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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

A few of our favorite Christmas traditions

This is one of my favorite times of year. I'm sure a lot of you out there will agree that Christmas is a joyful time.

The lights twinkling in the tree, the anticipation of unwrapping presents, the carols and Santa Claus all come together to bring excitement and joy to people.

Oh yes, there is the stress of holiday shopping, cooking, going to parties and pageants, but there's also the fun of getting to see old friends, family and getting to know some new ones.

As we head deeper into the holiday season this week, here are a few of Paul's and Melissa's favorite things about Christmas:

- Christmas Eve dinner of hot tamales and chili.
- Touring the Christmas lights in San Angelo and seeing the ones all over Ozona.
- Decorating the Christmas tree with Paul's great-grandmother Hallie.
- Receiving and sending Christmas cards.
- Sitting around the Christmas tree and seeing expressions on other family members faces when they open gifts.
- Watching "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on TV.
- Listening to Christmas music, especially singing "Silent Night."
- Reading "The Christmas Story" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas."
- Getting to spend time with relatives we don't see very much.
- "The Nutcracker" - whether seeing it in person or watching it on TV.
- Typing up our first set of Santa Letters.
- Decorating our house and our business with items we've had given to us this year or ones we've had forever.
- And our most absolute favorite thing at Christmas, is spending time with our families, no matter how crazy it gets.
- Happy holidays to one and all!

Trans Texas Corridor not good for rural areas

Editor's note: The following information was provided by the CorridorWatch.org organization.

The Texas Department of Transportation is wanting to award a "\$24 Billion" contract for the implementation of the Trans Texas Corridor by Dec. 16 to begin building the first corridor between Oklahoma and Mexico.

The following are a few, but very important reasons to oppose the Trans Texas Corridor: The State will use eminent domain to take private land. Land will be bisected with as much as 1/2 mile wide path forcing landowners to drive many miles to reach the other side as the highway will have limited access.

About 580,000 acres (908 square miles) of private land will be taken by the State through eminent domain for superhighway, train and rights-of-way. The Take it Now, Build it Later plan adopted by TxDOT will accelerate the impact. [TTC Plan]

Property values will decline and taxable land will be removed from county rolls.

The state will have exclusive rights to all income generated from concessions such as gas stations, garages, stores, hotels, restaurants and other unrelated commercial or industrial purposes. Only they will have direct access and benefits. [HB-3588]

The state will have the right to drill, pump and transport groundwater located on all rights-of-way depleting aquifers and competing with private landowners under the rule of capture.

Some water may be exported out of state or to Mexico.

Large tracts of land will be taken only to wait decades for the corridor to be built.

New authority granted to TxDOT allows the taking of city or county owned real property, parkways, streets, highways, alleys, or reservations and prohibits TxDOT from paying any compensation for that land. [HB-3588]

Small towns and rural areas will not benefit from TTC because, by design the Corridor will have no access to adjacent property nor will it have frontage roads. The TxDOT plan provides that business development along the Corridor be on State owned land leased to State concession businesses. [HB-3588]

The state will own a monopoly of all businesses associated with TTC.

All Texans will pay for TTC through tolls, fees, leases and taxes. "It is likely that the Trans Texas Corridor will need to be a managed toll facility. Some methods to encourage use of such facilities by trucking are imposing additional costs to long-distance trucking over highways other than the Trans Texas Corridor." [plan citation]

Trans Texas Corridor could be a very tempting target for terrorists who could knock out vital utility and communication systems concentrated within the corridor.

Call your state senator and representative to voice your opposition. Do it before Dec. 16.

If you belong to a farm organization, call them immediately and tell them to oppose the Trans Texas Corridor, and do it before the Dec. 16 deadline. Ask the organizations that you have membership in to "Stand up and be heard. Do what is right for Texas and what is right for individual landowners. Don't let politics play a part in the decisions your organization makes."

Contact your county commissioners and city council members letting them know your opposition.

Do this now because the deadline is close upon us. Once the contracts are awarded it may be too late.

These are websites you can go to for further reference to find names and addresses, fax or phone numbers, and e-mail addresses: www.capitol.state.tx.us/ <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> Texas Capitol online http://www.texasattletrailers.org/<http://www.texasattletrailers.org/> Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers http://www.txfb.org/ Texas Farm Bureau http://www.dot.state.tx.us/ Texas Dept. of Transportation.

You can get current updates and information on the Trans Texas Corridor at the e-mail address below www.corridorwatch.org.



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

NEWS REEL
DEC. 12, 1974

The Crockett County 4-H Food Show winners were: Jeannine Perry, Gigi McKinney, Regina Everett, Monica Delgado, Frank Galvan, Felice Delgado, Rea Lynn Dews and Jan Watson.

NEWS REEL
DEC. 13, 1945

S/Sgt. Jack Baggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Baggett Jr. of Ozona, became "mister" this week when he received his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Ross Dickey has been appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff Frank James and will be on night watchman duties succeeding the late Roscoe Coates.

Nat Read, Joe Perry and Don Cooke have been selected for the first team of 4B All-District teams selected by the district coaches.

(Best of) It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

Hold the Onion

"I was there by your side in the garden," said the onion to the lettuce. "Please take me with you if you end up in a Whopper, Quarter Pounder or a Big Mac! I don't want to die in some salad bar. I was next to you when they sprayed you. We were picked together. Please take me along. I want to be like you and get a-head in life."

The onion's soulful pleading made the eyes of the potato weep.

"I have been with you all the way," sobbed the sorrowful onion. "Even now I am here by your side freezing to death in this refrigerator truck."

"I know you have been by my side every time something bad has happened to me," replied the head of lettuce. "I just wish you'd get away from me... you are a jinx. I don't want to be seen with you. Oh, here we are at Burger King, pretend that you don't know me. Don't let the corn see me talking to you. He is all ears. I can't promise you anything," whispered the lettuce to the onion, "but I'll see what I can do about getting you in a cheeseburger or at least a chili dog."

As luck would have it both the onion and the lettuce were selected as fixings for a Whopper.

"Look at that hunk of meat," said the lettuce to the onion as they both waited anxiously on the prep table.

"I'd give anything to have that warm body next to mine, his warm juices flowing over me. I would love to jump under the covers with him. I must admit I dreamed about getting next to a burger back in my salad days."

"Don't go losing your head," said the onion to the lettuce. "By rights I should get to lie next to the burger because my family goes back a long way with burgers. I had a cousin who went down with a Big Mac."

"That's nothing, I had an uncle down in Mexico who got to be part of a beef taco."

"Yeah, I see your relatives over their in the salad bar... wilting with embarrassment," said the cocky onion. "Thank goodness

we'll not be seen any more with those pathetic fruits and vegetables."

"Isn't that a wretched sight seeing those poor vegetables crawling out of their bowls dying on the icy slopes of the salad bar in an attempt to make it over here with us?" asked the lettuce. "Dead broccoli and carrots all over the place. I guess if God had meant for them to be part of a hamburger he would have made them round. Can you imagine the humiliation of dying next to a zucchini?"

"You gotta admit it's better than being part of a smelly fish sandwich," said the onion.

"Yeah, or worse, we could end up in a chicken sandwich," replied the lettuce.

"I wouldn't get caught dead next to a drumstick," said the onion. "But look! Oh, here it comes," said the onion in anticipation as a hand approached her cubicle.

"Please, please pick me," begged the onion. But alas it was not to be. Tears rolled off the onion as the teenage hand selected a cute little tomato instead.

"Please 'lettuce' be next," begged the iceberg.

"I get to be on top when our time comes," replied the social climbing root.

Finally their time came. "Here's the hand. He's picking us. Ahhhh! What a way to go," said the talking head of lettuce. "And right next to the meat too."

The onion's moment of ecstasy was short-lived however. "Why is that customer uncovering us?" asked the onion in despair.

"Oh, no, he's taking me away," the onion screamed as he was thrown in the trash along with sticky cups, fish sandwiches, soiled napkins and, perish the thought, chewed up pieces of processed poultry parts.

Epilogue: From the trash receptacle the lettuce could hear the poetic onion's plaintive cry: "Lettuce, weep no more for me, for I was doomed to die. But why, oh why, did it have to be next to a pickle and half eaten cherry pie?"

Letters to the Editor

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

To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and email if available.

All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 15 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Dec. 16 - Ladies Christmas Tea, 3:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Ozona School Bands Christmas Concert, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- Dec. 17 - School dismisses early for the Christmas Holiday. Classes will resume Jan. 3.
- Wesley Nurse monthly nutrition class, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Ozona JV and Varsity Lions vs Iraan, 5 p.m. in Iraan.
- Ozona JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs Junction, 5 p.m. in Junction.
- Dec. 20 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Games, 1-3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Dec. 21 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Dec. 22 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

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Head Start is a positive and nurturing program that is free for qualified children 3-5 years old who are not in kindergarten. The program operates from 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the school year. The center follows the calendar used by the local school district.

Children who attend Head Start participate in educational activities, have healthy meals and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors. Services are offered to

meet the special needs of the children with disabilities.

There is no charge for participation in Head Start but there are eligibility requirements that must be met before a child may be enrolled. The staff members of the Ozona Head Start center are available to answer any questions you may have about the enrollment requirements or about the Head Start program.

For information, call Debbie Bachman at 392-3429.

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Nat and Jean Read

Shaw named to Who's Who list

Rebekah Shaw, a junior accounting major at Sul Ross State University, has been named to the 2004-2005 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American University and Colleges."

Sul Ross named 64 university students for the annual publication that recognizes those graduate and undergraduate students attending American colleges and university who have cumulative GPA minimum of 3.0, attend college full-time and have been active in campus and or community activities where they have displayed evidence of leadership qualities.

Qualified students are selected by a committee of Sul Ross faculty, staff, and students appointed by the Dean of Student Life for inclusion in the publication.

Shaw is the daughter of Ronald and Rhonda Shaw of Ozona.

Wesley nurse monthly nutrition meeting Friday

The Wesley Nurse Program at the Ozona United Methodist Church will be holding its monthly nutrition class and food pantry at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the Fellowship Hall.

This month's lesson is on the Fruit Group and the Vegetable Group.

Levis & Lace News

By **TINA JARVIS**
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Dec. 7, club dancers Leroy and Carol Adcock, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Raul De La Rosa, Otis Nester, Jim Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Renee Padier and Lucy Hinde had a lesson at the Senior Center.

Club dancers, Leroy and Carol Adcock, Otis and Myra Nester, Jim Brisbin, Brigitte Rogers, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde, Rita Rios, Renee Padier and Tina Jarvis attended the Levis and Lace Christmas dance on Dec. 11 at the Senior Center.

The group danced to feature caller Bob McVey from New Braunfels, who kept three squares moving with mainstream, plus calls and line dancing.

Birthdays celebrated were for Nell Wester, Dec. 1, Myra Nester, Dec. 31 and Jim Brisbin, who couldn't make it to the dance in November so they celebrated his birthday also. All three were put in the middle of a giant circle and everyone sang

Happy Birthday to them.

The out of town dancers included George and Kay Stenzel from the Long Star Square Dance Club in San Antonio, Linda and Bill Daughtery from the Promenader's from Kerrville, Bill and Liz Older, Kay White, Phil Byers, Ralph and Barb of the Kerrville Q's and Ray and Shirley Brown from the Alamanders from Iraan joined in to make three squares. Everyone brought food and conversation, which rounded out our night.

Guests at our dance included Leroy and Carol Adcock's granddaughter Heather Full, who also danced with us, her friend Patrick Grissom, Adela Rios, Buster Miller and David Turicchi. We always enjoy having guests come and watch.

Our club will dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Care Center. All Levis and Lace dancers will be bringing gifts for the residents to be given out at their Christmas party at 6 p.m. Dec. 20. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun!

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Show your love with lights

Members of the Ozona Community Center are selling lights for the Lights of Love Christmas Tree. These may be purchased either in memory or in honor of someone special to you. Cost is \$3 for one light or two for \$5. An acknowledgement will be sent to the person you request.

You may purchase lights from any Community Center

member or by filling out the order form in The Ozona Stockman. Mail to: P.O. Box 41, Ozona, Texas 76943.

A list will be published in the newspaper showing the names of those who have purchased lights and who they have chosen to remember or honor.

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Submitted Photo
NELL WESTER, MYRA NESTER AND JIM BRISBIN celebrated their birthdays at the Levis and Lace Christmas dance on Dec. 11.

- Happy Birthday**
- Dec. 16 - Caleb Martinez and Markaus Galindo
 - Dec. 17 - Elena Rivas, Zachary Talamantez, Helen Owensby and Aidan Fierro
 - Dec. 18 - Adrian Villa and Celia West
 - Dec. 19 - Mandy Martinez, Terri Price, Jodie Baggett, Sean Austin Fuentes and Thomas Talamantez
 - Dec. 20 - Jacinda Villarreal, Christine Lindsey and Lefty Walker
 - Dec. 21 - Robin Conner, Tommie Pena-Alfaro and Manuel Moreno

To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

Toys for Tots drive continues through the weekend

Crockett County Veterans are collecting toys for the annual Toys for Tots drive.

People who wish to donate can drop off any new, unwrapped toy at Duckwalls, Dollar General or the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. Monetary contributions can be made at the Ozona Chatter Box, Maness Texaco and the Cafe Next Door.

Volunteers will be out Saturday in the town square collecting donations as well.

Applicants needing to receive Toys for Tots can come by from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the fire station. Deadline is Dec. 31.

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Obituaries

Barbara C. Breisacher



Barbara C. Breisacher, 92, went home to be with Our Lord at 3:10 p.m. on Monday Dec. 6, 2004 at the Crockett County Care Center. Services were Sunday, Dec. 12, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ozona with Father Serafin Avendio officiating. Burial was at the Cedar Hills Cemetery.

Barbara was born in New York City, N.Y. on April 22, 1912 to Michael and Theresa Marx, both preceded her in death along with her sisters and their husbands Betty and Fred Apers, Eva and Ted Hoffman and Anna and John Bahr.

She married Daniel Breisacher in May 1960. They both resided in Maine and Key West, Fla. until his death Nov. 12, 1986.

Survivors include her two daughters, Terry Adams and

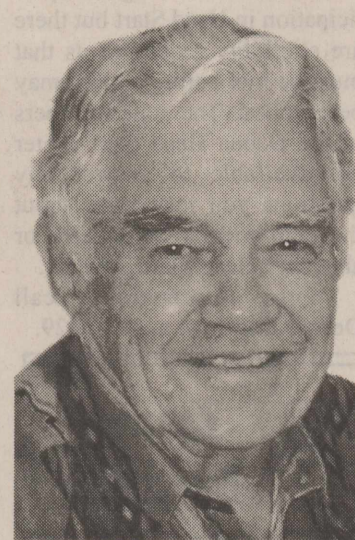
husband Jack of Ozona; Elaine Hussen of Chevy Chase, Md.; six grandchildren and their husbands and wives, Kathy and Westley Bracamontes of Arlington, Tammy and Louis Bunger of Ozona, Jon and Erika Adams of Coppell, David and Janene Adams of Katy, Rhonda and Patrice Penaud of Carlisle, Mass. and Zena and Bart Bartholomew of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; twelve great grandchildren Jamie LeMaire of Gonzales, La., Ashley Rich of Perry, Fla., G.L. and Kristin Bunger of Ozona, Morgan and Mason Adams of Coppell, Haley and Megan Adams of Katy, Alexandra and Taylor Bartholomew of Pacific Palisades, Calif., Brice and Chloe Penaud of Carlisle, Mass.; one great-great grandson Gage LeMaire of Gonzales, La. and many nieces and nephews.

Family would like to express their deep appreciation of the loving care afforded to her by Dr. Ike Whitten, Hospice of Ozona and the whole staff at the Crockett County Care Center and to a very special friend C.O. (Lefty) Walker.

Family request memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or the Crockett County Care Center.

The family request memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a charity of choice.

Johnny Tee Clark Jr.



Johnny Tee Clark, Jr., passed away Dec. 9, 2004, due to complications following an accident. Johnny was born on Sept. 20, 1928, in Pineland, to John Taylor and Gladys Morris Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son Johnny Tee Clark, III.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Tommye Glynn Clark; son, Jimmy Clark of San Angelo; daughter, Joy Brunson and son-in-law Brent, of Baytown; three grandchildren, Meagan, Lance, and Shay Brunson; and a very special young man, Arturo Martinez. He is also survived by two sisters, Ethel Clark Mitchell of Magnolia and Dolly Gullo and brother-in-law, Antone, of Magnolia; a brother, W.B. Clark, and sister-in-law, Charlene, of Channelview; mother-in-law, Ouida Billings of Del Rio; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen and Bill Maness of Ozona; numerous nieces and nephews; and close family friend, Jim Pirtle.

He received his bachelor's degree from Harding College at Searcy, Arkansas, his master's from Sul Ross State University, and was awarded a doctorate's degree from Western Colorado University in Grand Junction, Colorado.

He began his career in education as a teacher of mathematics in Langtry. From Langtry he moved to Ozona, and at the age of 24, he became superintendent. Dr. Clark then became superintendent at Wilson, Olton, and Hereford school districts before coming to Goose Creek CISD, Baytown. He served as superintendent for Goose Creek CISD from 1969 to 1985. Upon his retirement from Goose Creek CISD, he could not quit working and decided to stay active by forming his own roofing company.

In 1972, he was appointed by House Speaker Gus Mutscher to serve on an interim study committee to examine the administration of public school education in Texas; he

was also a member of the State committee for the study of curriculum in the 1980s and was appointed by Governor Preston Smith to serve on the Governors' Committee for Lifetime Sports. Dr. Clark was a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the Texas Association of School Administrators, and the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. He held positions of significant responsibility in those organizations and was one of 30 administrators selected to study educational programs in the Soviet Union. He was chosen as the Texas Classroom Teachers Administrator of the Year in 1984.

He was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ; Lions Club, of which he served as a district governor. He served as a past director of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and served on the Executive Board of the Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, and was a past member of the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association.

He was extremely proud of his grandchildren, Meagan, Lance, and Shay Brunson and Arturo Martinez. He was profoundly grateful to Joy Woodall and Judi Craig.

Pallbearers include nephews and friends Antone Gullo, Tony Gullo, Corky Gullo, Sparky Gullo, Roddy Rodriguez, Mike Waldrum, Stanley Flanagan, J.T. Hooten, Bussy Kaul, Dwight Shirley, John Walker, Paul Lee Hinton, and Rick Kemp. Honorary pallbearers are Gary Clark, Paul Hinton, Barry Nettles, Don Treuhardt, Woody Walker, members of school district Boards of Trustees that he served with during his years in education, and the employees of AAA Construction.

His family will receive friends at Navarre Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Ross S. Sterling High School Auditorium, 300 W. Baker Rd., Baytown with Tony Mauck officiating.

Another funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at the Ozona Church of Christ, 1002 11TH St., Ozona with Johnny Perkins officiating. Burial will follow at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona.

In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to the local charity of one's choice.

To view the obituary or to post a tribute for the family, go to www.navarre-funeralhome.com

Services are under the direction of Navarre Funeral Home, 2444 Rollingbrook Dr., Baytown (281) 422-8111.

Marcus Tooke

Marcus Tooke, 84, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 in Crockett County Care Center.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Mike Andress officiating. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Marcus was born Sept. 14, 1920 in Abilene.

Survivors include, five sisters, Jerlene Yeager of Carlsbad, N.M., Rosemary Garner of St. Louis, M.O., Dorothy L. Scott of East Liverpool, Ohio, Pat Haggerton and Nancy Emerson both of Wimberly; one brother, Leonard E. Tooke of Leesburg, Fla.; caregiver and nephew, Kenneth Yeager and wife Linda of Carlsbad, N.M.; special niece, Bonnie Jackson and husband Charles; numerous other nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a charity of your choice.

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Billy E. Gray

Billy E. Gray, 81, of Rankin died Dec. 2, 2004 at his home. Graveside services were Dec. 5 in the Rankin Cemetery with the Rev. Bobby Parmer officiating. Arrangements were by Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Mr. Gray was born on Nov. 9 1923 in Ranger. He was a retired welder for Shell Pipeline. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Oil City Masonic Lodge, #1256 and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Gray of Rankin; two sons, Terry Gray of Midland and Tommy Gray and his wife, Tamie of Ozona; five grandchildren, Matthew Gray and Elizabeth Gray of Lubbock, Krisopher Gray, Thomas Gray and Kasey Gray all of Ozona and on great-grandchild, Bryce Gray of Ozona.

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Extra Room

They are good friends and have been asking me to stay with them for a long time. They live in a very small house (2 rooms) and have very little money. My friend said he was even going to build a special room for me. I usually don't spend the night because of my tight schedule. I went by and spent the night with them last week.

I don't know how they did it but they gave me their bedroom and he and his wife and their son and his nephew and two children and wife all stayed in what used to be the kitchen. They are now cooking in the not completed new kitchen (no windows or doors). I felt so bad as they gave up so much for me to stay with them.

That experience of them making room for me in their house reminds me of an opportunity we have in life. Have we made room for God in our hearts? Many people don't or won't let God into their lives (Psalms 10:4, John 8:37) but others will (John 1:12).

It was a special blessing to stay with my friends just as it will be if you have invited Christ (Romans 10:13, Revelation 3:20) into your house (heart) and He has a comfortable place to stay.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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⁽¹⁰⁾ Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."
John 1:9 John 8:12

Thank you for reading **The Ozona Stockman**

Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR**
Activity Director

It is hard to believe Christmas is almost here. The Baptist Team Kids did Christmas posters for our residents. The posters were placed on residents' hallways. Thank you all.

Helen Owensby donated Christmas lights for the outside of the facility. Thank you Helen. Residents were entertained by the Catholic Youth Choir and the Catholic Adult Choir. Thank you all our residents enjoyed your Christmas singing.

The First Baptist Church Team Kids came and did Christmas caroling for our residents. Thank you all.

We have a full week to look forward too. Ozona Community Center, Del's Little School House, primary school, intermediate school, Baptist Church Choir are all scheduled for this week. Our residents are looking forward to all the Christmas activities.

Our residents and family Christmas Party will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 in the main lobby of the facility. We will start our evening with Katherine Russell at the piano at 6 p.m., then the Levis and Lace Square Dancers will perform. Everyone is wel-

come to come and joy us during this celebration of Christmas.

Please check with our charge nurses at the nurses' station before giving food to our residents, as some are on restrictions due to special duties of their care. Fruits are good for everyone. These can all be enjoyed by all our residents.

When bringing loved ones gifts, please mark items with residents initials. It makes it easier to make sure residents receive items. Please no glass items, plastics or better for our residents to handle.

Otis Nester, Nell Wester, Carol Adcock and employee Elsa Vasquez, entertained our residents with their singing and dancing on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you all you.

Churches that provide to our residents are Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and the Catholic Church. Thank you all for your services.

Our beauty shop ladies for this passed week are Lana Chandler, JoAnn Williamson, Rachel Ybarra, Nell Wester. Thank you all for making our lady residents so pretty.

Come join the Christmas celebration here at the CCCC. We're all excited about the Christmas activities.

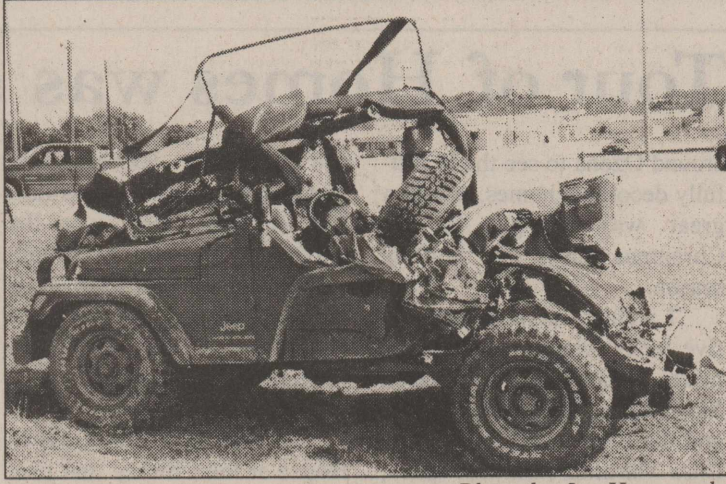


Photo by Joe Hernandez

THIS JEEP OWNED BY MORRIS KING was crushed on Dec. 9 after a tractor-trailer, driven by Senovio Ortiz, struck the rear of the Jeep in front of the Hillcrest Motel on Loop 466, according to a report from the Department of Public Safety. King's Jeep was stopped on the improved shoulder before being struck. King was airlifted to San Angelo and is in stable condition at a San Angelo hospital.



Photo by Melissa Perner

FREDDIE NICKS (middle) was honored for 12 years of service by the Crockett County Commissioners Court Monday at their meeting.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

The whole town of Ozona is in a busy mode getting ready for the Holidays that are soon to arrive. The Senior Center is all decorated and we are getting ready for our Ladies Christmas Tea and Musical Program presented by Brenda Newton. We have tried to get word out to all of you ladies to come and enjoy this festive occasion here at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Senior Center. If you need a ride please call 392-9094 and someone will pick you up and take you home.

Diane Phillips donated two nice photo albums to the senior center last week. Thank you Diane as we were in need of photo albums.

Several of our Senior Center "Regulars" are having birthdays in December. Nell Wester had a Birthday Dec. 1, Luetta Kost will have a birthday this week, Myra Nester had a birthday in December and our leading man, Lefty Walker will have a 94th Birthday on Dec. 20. All our good wishes go out to all of you folks.

We had a large turnout for our potluck last week. The food was "fittin'" and the people attending enjoyed being together.

Levis and Lace Square

Dance Club had their Christmas Square Dance last Saturday night with 32 attending. This is a good group of people and they all enjoy square dancing and being together.

I ran into Dorothy Montgomery at the grocery store this past week. She is such a special lady and it is always a treat seeing her.

Remember we have games here to play. Every Tuesday we have crafts at 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have our "Walk Two Miles" at 8:30 a.m. and "Walk One Mile" at 10 a.m.. Come and join us.

Our Activities are for those 50 years of age and above (we are flexible). Our building is alcohol and smoke free.

See you at the Ladies Christmas Tea!



Submitted Photo

CARE CENTER EMPLOYEE Elsa Vasquez and volunteers Nell Wester, Carol Adcock and Otis Nester entertained the care center residents with Christmas carols.

Texas signs concealed handgun agreements with Georgia, Montana

Texas has signed reciprocal agreements with Georgia and Montana, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by those states to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

Gov. Rick Perry signed the reciprocity agreements last week with Georgia and Montana, allowing licensees to visit Texas with their concealed handguns.

"These agreements allow licensed Texans to enjoy the same or similar privileges their licenses give them at home," said DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr.

With the addition of Georgia and Montana, Texas currently has reciprocity agreements with 14 states. (These agreements were made possible by 1997 and 2003 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.) Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Idaho,

Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves about laws in other states that govern where and when they can legally carry their concealed handguns," Davis said.

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Tour: Homes feature traditional trimmings

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small tree and lots of crosses. The breakfast room had Santa placemats and smaller Santas from all over the world. There was also a corner tree with multicolored lights.

The dining room had a green tablecloth with white China and a tree with white lights, gold ribbon and a beautiful bird to match.

The leopard print carpeted stairs lead up to niece Kyann Kothman's room that was filled with zebra-striped items and a corner pink Christmas tree.

In the home of Adella and Rey Garcia, the theme of Christmas was all around from floor to ceiling.

Giant snowmen and a toy soldier greeted visitors, along with lighted trees, garlands and wreaths.

The red colored living room featured a candy cane striped tree with a toy choo-choo train spinning around the base.

Snowmen, of all sizes, shapes, colors and sounds, could be found on shelves and all over the walls.

The lighted red hallway had Santas and reindeer all along it.

The first bedroom featured Santa Claus in both old and new styles. The next had a small tree surrounded by nutcrackers and more snowmen. The office had a manager scene and lighted snow village.

The family room had a revolving Christmas tree with red bows and lights. There was also a full-sized Santa to greet visitors.

The dining room featured red dishes, a Santa table runner, small candy cane tree and snowmen.

The kitchen had poinsettia placemats and a moveable Santa and Mrs. Claus. There was also a musical carousel, chef snowmen and snowmen dishes.

Adella said she starts decorating the week of Thanksgiving.

The home of Vickie and Martin Childress greeted visitors with a wooden snowman family out front surrounded by red lights and a lighted Christmas tree.

In the living room, two tall and smaller Christmas trees stand on each side of the fireplace, while the main tree is decorated with red cranberries with a straw bow on top. Snowmen were all around the room.

Daughter, Madison, 7, decorated her purple painted room with gingerbread men, Santa and a tree with purple bows. She also left Christmas greetings on her chalkboard covered closet doors. She also had her gingerbread house out and Winnie the Pooh characters who were dressed up for the season.

"We had a lot of fun doing this room," Vickie said. "A lot of these things were her baby stuff and we just kept it."

Son, Jacob, 2, decorated his room in a Cowboy Christmas theme, featuring a Cowboy Santa, nutcrackers and denim curtains made to look like overalls hung on a soto stick. He also left Christmas greetings on his chalkboard closet doors.

The dining room featured a green tablecloth with a poinsettia runner and Santa figurines from around the world.

At the home of Jackie and Cecil Necessary, lighted garlands, a red and green "Happy Holidays" sign and white garland lights were featured on the outside.

In the dining room, there was a white laced tablecloth with poinsettia China. More poinsettia could be found in the giant wreath that hung on the wall.

The guest bathroom had pink towels with Christmas wreaths. The guest room had a 50-year-old white brocade bedspread that belonged to Jackie's mother.

The living room featured a tall, white nativity scene made by Ann Shaw on top of the piano. There was also a Christmas snow village in the corner.

The tree featured white lights, lace and glass ornaments as it revolved with a lighted angel on top.

Santa Claus also made an appearance at the Necessary's house.

Christmas Tour of Homes was a wonderful success

BY LOUISE P. LEDOUX
Crockett County
Public Librarian

The 2004 Christmas Tour of Homes was a wonderful success. We had five different and especially beautiful homes on the Tour this year.

About 50 people, some from out-of-town, made it all

around Ozona to see the beautifully decorated homes. It was a great way to get in the Christmas spirit this holiday season.

I want to congratulate the five lucky winners of the door prizes donated by Blanca Martinez at Baskets & More and the Friends of the Library. Elisa Martinez, Emma Franco,

and Charlotte Harrell took home beautiful red poinsettias, and Romelia Fierro won the gorgeous Christmas wreath crafted and donated by Baskets & More. Barbara Bird won the brand new Mitford cookbook by Jan Karon donated by the Friends of the Library.

It was a festive Open House at the Library that pro-

vided the perfect ending for the Tour of Homes.

I want to thank all the Friends of the Library volunteers that made this fundraiser for the Library possible.

From the community service volunteers that worked so hard to decorate the Library, to the Friends volunteers that provided the delicious refresh-

ments and conducted the home tours, to my wonderful library staff that do all the little extras that make such an event possible at the Library - thank you all and Merry Christmas!

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Fifth grade students honored at D.A.R.E. Graduation

Smoking and tobacco are harmful to the body

By **KELBIE RENFROE**
Mrs. Laughlin's Class

There are many things I learned in D.A.R.E.

In D.A.R.E. I learned that smoking causes breathing problems.

Smokers have more colds and upper respiratory problems. It also causes heart disease. Smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerful substance that causes addiction.

Marijuana can cause colds and affects the brain

By **ANTHONY DELGADO**
Ms. Harrison's Class

I will tell you what I learned about D.A.R.E., like how to say "no" to drugs.

Tobacco is very dangerous. Here's why: more than 200 known poisons are in cigarette smoke. That can kill you! Smoking can cause breathing problems and can affect your body development.

That's not good at all! In the United States, it is illegal to use tobacco products under 18 years of age.

Approximately, 3,000 non-smokers die of lung cancer each year from breathing other people's smoke.

That's like the whole town of Ozona dying from not even smoking. So, don't even think about doing tobacco.

Another kind of drug is marijuana. If you use marijuana you can have more colds and upper respiratory problems. Marijuana affects

Always say 'no' and walk away from drugs

By **AMBER SANCHEZ**
Mrs. Koerth's Class

In D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) I learned many things about drugs and what they do to you and why you shouldn't take drugs.

I learned the kinds of different drug. I'll list them.

Cigarettes have tar and nicotine. Nicotine is why people can't quit because it's addictive. Marijuana gives you cancer, affects your brain and body.

Over 400,000 people die each year from smoking.

Tobacco is also harmful. It affects your body's development.

It is illegal to sell tobacco to anyone under the age of 18.

The skills I learned in D.A.R.E. are important because I will know how to handle different situations.

I will make a commitment to make wise decisions about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

your brain and body.

For example, short-term memory and loss of ability to concentrate. Marijuana can be addictive. So don't do it. Marijuana is illegal in the United States too.

Marijuana smoke contains 50 to 70 percent more of cancer causing chemicals than tobacco smoke. It is the worst known drug in the world.

Here are ways to stay away from drugs, like for example if someone asked you "Hey, do you want to smoke?" just ignore them and walk away.

Another way to say "no" is avoiding the situation.

Say if you know of places where people often use drugs, stay away from those places.

One way to get out of a risky situation is humor.

For example, "Would you like to drink? No, I don't want to never play football again."

I will never do drugs. I love my teachers this year.

I hope you don't do drugs.

Too much alcohol could lead to a coma or even death. Alcohol can also damage every organ in your body.

Also in D.A.R.E., I learned how to say no and walk away if someone offers me a drug of any kind.

And inhalants like paints can affect your brain, mouth, throat, lungs, heart and liver. Tobacco can also affect your brain, mouth, throat, lungs, heart and liver.

I made a decision never to do drugs.



Photo by Melissa Perner
D.A.R.E. JACKET WINNERS: (left to right) Anthony Delgado, Amber Sanchez and Kelbie Renfroe. D.A.R.E. Graduation was held Dec. 3 at the intermediate school.

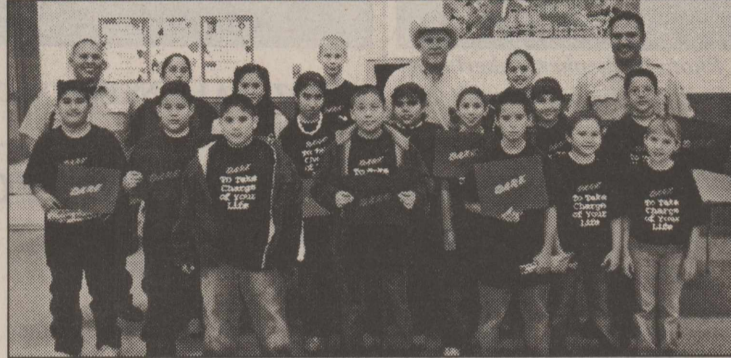


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MRS. LAUGHLIN'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS received D.A.R.E. certificates at the Dec. 3 graduation.



Photo by Melissa Perner
MS. HARRISON'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS received D.A.R.E. certificates at the Dec. 3 graduation.



Photo by Melissa Perner
MRS. KOERTH'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS received D.A.R.E. certificates at the Dec. 3 graduation.

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change. If the hours change it will be posted at the fitness center and in The Ozona Stockman.

The fitness center will be available to all school personnel during school hours if not being used by a physical education class from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The center will be closed during school holidays.

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THE OZONA LADY LIONS, along with Coaches Glen Gleghorn and Dale Mayfield, pose with their third place trophy from the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

Lady Lions take third in Ozona Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions Varsity Team took third place this past weekend in the 74th annual Ozona Tournament.

Casey Ybarra and Taylor Oglesby were both named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, the Lady Lions defeated Ira 42-26. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: C. Ybarra 16; Hilary Huffman 9; Oglesby 4; Ashley Unger 4; Megan McDaniel 7 and Heather Ybarra 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 16 8 5 - 42; Ira - 8 4 5 9 - 26.

In the second game, Ozona beat Fort Stockton 55-37. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: C. Ybarra 6; Huffman 7; Oglesby 13; Unger 24; Allison Skehan 2; McDaniel 1 and H. Ybarra 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 18 19 12 6 - 55; Fort Stockton - 7 11 13 6 - 37.

The ladies then faced a tough McCamey team who defeated them 33-41. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Oglesby 4; Huffman 6; Unger 2; Skehan 2; Malorie Moran 2 and C. Ybarra 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 13 11 4 - 33; McCamey 5 11 15 10 - 41.

Ozona then defeated Irion County 58-38 for the third place prize. Scoring for the Lady Lions

was: Oglesby 16; Unger 13; Skehan 5; Moran 4; McDaniel 7; C. Ybarra 13.

The Lady Lions also defeated Christoval on Dec. 7 by one-point in a down to the wire overtime game.

Ozona came away with the 39-38 win after Unger sunk two free throws and then a lay up.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Huffman 4; Oglesby 4; Unger 18; Skehan 2; C. Ybarra 11.

Score by quarters: Ozona 11 3 5 14 6 - 39; Christoval 10 6 8 9 5 - 38.

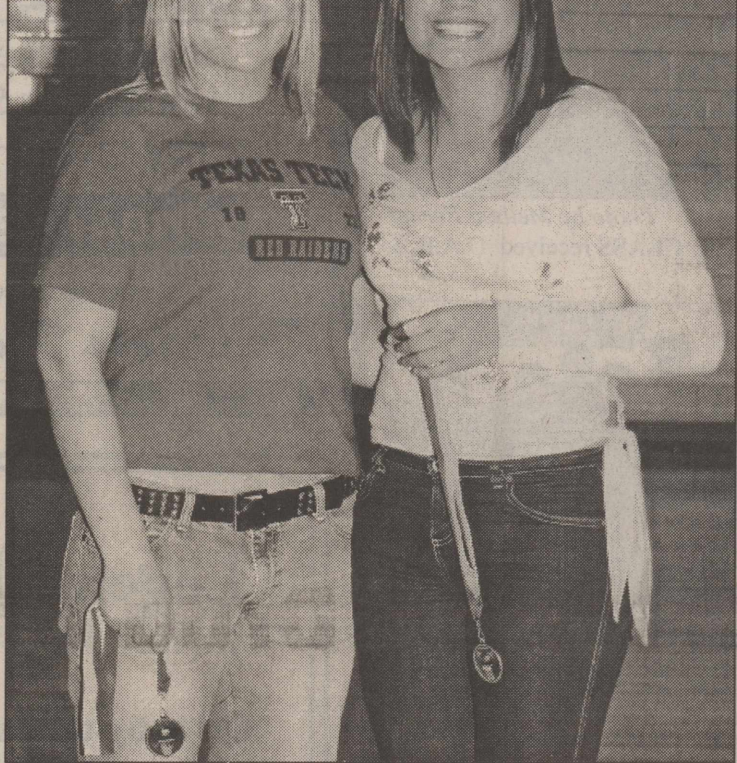


Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
TAYLOR OGLESBY AND CASEY YBARRA were named to the All-Tournament team at the Ozona Basketball Tournament.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
THE OZONA LIONS WON SECOND PLACE in the 74th Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament held Dec. 9-11.

Lions take second in Ozona Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lions took home second place this past weekend in the 74th annual Ozona Tournament.

Senior Trey Collis was named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Ira in a game that came down to the wire. The final was 48-47.

Scoring for the Lions was: Nick Perez 18; Trey Collis 3; Tate Collis 2; Justin Galan 4; Zane Coates 4; Levi Vargas 10; Drew Clayton 2 and Matt McGuire 5.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 10 7 17 - 48; Ira - 10 11 14 12 - 47.

"This was a good, close game. Eight of our 11 players scored," said Coach Lynn Searsy. "Nick Perez had a good fourth quarter with 13 points. Matt McGuire, Trey Collis and Drew Clayton did well on the boards."

The Lions then crushed McCamey 62-51 in their next game. Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 19; Colby Mayfield 2; Galan 7; Coates 2; Perez 8; Vargas

8; Clayton 4 and McGuire 12.

Three-point goals - Vargas 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 17 12 23 10 - 62; McCamey - 8 18 10 14 - 51.

"Again eight players put points on the board. They had one of his better games, with 19 points and nine rebounds. Matt also had a good game with 12 points and 10 rebounds. The team shot well from the free-throw line," Searsy said.

Ozona was then defeated 52-76 by Irion County for the second place finish.

Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 24; Trey Collis 11; Tate Collis 4; Coates 2; Clayton 2 and McGuire 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona 11 20 14 7 - 52; Irion County - 23 23 17 13 - 76.

"Levi Vargas had a good game with 24 points. The team played well," Searsy said. "I would like to think everyone that helped with the tournament. All the book keepers, and those that helped with the hospitality room, a special thank you."

The Lions also defeated Christoval Dec. 7 in a nail biter 44-42 victory.

Scoring for the Lions was:

Perez 14; Vargas 10; Clayton 6;

Trey Collis 6; McGuire 2; Borrego 2; Tate Collis 2; Mayfield 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona 6 18 6 14 - 44; Christoval 6 14 29 13 - 42.

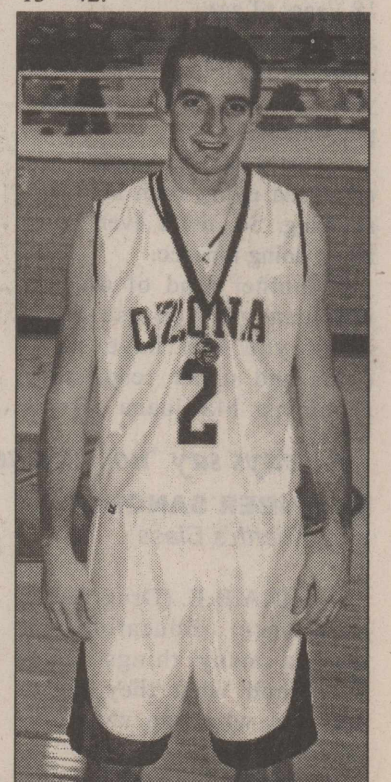


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TREY COLLIS was selected to the All-Tournament team at the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

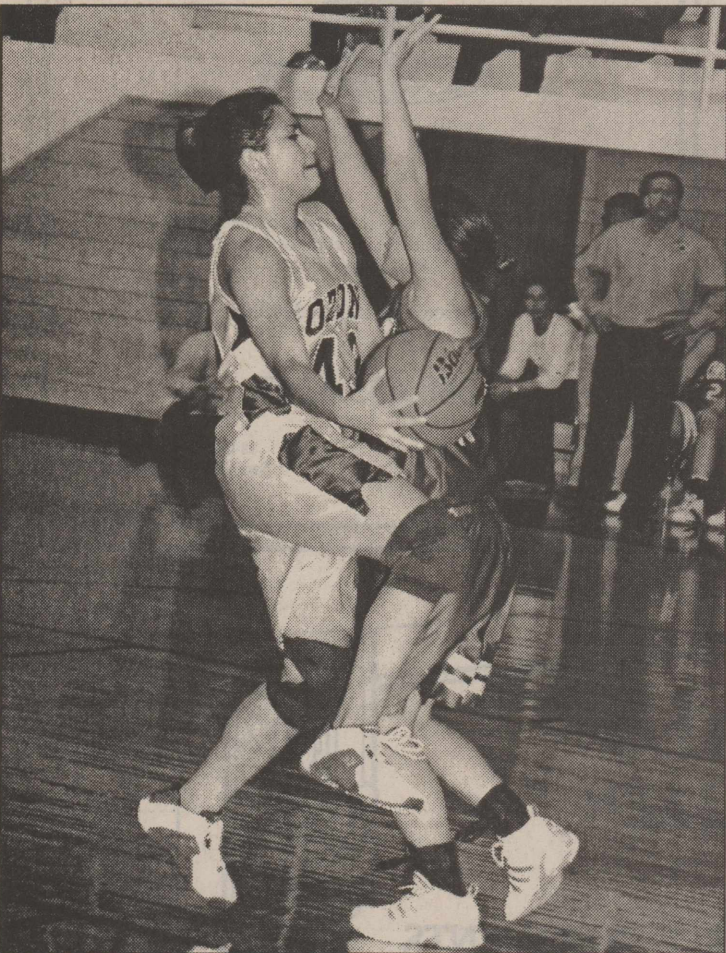


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CASEY YBARRA DRIVES TO THE BASKET through a Christoval Lady Cougar defender.

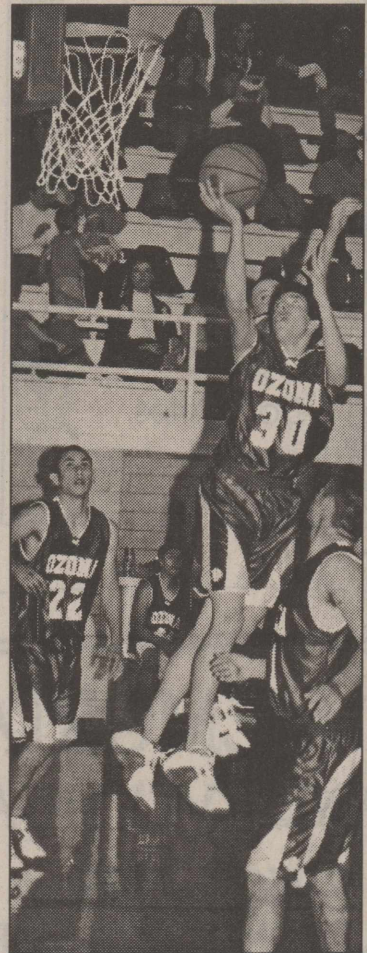


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LEVI VARGAS made 24 points in the Lions game against Mertzon.



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TREY COLLIS makes two pts.

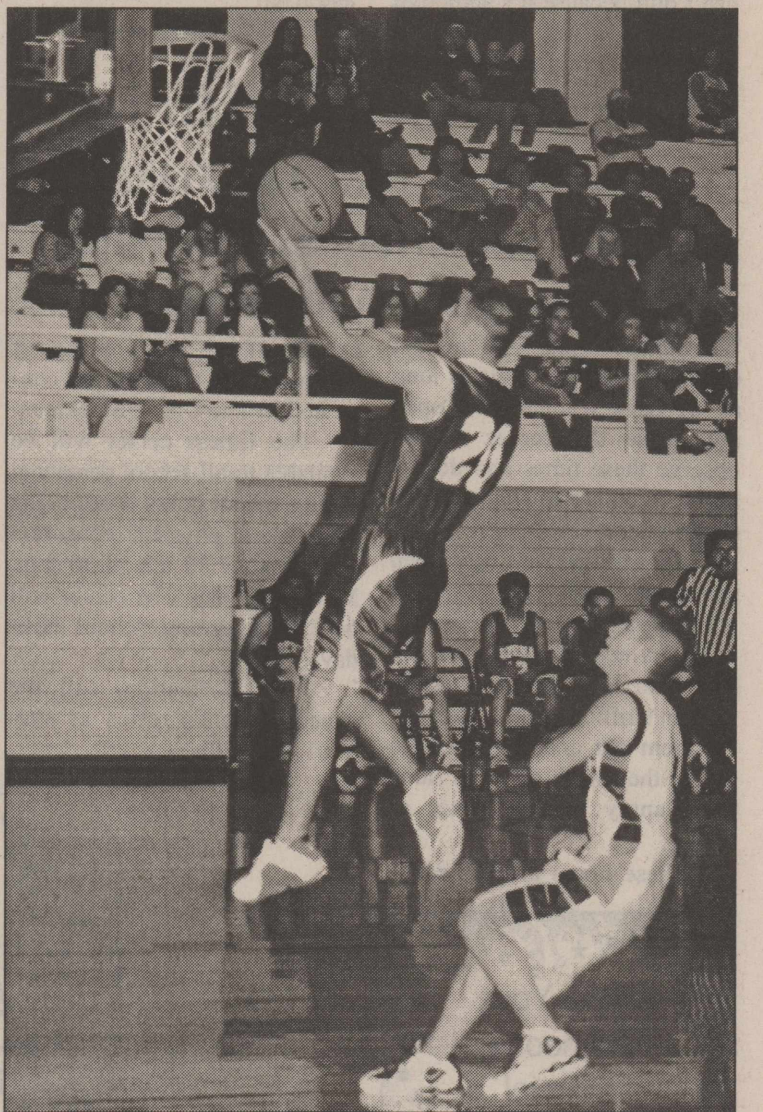


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NICK PEREZ HANGS SOME AIR TIME with this shot in the varsity Lions game against McCamey in the Ozona Tournament.

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JV Gold Lady Lions defeat Junction 28-12

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Gold Lady Lions defeated Junction 28-12 on Dec. 6.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Adrienne Bendele 13; Morgan Glosson 4; Anna Hernandez 6, Britni Buchanan 1 and Kelley Eckert 4. Also play-

ing were Melanie Wallace, Julia Henderson, Paloma Taylor and Blanca Garza.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 0 8 12 - 28; Junction - 0 2 4 6 - 12.

The JV Gold Lady Lions will take a break until Jan. 10 when they face Wall at 6:30 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
BLANCA GARZA moves the ball down the court as teammate Melanie Wallace follows close behind. The JV Gold Lady Lions defeated Junction 28-12.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
BRANDI GLOSSON plays great defense against the seventh grade Junction Lady Eagles on Dec. 6.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions beat Junction

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated the Junction Eagles 23-12 on Dec. 6.

"The girls used their press all night and were able to create a lot of turnovers," said Coach Kim Miller. "Junction ran a zone defense all night, which caused Ozona to not score as much as we should have."

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Brandi Glosson 6; Alex Cruz 6; Alex Macias 5; Jayci Miller 4 and Libby Moore 4. Others play-

ing were: Shelby Ortiz, Kelsey Childress, Brandyn Tebbetts, Abby Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez and Myra Dominguez.

"We will definitely work on an offense against the zone and need to work on a press break," Miller said. "Wall beat Junction 70-1 and we can't let that happen to us. We will need to step it up. So far Sonora is the only team to beat us by six points so the girls' goal is to beat Wall and Sonora."

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions will take a break until Jan. 8 when they travel to Iraan for the Iraan Tournament.

Seventh Grade Lions pounce Eagles 35-12

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions pounced the Junction Eagles 35-15 on Dec. 6 in Junction.

Scoring for the Lions was: Jay Villareal 4; Kyle Sewell 2; Lane White 2; Bailey Badillo 2; Matthew Fay 11; Dylan Castillo 2 and Jaron Vasquez 12.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 10 9 8 - 35; Junction - 2 3 3 7 - 15.

"Kurtlan Reyes, Lane White

and Kyle Sewell played very strong defensively to create several steals for the Lions," said Coach Benny Granger. "The kids played very good. Junction kept switching from man defense to a zone defense; the Lions were able to adjust offensively. The kids showed a lot of maturity in being able to handle this. Also, our zone press was very effective."

The Seventh Grade Lions will take a break until Jan. 8 when they travel to Iraan for the Iraan Tournament.

Eighth Grade Lions face tough Junction teams

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions took on the Junction Eagles Dec. 6 in two games at Junction.

In the first game, the Lions lost 7-22. Scoring for the Lions was: Ruben Rivas 4 and Devon Diehl 3. Also playing for the Lions was: Wilson White, Jordan DeHoyos and Nathan Knox.

In the second game, the Lions lost a close game, 25-30 to a good Junction team.

Scoring for the Lions was: Jonathan Flores 5; Fabian Flores

3; Steven Silva 6 and Matthew Garza 11. Also playing for the Lions was: Matthew Komechak, Fabian Onate, Jesse Ramos, Daniel Gonzales and Josh Smith.

"The Lions played good defense the entire game and showed great heart and desire. The Lions had some trouble getting the ball to go in the basket in some critical situations during the game," said Coach Benjy Unger.

The Eighth Grade Lions will take a break until Jan. 8 when they travel to Iraan for the Iraan Tournament.

Methodist Historic Christmas Pageant tonight at 6:30 p.m.

The Ozona United Methodist Church will be having their First Annual Historic Christmas Pageant Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Charlotte Harrell and Justina Saunders will be performing flute duets as prelude starting about 6:15 pm.

The pageant is a portrayal of what the early Ozona United Methodist Church would have been like during the 1900s.

The pageant will begin in present time with the OUMC youth discussing their favorite Christmas carols. The youth are curious about how the carols began and wonder what the early Ozona church was like. The pageant then flashes back to an early 1900s school house setting with the teacher played by Vicky Stokes preparing her students who are played by local youth for the upcoming community Christmas gathering. The children are learning about Christmas carols and will perform the "Little Drummer Boy". The pageant continues with

a feed store scene where local men are discussing the issues and concerns of the day. The Men's Gospel choir will perform "Go Tell it on the Mountain" accompanied by strings.

Next the pageant moves to the traditional church setting where an early day message will be brought by Pastor Dr. John Fluth and "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" will be performed by the church choir. The pageant will close with the arrival of Santa Clause and the combined performance of "O come All Ye Faithful".

After the performance, a Christmas party will be held in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments provided. Various early church artifacts will be displayed during the reception. All are invited to attend. Come listen and learn about the early Ozona United Methodist Church and hymns.

The pageant is directed by Tammy McWilliams and Justina Saunders, and is accompanied by Vicky Stokes.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
ASHLEY UNGER hustles for a loose ball in the Lady Lions game against McCamey in the Ozona Tournament.

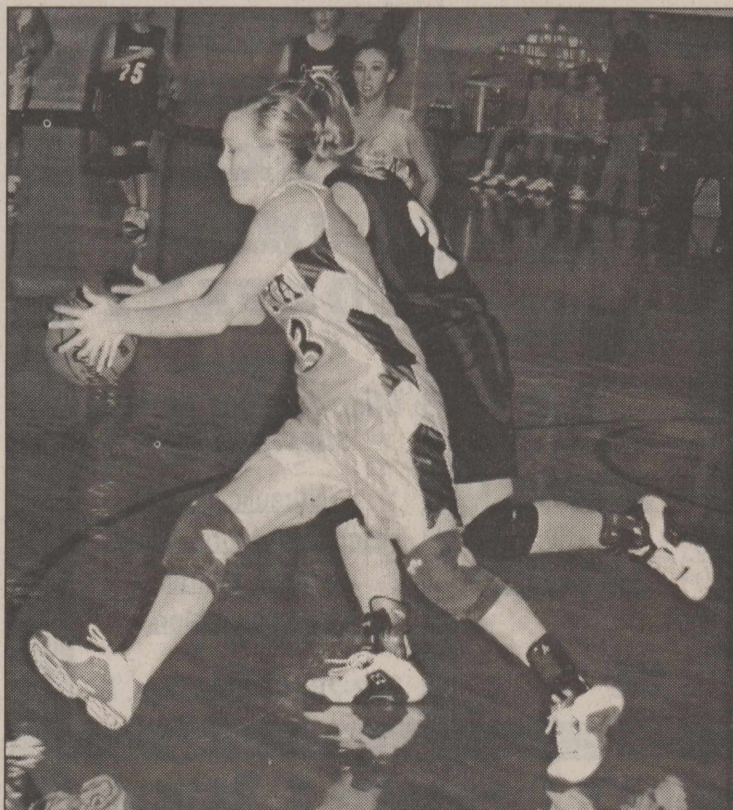


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HILARY HUFFMAN steals the ball from a McCamey Lady Badger in the Lady Lions game in the Ozona Tournament on Dec. 10.

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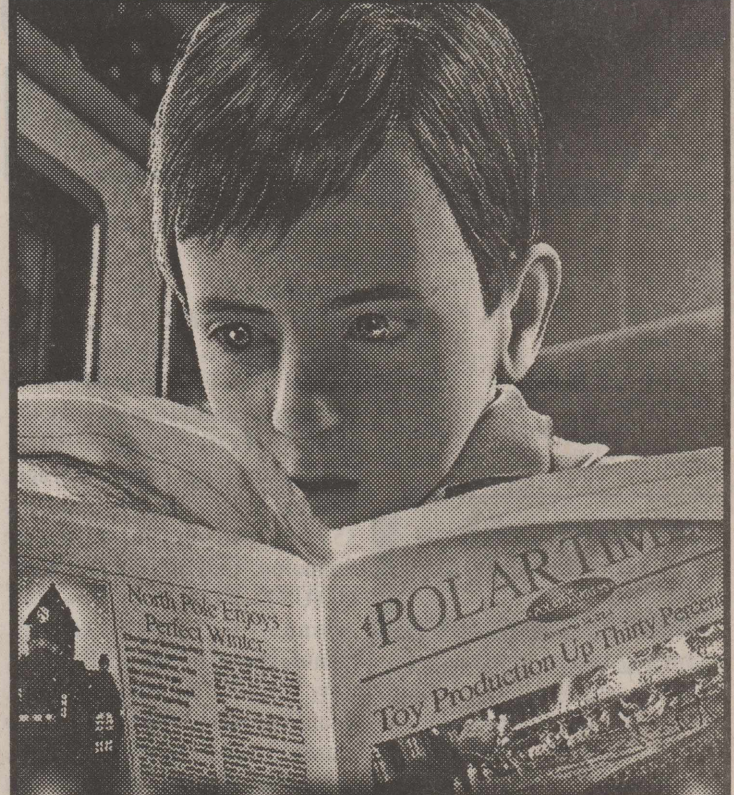
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