his proposal to Rumsfeld and other military officials.

U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz - worried about the three naval bases in the Corpus Christi area - introduced a bill that would postpone any base closures until 2007, but observers did not give the measure much chance of passage.

Coastal grants announced...

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has announced \$7.4 million in grants to be used in combating coastal erosion.

The General Land Office said Texas has 229 miles of significantly eroding beach. Shrinking beaches, the GLO said, significantly impact infrastructure, wildlife and even public health.

Money made available through the grants will be used to add sand to the dry portions of beaches, widening them by up to 300 feet. Sand also will be added underwater.

The Legislature approved funding for the program in 1999.

Letters to the Editor

In November, after six years of rather intense partisan debate, Congress passed a Medicare drug law. Since the passage of that law, to which AARP offered its endorsement, I have studied the legislation in great detail and thus feel compelled to write and express my disappointment as to what the new law provides. In analyzing the law, I note that only modest drug coverage is provided to seniors, but fails to reduce high drug costs in any significant degree. For the record, I am enrolled only in Medicare A and have had great trouble in getting payment effected for past services rendered to me in a hospital.

It is my understanding that the legislation, which passed in November 2003, was largely drafted by GOP leaders in Congress. In this effort they had the coordination with the White House as well as the big drug companies. According to my calculation, taxpayers will pay more than \$400 billion over the next 10 years. I also note that none of us will get on nickels worth of benefits during this election season. And unless my calculations are totally wrong, most seniors will get only a modest amount of assistance. As I read the legislation, seniors

still will have to pay a considerable amount in drug costs. Why? Unless I am missing something, I will have to pay \$420 as an annual premium, and there is a yearly deductible of \$250 and co-payments on drug purchases. Beneficiaries apparently must pay 25 percent of the first \$2,250 in expense but 100 percent of all drug costs from \$2,251 to \$5,100. Experts tell me this is the doughnut hole in the benefit.

Using some econometrics, I find that the average senior will have \$3,160 in total drug costs in 2006 when the program kicks off-but under this law they will have to pay 66 percent of that amount, or almost \$2,100. Only low-income seniors-which number about one-third of the total Medicare population-will be spared these huge costs, as most of their expenses will be covered. Putting this into perspective, the tax cuts for the top one percent of Americans amounts to an incredible \$825 billion over the next 10 years. I think this alone is more than double what Congress voted to spend on Medicare drug benefit over the same period of time.

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

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April 2 - Jacob Childress, Jason Childress, Beverly Preddy, Angelina Ramos and Caitlyn Upham
April 3 - Gretchen Bloebaum, Joe Ortiz Jr. and Sarah Stewart
April 4 - Brian Anderson and Linda Ruiz
April 5 - Brianna Cervantez, Betty King, Kayla Shurley and Jasmine Tambunga
April 6 - Madye Hubbard
April 7 - Izac Adkins, Louise Bunger and Jesus Perez
 To add an upcoming birthday to the list, call 392-2551.

Spring Fest Saturday

The second annual Spring Fest fund-raiser will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Crockett County Senior Center.

The event will feature a massage room, hot dogs, Frito pies, lemonade, baked goods, cake walk crafts, games, music and miscellaneous items.

Space is still available for booths. Cost is \$10.

For information or to register a booth, call 392-5026.

Class of '84 is seeking addresses

The Ozona High School Class of 1984 is gathering addresses for the upcoming 20-year-reunion.

Call Russell Winkley at (432) 694-5448 or email LRWinkley@aol.com.

Ozona Country Club to hold raffle for Las Vegas trip

The Ozona Country Club will be holding its first vacation raffle beginning April 1 and ending July 16.

The vacation will include two round-trip airfare tickets on Southwest Airlines out of Midland/Ozoda to Las Vegas, and three nights stay at the Bellagio Hotel. The vacation will be booked through MGM/Mirage Vacations.

Tickets cost \$20 each, and the drawing will take place at 7 p.m. July 17 at the Ozona Country Club. This vacation is a \$1,200 value, and the winner does not have to be present to win.

Winner must be at least 21 years of age to win. Winner chooses vacation dates redeemable within six months of the drawing. Ozona Country Club will personally book the vacation.

For information or to purchase tickets, call the Ozona Country Club at 392-2520.

It's spring planting time

Plant five rows of peas: preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, prayer.

Next, plant three rows of squash: squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

Then, plant five rows of lettuce: let us be faithful, let us be loyal, let us be unselfish, let us love one another, let us be truthful.

NO GARDEN is complete without turnips: turn up for church, turn up with a smile, turn up with a new idea, turn up with real determination.

- Anonymous

Chruchill wins second-overall wool grading at Houston

Angelo State University's Wool and Mohair Judging Team sheared the competition at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by taking first place in the mohair grading division with a perfect score and in the wool judging division.

In addition to their first place team finishes, ASU students took 22 individual honors, including three firsts, four seconds and two thirds in the various competitions of the contest.

Katy Churchill, of Ozona, received a second-wool grading, second-overall wool grading, third-mohair grading and fourth-placings and reasons.

Churchill is a freshman animal science major and is the daughter of Tony and Judy Churchill, of Ozona.

Other team members include Jamie Steen, of Alpine, Whitney Straw, of Cotton Center and Erik West, of San Angelo. The team took first place in mohair grading, wool grading,

placings and reasons and overall wool judging.

ASU set a new contest record at Houston in the mohair grading division by attaining a perfect score. The same team took second, third and seventh individual honors. That team also finished first, second and third individually in the wool judging division.

The team was coached by Dr. Mike Salisbury, ASU assistant professor of animal science and research scientist, and Joe Self, a graduate student in the ASU Agriculture Department.

At Houston, the ASU team competed against Texas A&M University, New Mexico State University, Kansas State University and Tech Tech University.

In January, the ASU Wool and Mohair Judging Teams placed fourth in the National Livestock Show and Rodeo in Denver. They also took first, fourth, fifth and eighth places in February at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Levis and Lace Club News

By TINA JARVIS

Saturday night two squares twirled around the floor to the calling of Tracey Dowell from McCaulley. Club dancers Leroy and Carol Adcock, Otis and Myra Nester, Nell Wester, Jo Ann Babbitt, Jim Brisbin, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Lucy Hinde, Carol Yeager, Tina Jarvis, Renee Padier, Charlotte, Tracey's wife and Pate Caddell. Between tips we line danced and visited with the couples from out of town: Ray and Shirley Brown from the Iraan Alemanders and Don and Honey Wilson, Presidents of the Abilene Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club. Don called one tip during the night and Tracey danced with us. Tracey also had us dancing in progressive squares that really turned out to be fun. Thank you all for coming to our dance.

Guests Helen Stokes, Freddie and Pat Nicks, Buster Miller, Gloria Bishop with her two daughters Missy and Kim, Missy's two boys and Arena Gandy, she's the new manager at the T & C Village Market, came

and watched the festivities.

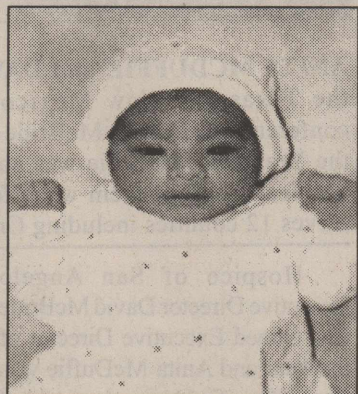
Remember April 23 and 24, the Levis and Lace will have their annual Festival. Friday night will be a square dance with soup afterwards. Saturday afternoon will be a workshop and Saturday night will be a square dance. The cost will be \$30 per couple for both dances, workshop and brisket dinner. Singles will be \$5 per dance and \$5 per meal. Anyone that would like to come and watch and eat brisket the cost is \$5. Saturday only and brisket dinner will be \$5 per person and \$5 for the dinner. Anyone just wanting to watch can do so free of charge. Roy Lombard from Del Rio and Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass will be calling for the two days of festivities.

We also have tickets to a drawing to be held in June in Mesquite. Three prizes of \$25,000 will be drawn for; price is \$1 a ticket.

For information about our festival or to buy tickets, call Carol Adcock 392-2912.

Keep it Square and Happy Dancing!

It's a girl



Brianna Kate Maskill was born on March 8, 2004 at Shannon Women's and Children's Center in San Angelo.

She is the daughter of Tamara and Stephen Maskill of Ozona. Her grandparents are Maria and Fransisco Hernandez and Elma and Mike Maskill, all of Ozona.

Bunger named to honor list

COLLEGE STATION - George Louis Bunger V, of Ozona, has been named a "Distinguished Student" at Texas A&M University for the 2003 fall semester.

Bunger is majoring in animal science.

A "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPA while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students.

Ozoda Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Busy is the word here at the Senior Center. Saturday there was a Levi and Lace Square Dance. Sunday, the Levi and Lace women were hard at work sewing their denim skirts, and the Monday afternoon bridge ladies were here at the Senior Center playing bridge. What a wonderful group they even worked on the new puzzel we put out. We welcome these ladies back with us anytime.

The new Crockett County Senior Center has new board members that met March 29 to election officers, and began the process of drawing up bylaws and rules for the Senior Center.

We are looking forward to our Spring Fest to be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. This will be our second annual. There will be music, tacos, colitas, hot dogs, nachos, lemonade, sodas, frito pies, homemade pies, funnel cakes, a cake walk, a jumping castle, purses, jewelry, crafts,

messages (call 392-9094 for a massage appointment), Easter items and nail grooming. Come on out and join this occasion as there will be something for everyone.

Just today we had a new phone line installed for the Crockett County Senior Center. The new phone number is (325) 392-9094 and our fax number is (325) 392-9095.

All of us that are taking the "Walk a Mile" exercise class are starting to look and feel better. If you would like to join us, call Lynn at 392-9094. We are happy to say our exercise class is growing and we welcome any new members.

Keep in mind that we play games from 1-3 p.m. Mondays. Games that are available are bridge, dominoes, cards and we also put together puzzels. At 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we have our exercise class.

Our activities are for those 55 plus years. Our building and activities are alcohol and smoke free.

We'll see you at Spring Fest.

Keep Texas Beautiful calls on Texans to spring clean

AUSTIN — Keep Texas Beautiful is creating a clean sweep across the state as they initiate cleanup and beautification activities. The local effort is part of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup the nation's largest annual community improvement program.

Keep Texas Beautiful is seeking volunteers help complete various projects through May 31.

The Don't Mess with Texas

Trash-Off on April 3 will feature more than 1,300 groups across the state participating in litter prevention and cleanup activities. Thousands of Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will focus on highway cleanup while volunteers will clean city streets, county roads, trails, parks and waterways.

For information, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.kth.org

Odessa softball tourney April 3

Spring Fling '04 Softball Tournament will take place April 3 at the UTPB Softball Complex in Odessa.

Three-Game Guarantee, \$150 entry fee (unsanctioned teams \$160) ASA Class C: "stealing" rule will be in effect.

Deadline is March 31.

For information, call Gabriel or Michelle at (432) 552-7426 or Odessa Softball Association at (432) 550-7811

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Happy Birthday to my darling wife Edna whom I love very much. Thank you for my children and grandchildren and 43 years of married life, I have enjoyed it and may God bless both of us. I will continue loving you till death do us part Love you forever and ever, Your Husband, Coy Tambunga

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Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR**
Activity Director

This past week has been really busy around the facility. The carpet in the main lobby has been removed and tiles have been laid. It really looks nice.

Residents Francis Flanagan, Helen Stokes and Mildred Couch have been working in the back courtyard. Flowers, tomato plants, jalapeno peppers and rose bushes have been put in place. Thanks goes to April Vargas for helping us out here at the facility Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers for the past week are Otis Nester, Mary and Merle

Welty, E.A. Wadsworth R.N., April Vargas, Esther Williams, brother John, Jonnye Johnson, Nell Wester, Martha Landin, First Baptist Church and Ozona Church of Christ. Thanks goes to these special people who volunteer their time here at the Care Center.

At 3 p.m. April 9 will be our Easter and residents party sponsored by Crockett National Bank.

We will honor our volunteers at 3 p.m. April 21 in the main lobby.

Come by for a visit and see the great things happening here at CCCC. Have a good week from all of us here at CCCC.

OLPH to celebrate 75 years

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will be celebrating 75 years as a Parish in July of this year.

A meeting was conducted March 26 to present ideas for the celebration. Since this is all in a preliminary phase, it was decided that a committee would be formed to gather information for a historical write-up.

Members of this committee will be Fannie Sanchez, 392-3353, Sylvia DeHoyos-Longoria, 392-2466, Maruca and Napo Vitela, 392-2377, Corina Diehl, 392-5181, Roberta Schoenhals, 392-3223 and Concha Zapata, 392-3368.

We ask anyone who is a member of O.L.P.H. in the present or past and would like to contribute any information, share your memories or stories along with pictures to contact any of the persons listed above. Any documents you have will be reproduced and the originals will be returned to you.

This committee will gather information and then compile a historical write-up of the Parish. More information along with dates and activities will be published as we go along with our planning of this celebration.

Fredericksburg Art Gallery presents 'Art Splash' in April

Art and demonstrating artists will take to Fredericksburg Art Gallery, during "Art Splash" this April, creating an art experience for all.

"Art Splash" at Fredericksburg Art Gallery allows you to view various artists' "spring" art, two Artists receptions and a month-long silent auction. Silent auction proceeds will benefit Young Life, a non-profit outreach ministry whose mission is to share the truth and gospel of Jesus Christ with young people in our community.

Plans call for select artisans to be on hand demonstrating and selling their handmade creations during the two receptions, 6-8 p.m., April 3 and April 24.

Fredericksburg was recently

named among the "Top Five - Western Art Towns by Southwest Art."

Donna Strickland and her husband, Jim, joined the "Arts" community and opened their gallery in 1987. Fredericksburg Art Gallery specializes in impressionism, realism and Texas subject matter.

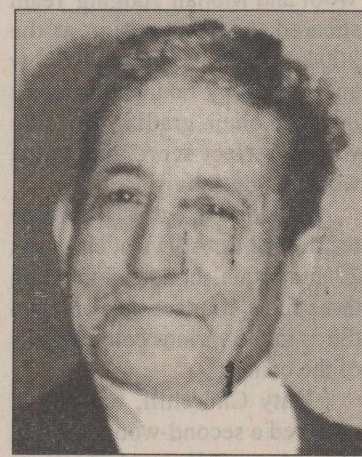
Artists featured April 3 include Patti Miller, Royce Roberts, Kay Walton and Betty Rhodes.

The April 24 Reception will include Albert Faggard, Jr., David Macsmith and Chuck Rawle.

For information, call (830) 990-2707, Fredericksburg Art Gallery, 314 East Main, Fredericksburg, Texas or visit www.fbartgallery.com.

Obituaries

Elias Calderon Elizondo



Elizondo

Elias Calderon Elizondo, 74, died March 22, 2004 in Ozona, at his residence. He was born in Zaragosa, Coahuila, Mexico, on Sept. 26, 1929 and married Faustina Chavez on Oct. 14, 1950. Mr. Elizondo was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Faustina Chavez Elizondo, three daughters, Alicia Perez, Sylvia Noriega and husband Eddie, Celda Borrego and husband Ernest, four sons, Elias Elizondo, Jr. and wife

Lupe, Juan Elizondo and wife Maria, Hector Elizondo and wife Debbie, and Alfonso Elizondo. Daughter-in-law, Lizzie Elizondo. He was preceded in death by one son Javier Elizondo. Mr. Elizondo is also survived by two sisters Guadalupe Aguerro and Isabel Soberon, two brothers Jesus Elizondo and Santos Elizondo, 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were, R J Elias Borrego, Gabriel Perez, Gerardo Elizondo, Frank Noriega, Michael Elizondo, Andrew Elizondo, JR Borrego, Johnny Elizondo, Barry Noriega, Javier Elizondo and Felipe Perez.

Funeral service was March 24, 2004 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, in Ozona, with burial following in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Special thanks to the nurses of Hospice of San Angelo.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo or Helping Hands of Ozona.

Ruth Nelson

Ruth Nelson, 93, of Ozona, formerly of San Angelo, died Monday, March 29, 2004 in the Crockett County Care Center.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 31 at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Nelson was born May 26, 1910 in Dumas. Survivors include her husband, David M. Nelson, of Ozona; one son, David Nelson, of Tucson, Ariz.; one brother Roy Allen, of Fort Worth; one daughter-in-law, Connie Nelson, of Ozona and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son James Nelson.

McBride, McDuffie honored for work at Hospice of San Angelo



Submitted photo

ANITA MCDUFFIE and DAVID MCBRIDE were honored at the Texas and New Mexico Hospice Organization annual conference in Dallas. McBride was named Executive Director of the Year and McDuffie was named Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year. Both of them work for Hospice of San Angelo, which serves 12 counties including Crockett County.

Hospice of San Angelo Executive Director David McBride was named Executive Director of the Year and Anita McDuffie was named Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year at the Texas and New Mexico Hospice Organization's annual conference in Dallas.

McBride has been executive director since 1992. During that time, he has expanded the service area for Hospice of San Angelo from a 15-mile radius around the city to 12 surrounding counties, including Crockett County.

He also worked to secure a new location for the Hospice of San Angelo offices on the 11th floor of the Cactus Hotel in 1996.

McBride has facilitated the development of a freestanding Bereavement Center for Hospice of San Angelo in 2002, which involved funding and renovation of a house donated by the family of the late Dr. Aaron Landy.

In 2003, McBride became a Certified Hospice Administrator. McBride and the staff of Hospice of San Angelo are currently in the planning stages of developing a hospice inpatient unit.

He currently supervises a staff of 45 professionals in the provision of care for more than 100 patients and their families a day.

McDuffie has worked for Hospice of San Angelo since 1995 as a C.N.A.

The best way to describe the care McDuffie provides for patients and families is to use her own words from an article she wrote for a September 2002 staff meeting.

"I was in line at the grocery store when a lady saw my Hospice name tag and she said 'Oh, you poor thing, you must cry all the time.' I told her 'No, not really.' She then asked, 'But don't you take care of the dying?'. I then tell her 'No, we take care of the living.'"

"At that point the lady asks me what I do for hospice. I looked at her and could not find the words. I had all these thoughts in my head. Do I tell her about the ALS patient I took to the shower by way of an old, desk chair? That I did so because she said it was the only thing left in her life that still felt good. And I wasn't going to take that away from her."

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"And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; is not of God and this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."
"He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
1 John 4: 1,2,3, -4

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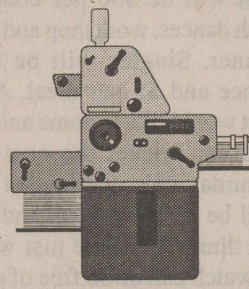
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The Party

I had just finished my first cup of morning coffee when a car pulled into our driveway. I heard a lot of talking and it sounded like women's voices.

I went to the door and before I could get it fully open two women from town burst in and said, "Where is your wife?" They went on to say they were having a come as you are party and they wanted my wife to go. They went into our bedroom and drug my wife out to the car and all I could hear her saying was, "I'm not dressed!"

As I stood on the back porch looking at that bunch of women in the car dressed every which way. Some with hair in roller, others hair not combed, some with grease paint on faces, it looked like a carload of circus clowns.

That scene reminded me of the way we come to Christ, just as we are. Many times people want to do a whole lot of cleaning up and make themselves pretty before God.

The truth is that Christ died for us when we were or are at our worst (Romans 5:8, Titus 3:5) not our best (1 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 2:8,9).

We must be willing to accept what Christ has done (John 1:12).

See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

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| <p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p> | <p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p> |
| <p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Worship: 9 a.m.</p> | <p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon & Charity McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p> | |
| <p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: 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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Texas Department of Agriculture announces 2004 Quilt Block Competition

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the 2004 quilt block competition, open to participants across the state. For the first time, TDA will feature two separate themes for the competition with a goal of spotlighting children's nutrition and rural Texas, the focus of two new TDA programs. Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers — cotton, mohair and leather — to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be combined into two separate quilts. The two quilts will be unveiled at the 2004 State Fair of Texas and will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

Texas is the leading producer of wool and mohair in the country and has earned a global reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

The two quilt block themes will be "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids," which will focus on the importance of proper childhood nutrition, and "Texas Yes!," which will be designed to showcase rural Texas and rural Texas communities.

"We are looking forward to seeing the creative ideas that quilters across the state will bring to the competition," said Mary York, TDA's director for Fiber Marketing. "The themes reflect two important facets of ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of Texas —

helping our children make nutritious food choices and supporting the success of rural Texas. The versatility, beauty and durability of Texas natural fibers will provide a great springboard for these concepts to come alive in the hands of expert quilters."

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs launched TDA's "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" initiative in 2002 to promote Texas fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet and help address the alarming rates of childhood obesity in Texas and nationwide.

In 2003, TDA's role in children's nutrition was expanded with the addition of a new Food and Nutrition Division, transferring the administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs from the Texas Education Agency to TDA. Square Meals is the name of TDA's new program promoting nutrition in partnership with parents, teachers, school administrators and school foodservice professionals.

Quilt blocks for the "Healthy Food for Healthy Kids" quilt can feature themes such as fresh Texas-grown fruits and vegetables, other healthy Texas-produced food choices from the other food groups, healthy school meals or other nutrition-related concepts. A list of Texas-grown fruits and vegetables is available on TDA's Pick Texas Web site at www.picktexas.com.

Combs officially launched TDA's Texas Yes! program in October 2003. The new initiative is designed to spotlight and promote rural Texas, with an added focus on rural tourism. Rural Texas covers about 80 percent of the state's total land area and 77 percent of Texas counties are classified as rural.

Quilt blocks for the "Texas Yes!" quilt can showcase a particular rural Texas community or feature themes such as rural tourism opportunities (examples might include birdwatching, trail rides or wildlife viewing), rural agricultural heritage, rural Texas cultural and food events or other unique features and aspects of rural Texas. Details on the Texas Yes! program can be found at www.TexasYes.org.

"We encourage people to enter both contests," said York. "We hope that these themes are inspiring and bring out participants' passion for quilting and for Texas."

The deadline to receive quilt block entries is May 28. The winning blocks will be combined into the two final quilts during the summer and will be unveiled at the Texas State Fair in September.

To help defray the cost of mailing, the final quilting of the winning blocks and the traveling display of the quilt statewide, a \$12 donation for each packet is requested. Each packet contains the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest themes. Texas contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Suzy's Quilt Shop of Garland, Sonora Mohair & Company of Sonora, The Sewing Basket of Salado, P&B Textiles of Dallas and The Leather Factory of Fort Worth.

To participate in the 2004 quilt block competition, call TDA's toll free GO TEXAN line at (877) 99GO-TEX or e-mail gotexanquilts@agr.state.tx.us to reserve a packet for each quilt

BOARD: High school students speak in favor of band director

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look at the majority that would be helped more if Spring Break was moved.

"Look at your teachers," she said. "That's added pressure and added burden to teachers and kids, if kids miss a regular week of school."

Technology Director Rod Miller said that the lab can be open during Spring Break for students in town that want to catch up on course work.

Another issue discussed was how other colleges and universities also have their Spring Break that second week of March, making it hard on families to plan vacations together.

"I have two kids in college and one in high school, and I wished we all could have been together," said Trustee Kenny Wadsworth.

The board also voted to move a holiday from Feb. 14 to April 8 on next year's calendar.

In another close vote, the board approved the purchasing of state championship rings for winning academic and athletic state championship teams in UIL events, with a \$300 limit per person. The vote was 4-2 with Hale and Veronica Tijerina voting against.

"In my personal opinion, we've never done it in the past so why do we need it now?" Tijerina said. "We need to use the money elsewhere."

The board approved the establishing of a pep squad/drill team at Ozona High School.

The squad will involve more girls in something in the fall, it would be at no cost to the school district, the girls will raise money or use their own money for uniforms, camp and supplies, any high school girl will be allowed join, there will be no tryouts, only girls that want to dance will be on the drill team, the senior drill team members will go to camp and learn routines to teach the other team members, the drill team will dance to a compact disc or an Ozona Lion Band song, the squads will only attend home football games, sit together and cheer for the team and the drill team might dance at the halftime of a basketball game, according to the guidelines handed out by Steve Taylor, high school principal.

Other possibilities for the team will be helping the cheerleaders decorating the gym and cleaning up, decorating locker signs and handing out ribbons and the receiving a letter jacket after two years on the squad, Taylor said. Formal guidelines will be set in the future by the team, sponsor and administration.

Four band students addressed the board in support of Band Director Sonny Bahlman.

Jared Bird, band section leader, said that during the two

years that Bahlman has been director, the band has performed more difficult and challenging music, the color guard has expanded to one of the best at contest, there are more individual students entering regional and state contests, the drumline has improved and that more than 400 people attended the 2003 Christmas Concert.

"Our retention rate has remained steady, which shows that people don't think negatively about Mr. Bahlman," Bird said.

A chart of a survey, conducted by the band students, showed that 83.33 percent of the band voted for Bahlman to stay as band director.

Bird was joined by Chyenne Taylor, Paarth Raj and Roland Galindo.

Other items approved:

- Approval of not replacing the assistant superintendent's position in May when Ted Cotton retires. Duties will be reassigned throughout the district with a \$30,000 stipend.

- Approval of a 2003-2004 Official Budget amendment of \$4,800 for band uniforms.

- Approval of Gracie Delgado as liaison for homeless students as part of the Texas Association of School Board Policy FFC (Local).

- Approved a \$2,405.10 monthly lease bid from PBM for copy machines.

Council conducts free screenings

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley conducts free confidential screenings for people who have a problem with alcohol, drugs or tobacco.

Qualified counselors conduct the evaluations. Anyone of any age, youth and adults, qualify for these services. The counselors make an appropriate referral if determined by the screening evaluation.

For information, call Robert, Jessie or Carol at 224-3481 or 1-800-880-9641.

Association conducting sheep and goat photo contest

DENVER - Attention all photographers: It's time to start thinking about the American Sheep Industry Association's 2004 Photo Contest. The contest is open to all who wish to enter, which means you don't have to be involved in the U.S. sheep, lamb, wool or goat industries to participate. The only rule is that your photograph must include sheep or goats. Entries must be postmarked by Aug. 8.

Entries will be judged on clarity, content, composition and appeal. A total of \$1,000 will be awarded, with awards of \$125 going to the grand prize winner in each of the four categories listed below; \$75 for the first runners-up in each category and a \$50 prize for the second runner-up in each of the four categories. (To increase your odds of winning, enter a category other than "Kids and Sheep" ... about half of our entries tend to fall into this category.)

Categories are:

- Action — photographs of activities such as shearing, wool classing/skirting/baling, moving/trailing sheep, lambing, tagging, showing, feeding, etc. (Note that all pictures featuring youth ages 18 and younger should be entered in the "Kids and Sheep" category.)

- Scenic — photographs of sheep/goats outdoors. (Photos entered in this category cannot include people.)

- Kids and Sheep — photographs containing pictures of youth 18 years of age or younger and sheep/goats.

- Open — photographs with subject matter that do not fall into the three above-listed categories.

Other contest rules:

- All entries become the property of ASI to be used or reproduced at the discretion of ASI. In addition, entries will not be returned.

- All entries must be 5"x7" or 8"x10" color or black-and-white prints.

- Pictures taken with digital cameras can be submitted via hard copy, but not electronically.

- Entries must be submitted in the name of the person who took the photograph.

- Entries are limited to two per person.

- Entries should not be mounted on cardboard or cardstock.

- Only photographs that have been taken in the past six years may be entered.

- Photographs submitted during previous ASI photo contests cannot be re-entered.

- Write the following information on a 3"x5" index card or similar size piece of paper and attach it to the back of the photograph: title of photo, category (from the four listed above) into which it is being entered, photographer's name, mailing address, phone number, email address, approximate date photograph was taken and approximate location of where photograph was taken. Please do not write directly on the back of the photograph.

Entries should be mailed to: American Sheep Industry Association; Attn: Photo Contest; 9785 S. Maroon Circle, Suite 360; Centennial, Colo. 80112-2692.

For information, call Laura Gerhard, ASI Communications Manager, at (303) 771-3500, ext. 30.

Hiring process seminar April 8

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will host "Hiring Process and other Basic Human Resource Issues" from 6-8:30 p.m. April 8 at the CVCED Conference Room, 1702 W. Avenue N in San Angelo.

The seminar will focus on recruiting, interviewing and background checks during the hiring process.

For information, or to register, call the SBDC at 942-2098.

REHAB: Allison worked with Pueblo Indians in New Mexico

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to help people to hear, and I feel good that I'm able to do that."

Allison went back to college when her daughter enrolled. She received her masters' degree in 1995, spent two years in New Mexico working on an Indian Reservation and then four years at Texas Tech University finishing her doctorate.

"I was working seven days a week and money was tight," she said. "I needed to do something to have some time off."

During her time in New Mexico, Allison tested the hearing on the Pueblo Indian Reser-

vation. She traveled to homes and worked at the Indian Hospital.

Allison was born and raised in Seminole and attended high school in Andrews and Stanton where she graduated. She moved to Dallas for a time and then back to Lubbock where she raised her daughter. She said that she is really enjoying living in San Angelo and traveling to Ozona.

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Tennis team wins another title at Eldorado

The Ozona High School tennis team continued their winning ways this past weekend in Eldorado as they once again captured a team championship. The Lions and Lady Lions were victorious by a very close margin over a very competitive Sonora team. The boys and girls are both playing extremely well and secured their second team championship of the season.

In boys singles, Roland Galindo won all four of his matches as he cruised to the championship. He defeated Llanas of Miles 6-0, 6-0; Draper of Sonora 6-3, 6-0; Cathey of Eldorado 6-0, 5-7, 6-0; and teammate Gray 6-2, 0-6, 6-1. Kris Gray was also spectacular as he defeated Jones of Eldorado 6-0, 6-0; Shaw of Lakeview 6-4, 6-1; Sefcik of Wall 6-0, 6-0; and lost only his final match to Roland 6-

4, 4-6, 6-0. David Casarez also did well in singles as he lost his first two matches but won his last two. Jorge Siller lost his match on Friday and Eric Fierro won his match 8-2 over Almazan of Eldorado.

In boys doubles, Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez were the tournament champions as they defeated Perez and Preece of Veribest 6-1, 6-1; Ainsworth and Morin of Sonora 6-3, 7-5; Parker and Ballew of Eldorado 6-2, 6-2; and Lopez and Lange of Miles 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4). Jeff Gillit and Jared Espino also did very well as they finished 6th after defeating Arthur and Leggett of Wall 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; they lost to Lopez and Lange of Miles 6-2, 1-6, 6-1; defeated Shaw and Diaz of Lakeview 8-3; and then lost to Ainsworth and Morin of Sonora 8-6. Also playing well in doubles

were Joseph Tambunga and Colby Mayfield who won two and lost two. Jordan Long and Eric Fierro filled in on Saturday and won their first match over Perez and Preece of Veribest 8-1; but lost their second match to Arthur and Leggett of Wall 8-3.

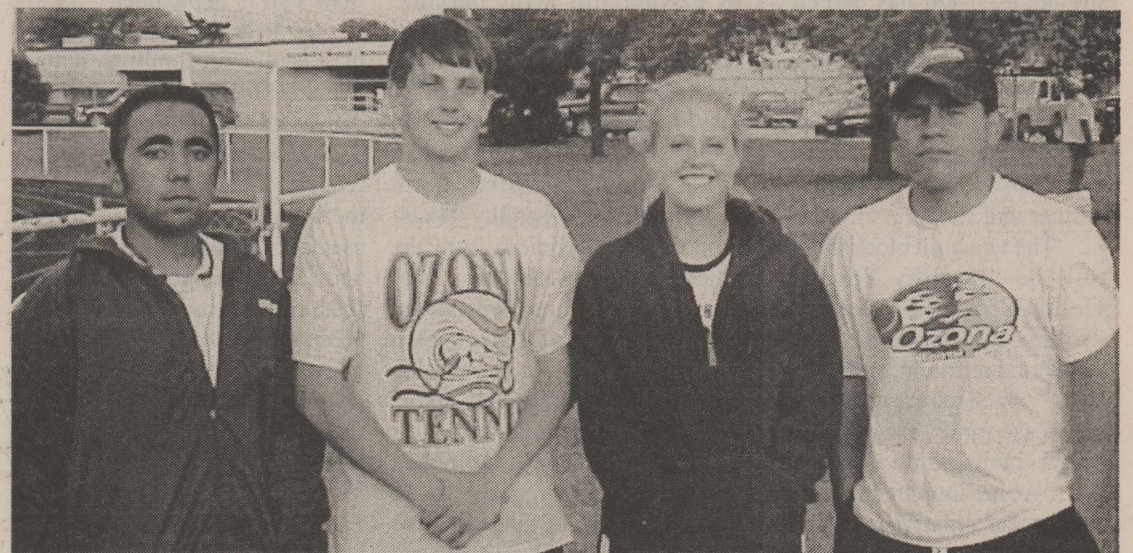
Girls singles action saw Jenna Henderson continue her winning ways as she beat Wilson of Veribest 6-3, 6-0; Aguilar of Lakeview 6-1, 6-2; Hemphill of Wall 6-2, 6-2; before losing in the finals to Street of Sonora 7-5, 6-1. Jamie Fierro also did very well as she dropped her first two matches but rebounded to win her last two. Penny Stewart won one and lost three, but her win was huge as it helped the team standing. Gloria Onate and Isabel Aguilar also participated in the singles and they both won their matches.

The team did well in girls doubles action as Jessica Moore and Courtney Campbell finished in 4th place after beating Pollard and Chastain of Lakeview 6-1, 6-1; Flavel and Luna of Veribest 6-1, 6-0; then lost two close ones to Word and Seaton of Sonora 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; and Word and Green of Sonora 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. Bobbi Sue Bangeman and Hilary Huffman lost in the first round to Word and Green of Sonora 6-2, 6-2; but then went on to win the consolation with victories over Larson and Lozano of Ozona 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; Probandt and Kasberg of Miles 8-3, and Graves and Johnson of Ozona 8-3. C.J. Grave and Kayla Johnson also lost their first match to Word and Seaton of Sonora 6-3, 6-1; but then beat Tambunga and Lightfoot of Wall 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; Pollard and Chastain of Lakeview 8-6; and then lost to teammates Bangeman and Huffman 8-3. Lori Lozano and Patsy also competed in doubles as they lost their first match 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Waterhouse and Galbreath of Wall; lost to Bangeman and Huffman 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; then beat Delany and Fisher of Veribest 8-1; and then lost to Tambunga and Lightfoot of Wall 8-3.

"This was another great experience for our tennis team and a huge victory for our entire program. Everyone who participated helped gather points toward the team championship and I'm extremely proud of the effort I witnessed during the tournament. Once again, the kids were simply great both on and off the court, and represented themselves and their school with pride and dignity. We won some very close matches and we lost some very close matches which should strengthen us mentally as well as physically in the days to come," said Coach Rick Bachman. "I am looking forward with high expectations as we approach our final regular season and District tournaments. With a little polish here and there, we should be very competitive in the next couple of weeks as we approach our District Championship and the State Team Championship with Mason."



Submitted Photo
THE OHS TENNIS TEAM placed 1st in the Ozona Tennis Tournament Feb. 27 and 28. Winning individually are: (back, l. to r.) Ruben Talamantez, Roland Galindo, Jeffery Gillit, Jared Espino and Jared Bird. Front row: Courtney Campbell, Jessica Moore and Jenna Henderson. Winning first are: Ruben Talamantez and Jared Bird - boy's doubles, Jenna Henderson - girl's singles and Roland Galindo boy's singles. Placing second are: Jared Espino and Jeffery Gillit - boy's doubles and Courtney Campbell and Jessica Moore came in third in girl's doubles.



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THE OHS TENNIS TEAM placed 2nd in the Reagan County Tennis Tournament March 19 and 20. Winning individually are: (l. to r.) Roland Galindo - 3rd boy's singles, Jared Bird - 2nd boy's doubles, Jenna Henderson - 3rd girl's singles and Ruben Talamantez - 2nd boy's doubles.



Photo by Melissa Perner
OHS STUDENTS WINNING MEDALS in last weekend's track meets are: (front, l. to r.) Britney Ramos and Casey Cervantez. Back: Michael Maldonado, Jarryd Taylor, Simon Garza and Levi English. Not pictured are Tyson Vordick and Heather Ybarra.

Lions win sixth at San Angelo Relays

The Lions track team competed in the San Angelo Relays Saturday.

Ozona won sixth with 50 points. Irion County came in first with 92; Crane, 86; Junction, 80; Wall, 71; Jim Ned, 60; Sonora, seventh, with 44; Idalou, 39; Roscoe, 24; Highland, 24; Alpine, 10; Amarillo Highland Park, 8; Winters, 8; Wink, 8; Stanton, 7; Friona, 5 and Lake View JV.

Results are:

High jump - Tyson Vordick, third, 5-feet, 10-inches.

Shot put - Jarryd Taylor, first, 51-10 1/4.

Discus - Taylor, first, 169-01.1, 600-meter run - Simon Garza, second, 4:57.78.

3,200-meter run - Garza, first, 10:40.12.

110-meter hurdles - Brad Mayfield, fourth, 14.66.

400-meter relay - Ozona, sixth, 45.82.



Submitted Photo

JARRYD TAYLOR placed first in the shot put and the discus in the San Angelo Relays this past weekend.

Ladies compete at Water Valley Relays

By BECKY BARRERA
Stockman sportswriter

The Lady Lions track team traveled to Water Valley Saturday to compete in the Wildcat Relays.

Ozona won fourth place overall with 59 points. Coming in first was Wall, 191.75; Water Valley, 110; Robert Lee, 61.75; Garden City came in fifth with 52.75 and Eden, 36.75.

Results are:

100-meter dash - Casey Cervantez, first, 13.32 seconds.

200-meter dash - Heather Ybarra, second, 29.13.

300-meter hurdles - Kayla

Parks, fourth.

1,600-meter run - Britney Ramos, first, 5:47.22.

2,400-meter run - Ramos, first, 12:36.07.

400-meter relay - Malorie Moran, Cervantez, Ashley Unger, Heather Ybarra, third, 53.98.

800-meter relay - Moran, Cervantez, Unger and Ybarra, third, 1:57.61.

1,600-meter relay - Becky Tambunga, Parks, Jamie Moore and Tashina Lewis, fifth.

Other participants are: Vicky Yruegas, Seslee Perez, Jamie Moore, Peyton Fenton, Megan McDaniel and Candace Gandar.

Ladies golf take second at Iraan

By BECKY BARRERA
Stockman sportswriter

The Lady Lions golf team traveled to Iraan to compete in the Iraan Invitational.

Ozona placed second with 399 points. Iraan won with 389 and Rankin was third with 451.

Whitney King shot 93 placing her as second medalist. Cheyenne Taylor shot 99, Cristi Guynes shot 99, Britni Buchanan shot 108, Lyndsie Crawford shot 115 and Frankie Skinner shot 124.

7th grade boys win Ozona Relays

By BECKY BARRERA
Stockman sportswriter

The Seventh-grade boys won the Ozona Middle School Relays Thursday.

Results are:
 Long jump - Nathan Knox, second and Ethan English, third.

Shot put - Steven Silva, first and Ben Flores, fourth.

Discus - Felix Venegas, first.

Triple jump - Matthew Garza, first and Johnny Flores, sixth.

High jump - Wade King, second and Daniel Gonzales, fifth.

Pole vault - King, first.

110-meter hurdles - King, first, Jesse Ramos, second and Matthew Komechak, third.

100-meter dash - Mathew Garza, first, Knox, third and Josh Smith, fourth.

200-meter dash - Flores, sixth.

400-meter run - Fabian Onate, first and Daniel Gonzales, fifth.

800-meter run - King, second, Venegas, fourth and Matias Gandar, sixth.

1,600-meter relay - Flores, Onate, Smith and Garza, first.

800-meter relay - Flores, Onate, Smith and Garza, third.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
NATHAN KNOX placed second in the 7th grade long jump.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
MATTHEW GARZA won the eighth grade boys' 100 meter dash at the Ozona Junior High Relays.

Lions golf places second at Iraan

By BECKY BARRERA
Stockman Sportswriter

The Ozona Varsity Boys golf team traveled to Iraan to compete in the Iraan Invitational.

The Lions placed second with 326 points. First place went to Iraan with 299 and third to Rankin with 344.

Arron Garza shot a 71 placing as the first medalist. Ryan Pearl shot a 76, Zane Coates shot 94, Clay Guynes shot 88 and Matt McGuire shot 91.

"This has been a great year for the Ozona's Varsity Boys golf and we're looking forward to an outstanding year," said Coach Rodney Johnson.



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FABIAN ONATE AND BEN FLORES make a handoff in the winning eighth grade 1,600 meter relay team.

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Photo by Melissa Perner
VICKI TRETTO won the eighth grade girls 2400 run at the Ozona Junior High Relays.



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CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ placed fifth in the seventh grade girls' 800 meter dash at the Ozona Junior High Relays.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler
THE 7TH GRADE GIRLS SWEEP swept the '100 meter' hurdle event at the Ozona Junior High Relays. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Kara Bird - 3rd, Kelsie Haire - 2nd and Jasmine Tambunga - 1st.

Seventh-grade girls take fourth at Ozona Relays

The Seventh-grade girls took fourth place Thursday at the Ozona Middle School Relays. Junction won the meet with 146.5 points, followed by Sonora, 117, Eldorado, 111.5, Ozona, 68, Grape Creek, 49 and Reagan County, 40.

Results are:
1,600-meter run - Jasmine Moran, first, 6 minutes, 48.97 seconds and Cristina Rodriguez, fifth, 7:44.0.
800-meter run - Rodriguez, fifth, 3:07.07.
2,400-meter run - Moran, first, 10:31.07.
100-meter hurdles - Moran, first, 20.98; Kelsie Haire, second, 21.05 and Kara Bird, third, 23.25.
Shot put - Alysha Lara, third, 22-feet, 10-inches.
Long jump - Moran, third, 13-7.

The girls also competed in the Reagan County Ribbon Relays

earlier this month.

Results are:
2,400-meter run - Moran, first, 11:42.38.
800-meter run - Rodriguez, third, 3:14.00 and Sam Torres, fifth, 3:39.00.
100-meter dash - Desiree Galan, second, 16.19; Sarah Lott, third, 16.53 and Bird, fourth, 15.78.
400-meter dash - Lott, second, 1:24.07; Torres, third, 1:28.08 and Iris Vengara, fifth, 1:29.10.
200-meter dash - Iris Vengara, third, 38.19; Bird, fourth, 36.70 and Desiree Galan, fifth, 37.70.
1,600-meter run - Moran, first, 6:56.46 and Rodriguez, second, 7:26.12.
Shot put - Lara, first, 23-1 1/2 and Galan, fourth, 19-5 1/2.
Discus - Lara, second, 23-11 and Galan, sixth, 20-8.

Scouts assign new positions

Reported by TRAVIS ZUBERBUELER

On March 23, new positions were assigned to Boy Scout Troop 153.

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster is Glenn Conner. He is a mentor to the other boys of the troop helping them on their way through their ranks.

Travis Zuberbueler earned the position of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is in charge of running the troop meetings and making sure everything runs smoothly in troop activities. He is also responsible for making sure the troop reaches their different goals in scouts.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) and Bugler is Wilson White. When the SPL is absent the ASPL fills in his job. The Bugler plays certain songs on his instrument when needed.

Levi English has the responsibility of Troop Guide. In this position he coaches and directs the new scouts to their goals.

The Patrol Leaders are

Matthew Komechak and Chris Lara. The troop is divided into two groups called patrols and is led by Patrol Leaders. They are responsible for helping boys in their patrol improve on skills and advance in ranks.

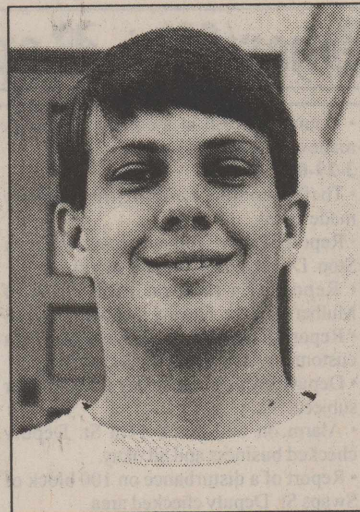
Lane White will serve as scribe this year. The scribe serves as the troop secretary, in charge of writing articles for the paper, and keeping attendance at the meetings.

Lab Longoria and Josh Smith are the Quartermasters for the Troop. They are in charge of the Troop's equipment making sure everything is in top shape.

Taylor Newton is in charge of the prayers and the spiritual growth in the troop serving as the Chaplain Aide.

The Historian, Ethan English, is in charge of taking pictures of Troop activities and putting them in the Troop Scrapbook. These positions will help the scouts in their leadership as they walk on the Scout Trail and in life.

Each of these boys has an important role in the troop to keep it running smoothly.



Bird named Student of the Month

Jared Bird has been chosen as Student of the Month at Ozona High School.

Bird, a junior, is involved in Band competing in All Region and All State competitions, along with National Honor Society and Varsity Basketball.

His teachers said that Jared is a "good kid, top student in his class, is always prepared and always acts right."

Other students nominated were Jimmy Ybarra, Caleb Mitchell, Whitney King, Cecilia Garza, Paarth Raj, Stephen Humphrey, Maria Taylor, Amber Batura and Courtney Campbell.

Eighth-grade girls place fourth at Ozona Relays

The Eighth-grade girls took fourth place Thursday at the Ozona Middle School Relays. Reagan County won the meet with 152 points, followed by Sonora, 134, Junction, 126, Ozona, 89, Grape Creek, 56 and Eldorado, 18.

Results are:
400-meter dash - Sara Dorrough, second, 1 minute, 4.69 seconds and Stacy Silva, fifth, 1:11.12.
400-meter relay - Kasey Gray, Lori Villarreal, Alexa Cervantez and Vicky Treto, fourth, 58.25.
800-meter run - Silva, third, 2:50.37 and Villarreal, fifth, 2:54.89.
2,400-meter run - Treto, first, 9:34.81.
800-meter relay - Gray, Cervantez, Dorrough and Silva, third, 2:01.06.
1,600-meter relay - Gray, Villarreal, Treto and Dorrough, first, 4:41.80.
Shot put - Cervantez, second, 25-feet, 5 1/2-inches and Dorrough, third, 24-11.
Triple jump - Villarreal, sixth, 27-3 3/4.

Long jump - Cervantez, fifth, 13-6 1/2.
Discus - Vanessa Tobar, fourth, 60-2.

The girls also competed at the Reagan County Ribbon Relays earlier this month.

Results are:
2,400-meter run - Treto, first, 9:55.16.
400-meter relay - Treto, Gray, Villarreal and Cervantez, second, 58.47.
800-meter run - Silva, second, 3:06.00.
100-meter dash - Cervantez, first, 14:42.00.
800-meter relay - Gray, Cervantez, Silva and Dorrough, second, 2:03.90.
400-meter dash - Dorrough, first, 68.40 and Silva, second, 73.70.
1,600-meter relay - Villarreal, Gray, Treto and Dorrough, second, 4:43.42.
Triple jump - Villarreal, fourth, 27-7 1/2.
Shot put - Cervantez, first, 24-4; Dorrough, second, 23-11 and Tobar, 20-8.
Discus - Tobar, second, 58-7; Melanie Wallace, third, 58-6 1/2 and Dorrough, fifth, 53-6.

Pre-K and kindergarten registration April 1

Pre-registration for the 2004-2005 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held April 1 at the primary school library. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students can register from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

To be eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, a student must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, eligible to participate in the National Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program or is homeless. The child must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2004.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security Card in order to register the child. If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Pre-Kindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration. Parents

enrolling their child for Pre-Kindergarten must bring a copy of their recent check stub. Income will be verified prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten students must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2004.

Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security Card to registration. A copy of these documents will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: Hepatitis A immunization, 4-year-old booster immunization and if your child has not had the Chicken Pox, the Varicella immunization is required.

Jueves, 1 de abril 2004, se pre-matriculará pre-kinder y kinder en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria. Estudiantes de pre-kinder y kinder podrán matricular desde las 9 a.m. hasta las 12 p.m. y las 1 p.m. hasta las 4 p.m. Para ser elegible asistir a pre-kinder, se requiere que al estudiante le falte el idioma inglés, ser elegible a participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o comidas a precio reducidos or ser sin hogar. El niño tiene que tener 4 años antes del primero de septiembre 2004. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y el numero de seguro social. Si, su niño habla español, se le tomará una

prueba para ver si su niño califica para pre-kinder; por lo tanto necesita traer su niño con Ud. a pre-matricular. Tambien necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheue.

Estudiantes de kinder tendrán tener 5 años en o antes del primero de septiembre 2004. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y numero de seguro social.

Desde del primero de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar escuela: Hepatitis A, la vacuna de 4 años, y si su niño no ha tenido Varicela, la vacuna de varicela es requerido.

Middle school bands win 45 medals at solo and ensemble



Submitted photo
Ozona Middle School band students won 45 medals at the Cisco Junior College Music Festival on March 23.

The Ozona Middle School Band attended the Cisco Junior College Music Festival on March 23.

For performances in solos and ensembles, students earned 34 First Division ("Superior" medals, nine Second Division ("Excellent") ratings and one Third Division ("Good") rating.

The combined Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Band received a Second Division rating in concert and sight reading. This was the first time any of these students had competed in a sight reading competition.

Congratulations to all of the OMS band students, and thank you for your hard work and genuine dedication to our band and to making music. We are proud of you.

First Division Solo:
Sixth-grade - K.C. Carson, Alejandra Cruz, Myra Dominguez, Shelbie Fierro, Andrew Galindo, Markaus Galindo, Stephanie Galindo,

Charlie Gravell, Angelic Gutierrez, Corey Kelley, Alex Macias, Taylor Newton, Nick Leonard, Oscar Lopez, Josh Ramos, Zak Shaw, Robert Torres, Sophie Trevino, Jay Villarreal and Lane White

Seventh-grade - Daniel Anderson and Ethan English

First Division Ensemble:
Seventh-grade - Daniel Anderson, Kara Bird, Wade King, Chelsea Spence and Wilson White

Eighth-grade - Julia Henderson, Rocky Munoz, Rylee Ramos and Ramon Ybarra

Second Division Solo:
Sixth-grade - Samantha Lara, Jordan Martinez, Jolissa Payne, Diana Rodriguez, Alonso Quiroz and Katie Villarreal

Seventh-grade - Steven Silva

Second Division Ensemble:
Eighth-grade - Morgan Capps and Celia Rivera

Third Division Solo:
Seventh-grade - Sarah Lott



Photo by Stephen Zuberbuler
LORI VILLARREAL prepares to take a handoff from Kasey Gray in the 8th grade 400 meter relay that placed second.



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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 3-23-04 through 3-29-04

3-23-04
 • Report of locked vehicle on 100 block of Live Oak Drive. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
 • Gas drive off from convenience store on Avenue E. Subject returned to pay for gas.
 • Deputy met with school officials in reference to a juvenile complaint.
 • Report of locked vehicle on Del Rio Street. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
 • Criminal Mischief report on Appolusa Run. Deputy took report on broken windows.
 • Gas Drive off from convenience store on Avenue C. Subject was escorted to pay for fuel.
 • Loud music report on Santa Anna Street. Deputy had subject turn music down.
 • Subject in sheriff's office requesting items from private residence. Deputy assisted subject in obtaining items.
3-24-04
 • Possible drunk driver on Interstate-10. Deputy unable to locate vehicle.
 • Report of locked vehicle at local hotel. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
 • Deputy met with subject in reference to missing livestock at sheriff's office.
 • Theft report at Ozona High School. Deputy met with juveniles.
 • Motor vehicle accident on Monterey Street. Deputy assisted DPS and EMS.
 • Juvenile problem on Santa Rosa Street. Deputy spoke with parents and juveniles.
 • 911 call from a stranded motorist on I-10. Dispatcher notified proper county.
 • Alarm at Ozona Middle School. Deputy checked area and all okay.
3-25-04
 • Stranded motorist on I-10. Deputy assisted motorist.
 • Report of a reckless driver. Deputy unable to locate subject.
 • Juvenile complaint. Deputy met with subject at sheriff's office.
 • Deputy met with subject at sheriff's office on a theft. Deputy made offense report.
 • Juvenile complaint. Deputy met with subject at sheriff's office.
 • Minor accident on Monterey Street. DPS was notified.
 • Criminal mischief report on 100 block of Avenue H. Deputy checked area for juveniles.
 • Locked vehicle on 1000 block of Sheffield Road. Deputy unlocked vehicle.

• Locked vehicle on 100 block of Medical Drive. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
3-26-04
 • Deputy found leaking water main. Dispatch contacted water department.
 • Locked vehicle at Country Club Apartment. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
 • Locked vehicle at T&T Village. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
 • Deputy provided courtesy transport for subject from accident.
 • Report of a motor vehicle accident on State Highway 349. Dispatch notified Pecos County.
 • Report of odorous Dumpster on 200 block Avenue I. Deputy notified water department.
 • Loose livestock report on State Highway 137. Land owner was contacted.
 • Motor vehicle accident on State Highways 190 and 163. Deputy assisted EMS and fire department.
 • Report of a prowler on 500 block of Avenue I. Deputy filed offense report.
3-27-04
 • 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS.
 • Stalled motorist on 11th Street. Deputy provided traffic control.
 • Report of harassment. Deputy met with subjects involved.
 • Loose livestock on State Highway 163 north. Land owner contacted.
 • Report of a reckless driver. Deputy unable to locate.
 • Possibly intoxicated subject causing problems. Deputy met with subject and all okay.
3-28-04
 • Criminal mischief report at the Crockett Apartments. Deputy met with subject who did not want to file charges.
 • Deputy provided gas welfare at sheriff's office for stranded motorist.
 • Disturbance on 1800 block of Blas Street. Deputy checked residence and subject causing disturbance had left.
 • Dumpster fire on 100 block of Avenue F. Deputy assisted fire department.
 • Disturbance on 1800 block Santa Anna Street. Deputy checked residence and subject causing disturbance had left.
 • Disturbance at Crockett Apartments. Deputy checked residence and made an arrest.
 • Disturbance at Crockett Apartments. Deputy checked residence and found loud television.
 • Deputy found vehicle with lights left on and unattended. Deputy secured vehicle.

• Counterfeit bill at local store. Deputy made offense report.
3-29-04
 • Theft from store on 15th Street. Deputy made arrest.
 • Report of an assault at Circle Bar Truck Stop. Deputy made offense report.
 • Report of a theft on 1500 block of Mulberry Drive. Deputy met with subject.
 • Report of theft of gas. Deputy met with customer whose card was not working.
 • Deputy provided courtesy transport for subjects.
 • Alarm on 600 block 11th St. Deputy checked business and all okay.
 • Report of a disturbance on 100 block of Swaps St. Deputy checked area.
 • Deputy met with complainant on Avenue J.

ARREST REPORT 3-23-04 to 3-29-04

3-23-04
 • Lay Caraway Jr., 32, of Missouri City, Texas, was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a local warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Subject remains in jail.
3-24-04
 • Mark White, 49, of New Mexico was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a local warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Subject was released after posting bond.
 • James Arlo Peterson, 32, of Arizona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a local warrant for possession of a controlled substance. Subject remains in jail.
 • Kenneth Wayne Davis, 33, was brought to Crockett County Jail from TDC on a bench warrant.

3-25-04
 • Tabatha English, 23, of Albuquerque was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was released after posting bond.
 • Mia Hernandez, 21, of Sanvia, Ariz. was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was released after posting bond.
 • Benjamin Bejarano, 71, of Houston was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a Brazoria County warrant for theft by check. Subject released after posting bond.

3-26-04
 • Sandy Allen Sendaikosk, 25, of Austin was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a Palo Pinto County warrant for DWI. Subject remains in jail.
3-27-04
 • David Longoria, 31, of San Angelo was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a criminal trespass charge. Subject posted bond and was released.
 • Sean Smith, 34, of Los Angeles was arrested by a DPS Trooper on a charge of speeding. Subject remains in jail.

3-28-04
 • Romulo Arturo Lozano, 25, of Ozona was arrested by a sheriff's deputy on a local warrant for motion to revoke community supervision. Subject remains in jail.
 • Jeremy Douglas Harrison, 23, of Ozona was arrested by a sheriff's deputy on a charge of assault family violence. Subject was released after posting bond.

3-29-04
 • Melecio Martinez Jr., 26, of Ozona was arrested by a sheriff's deputy on a charge of theft. Subject was released after paying fines.

**OFFENSE REPORTS
3-23-04 to 3-29-04**
3-28-04
 • Sheriff's deputy filed a forgery of a government financial instrument report. Deputy recovered counterfeit bills at local store.
3-29-04
 • Sheriff's deputy filed an assault report. Deputy took statements from subject concerning a possible assault.

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USDA announces \$325 million available for rural communities

WASHINGTON D.C. — The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it is making \$325 million in loans and grants available to rural communities to strengthen distance learning and telemedicine programs that serve rural America.

"Bringing specialized health care and expanded educational programs to rural areas will save lives and improve the quality of health care for residents who live in more sparsely populated areas of the country," said Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Gilbert Gonzalez.

Telemedicine technology makes it possible for doctors to examine and direct the treatment of patients without being physically present. The distance learning program finances equipment to expand educational resources to students and educational institutions in isolated rural areas.

Since the beginning of the Bush Administration, more than \$100 million has been invested in local distance learning and telemedicine programs, allowing 1,384 rural educational facilities to expand their access to modern telecommunications technology, and 658 health care institutions to develop technologies needed to enhance local medical care.

"Rural Texas communities can benefit from the opportunities

provided by the distance learning and telemedicine programs. These programs are among many that USDA Rural Development can utilize in our on-going commitment to the future of rural communities," said Texas State Director Bryan Daniel.

Applications for \$15 million in grants must be submitted by April 30 and will be scored and awarded on a competitive basis. Applications for the grant/loan combinations and loans can be submitted through out the fiscal year and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the USDA Rural Development distance learning and telemedicine program for 2004 is available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Commission sets state gas production allowables for April

AUSTIN - Railroad Commission Chairman Victor G. Carrillo, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Michael L. Williams have set April 2004 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 27,679,226 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the April 2004 allowable represents an increase of 2,121,787 Mcf when compared to actual production of 29,801,013 Mcf in April 2003. In setting the April 2004 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from April 2003 and producer forecasts for the April 2004 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for

February 2004 is 148,620,679 Mcf compared to 105,627,505 Mcf in February 2003. The March 2004 gas storage estimate is 156,100,785 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2004 is 29,210,320 barrels of crude oil and 383,719,198 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0482 for crude oil and 1.0943 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

The next statewide hearing has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. April 23.

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| *Crockett County | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| Enclave Energy Res | 10500 | Dudley -A- #1 H | Big Dig Drilling 10 | Drig Ahead 12321' |
| New Chevron/Midland | 9500 | C.E. Davidson Jr. Nel-1 #13 | Nabors Drilling (O) 353 | Drig Ahead |
| New Approach Operating | 9000 | Approach Bailey -A- #501 | Nabors Drilling (O) 347 | Drig Ahead |
| Encore Operating LP | 8300 | Jones Ranch -A- #1927 | Adobe Drilling Bronco | Drig Ahead 8075' |
| EOG Resources/Mid | 7200 | Todd -44ws- #1 | Patterson Util/Tmbr 614 | Drig Ahead 62' |
| New Devon Energy | 7000 | Helbing -17- #5 | Patterson Drilling/A 42 | Drig Ahead |
| New Bluegrass Energy | 6000 | Simpson Canyon #3079 | Red Ric Corporation 4 | Drig Ahead |

| *Sutton County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 9300 | Brown-Whitehead -2- #28 | Key Energy (L) 42 | Drig Ahead 1257' |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 9100 | Brown-Whitehead -2- #29 | Patterson Drilling/A 118 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8950 | Mayer #50 | Patterson Drilling/A 108 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8850 | Mayfield -32- #12 | Key Energy (O) 4 | Drig Ahead 8750' |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8850 | Duke Wilson -171- #15 | Patterson Drilling/A 109 | Assigned |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8800 | Duke Wilson #1373 | Patterson Drilling/A 40 | Rigging Up |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8700 | Hudspeth -1- #7 | Patterson Drilling/A 120 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8700 | Hudspeth -51- #4 | Patterson Drilling/A 120 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8550 | Shurley -165- #9 | Patterson Drilling/A 109 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8500 | Simmons Ranch #64 | Patterson Drilling/A 122 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8430 | Simmons Ranch #62 | Patterson Drilling/A 118 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8350 | Mayer #51 | Patterson Drilling/A 108 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8250 | Simmons Ranch #75 | Patterson Drilling/A 122 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 7800 | J W Ward -118- #14 | Patterson Drilling/A 102 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 6950 | Shurley -142- #22 | Patterson Drilling/A 107 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6650 | Kelly -124- #18 | Patterson Drilling/A 107 | Assigned |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6300 | Davis -E- #15 | Patterson Drilling/A 102 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 6300 | Galbreath -65- #11 | Patterson Drilling/A 105 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6250 | Vanderstucken -69- #5a | Patterson Drilling/A 105 | Assigned |

| *Terrell County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| Riata Energy Inc | 19000 | Mitchell #1201 | Lariat Drilling 4 | Drig Ahead |
| New Texas Inc | 19000 | Mitchell -7- #6 | Nabors Drilling (O) 783 | Drig Ahead |
| Newfield | 15000 | Hicks #3501 | Patterson Util/Tmbr 627 | Drig Ahead 7308' |
| Exxonmobil Dev Co | 13200 | Banner Estate #41 H | Patterson Util/L 481 | Drig Ahead 12163' |
| New Texas Inc | 13000 | Mitchell -8- #8 | Patterson Drilling/A 36 | Drig Ahead |
| ConocoPhillips/Odes | 12600 | Creek Ranch -12- #6 | Grey Wolf Drilling/M 76 | Drig Ahead |
| EOG Resources/Mid | 10000 | Noelke -2- #1403 H | Patterson Drilling/A 39 | Recomplete P & A |
| Chesapeake/Oke | 8000 | Creek Ranch State -2- #3 | Lariat Drilling 1 | Drig Ahead |
| New Fasken Oil & Ranch | 7500 | Monroe Ne-180- #16 | Patterson Drilling/A 161 | Drig Ahead |
| New Riata Energy Inc | 6200 | Sapp-Weaver #3303 | Lariat Drilling 2 | Drig Ahead |

| *Edwards County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| New Newfield | 14000 | Whitehead -47- #1 | Patterson Drilling/A 471 | Rigging Up |
| New Par Minerals Corp | 8000 | Richardson #2 | Key Energy (L) 10 | Drig Ahead 1021' |

| *Val Verde County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| Chesapeake/Oke | 6500 | Bunger -30- #4 | Key Energy (O) 21 | Drig Ahead 4510' |

| *Schleicher County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| Pogo Producing Co | 6900 | Whitten -A- #7 | Heart Land Drilling 2 | Drig Ahead 2653' |
| Unit Petroleum/Tulsa | 4100 | Whitten -E- #3 | Heart Land Drilling 3 | Drig Ahead 450' |

| *Reagan County | | | | |
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| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
| New Pioneer Natural/Mid | 9500 | Aldwell -K- #210 | Patterson Util/Mid 466 | Drig Ahead 7600' |
| New Mariner Energy | 8350 | Sau Mariner 33-1a #1a | Big Dog Drilling 5 | Drig Ahead 4091' |
| New Mariner Energy | 8350 | Sau Mariner 9-2b #2b | Big Dog Drilling 9 | Drig Ahead 4900' |

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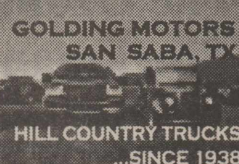
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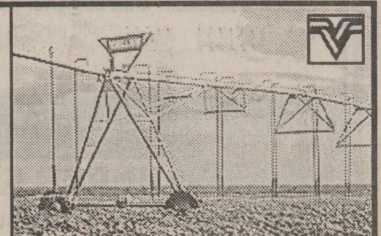
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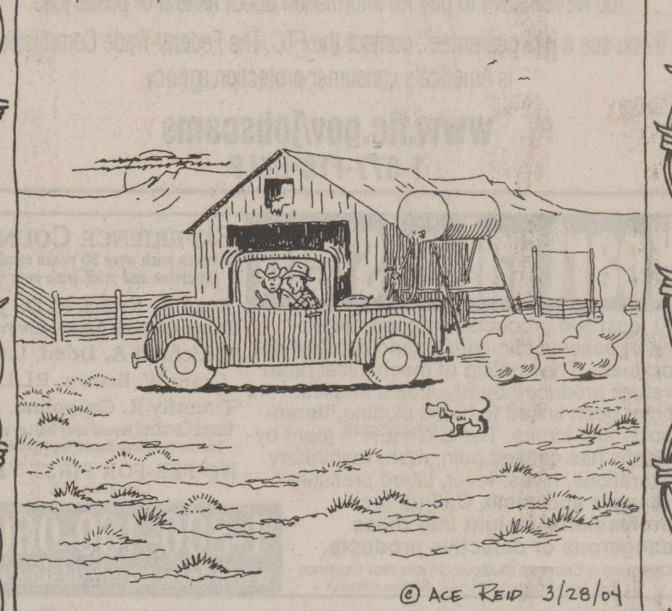
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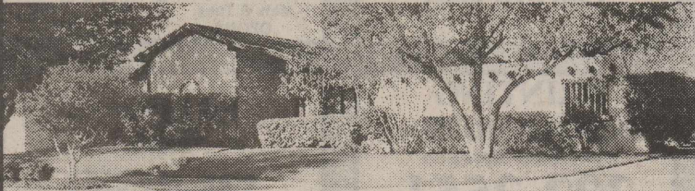
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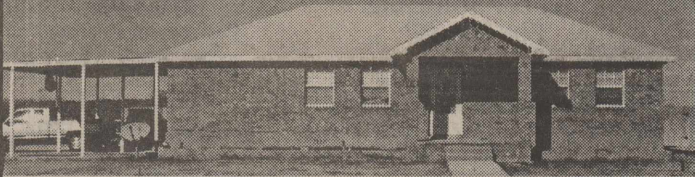
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