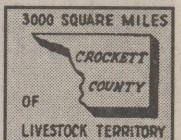


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Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Jan. 17	56	19	-0-
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Jan. 20	75	35	-0-
Jan. 21	73	34	-0-
Jan. 22	56	34	-0-
Jan. 23	49	25	-0-

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Wednesday	Thursday
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Partly Cloudy	Showers

Friday	Saturday
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School board sets election date, discusses campus improvement plans

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Crockett County voters will go to the polls to vote for school board trustees on May 7.

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees approved the date at the Jan. 20 monthly meeting.

The two seats on the ballot this year are District 5 currently held by Kenny Wadsworth and District 2 currently held by George Ybarra.

The date to file to run for either position starts Feb. 5 and runs through March 7.

The dates to apply for a ballot by mail are March 8-April 29. The last day to register to vote is April 7. Early voting will be April 20-May 3.

In the discussion about the 2004-2005 Campus Improvement Plans, the board asked each principal what they are working on at their campuses.

Primary school principal Dan Webb said that his campus is concentrating on reading and implementing a reading program that supplements the classroom.

Intermediate school principal Manley Holmes said that the biggest problem his campus has had has been the students transition from primary school to intermediate school as far as the TAKS test goes.

"Now the problem is solved with Mr. Webb and his curriculum in getting the kids ready," Holmes

said. "I don't see any problem we can't overcome with time. We're all doing a great job at trying to get these kids ready, but it's going to be a race. It's going to take time to catch up."

Middle school principal Doug Guynes said that his campus is making math a primary goal.

"We still have our goals where we want to be recognized this year," he said.

High school principal Steve Taylor said that TAKS science, writing and math are the areas the high school is working on.

The English teachers have attended several seminars in the summer and fall, and the students' writing is improving, Taylor said.

To help with the science, juniors who have fulfilled their minimum requirements for science their previous two years are in a TAKS science class this year to help improve in that area, he said.

"I feel that our scores will be much better," he said. "We are the only non-recognized campus and our teachers took that personal."

In his technology report, Rod Miller, district technology director, said that he is surveying each campus with various companies as to where to put the security cameras. The cameras were approved by the board at the November meeting.

Miller said that designated areas are four each for the high school and middle school and one each for the primary school, in-

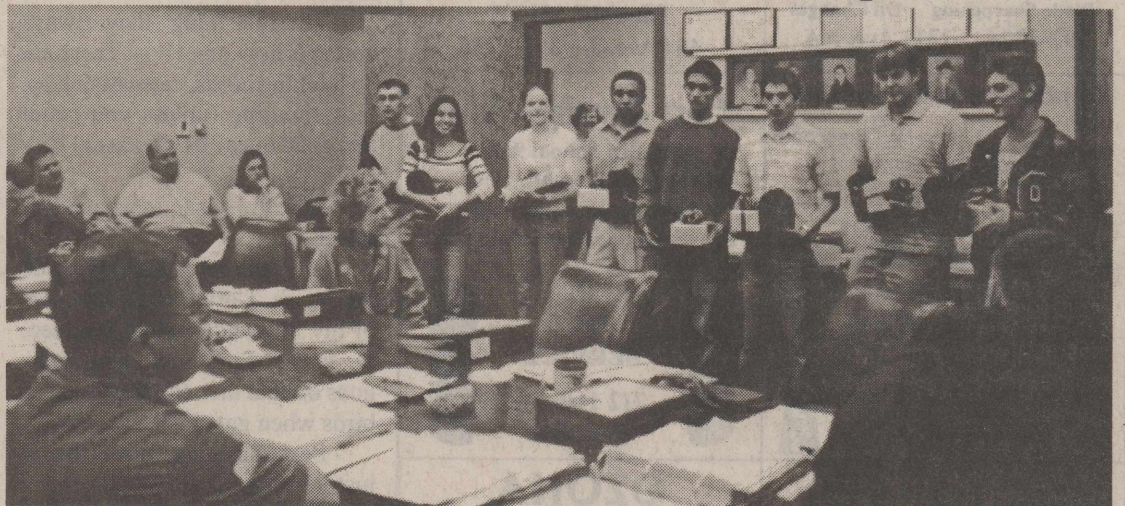


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OZONA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (left to right) Kyle Webb, Jasmine Tambunga, Allison Skehan, Roland Galindo, Paarth Raj, Eliseo Treto, Jared Bird and Derek Fierro presented the school board with gifts on Jan. 20 at the board meeting as part of School Board Recognition Month.

intermediate school and the alternative education classroom.

There is also the possibility of including a camera that would also have a radio signal over at the field house, which would allow Internet and e-mail to be available on the computers there. The field house currently has no Internet connection, Miller said.

The field house was also chosen due to reports of students' vehicles being vandalized when they are left there on out-of-town trips, said Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor Ray Don Myers.

Bids for the cameras are still being pursued through several

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BLACK WINS RESERVE CHAMPION



Submitted photo

MURPHEY BLACK (right) with sister Allie, won the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show this past weekend at Kerrville. More stock show results are on page 7.

Stokes says goodbye to county tax office

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Throughout his 30 years in office, Tommy Stokes never had to face a contested election.

"I guess nobody wanted the job or nobody wanted to challenge me," he said.

Now, Stokes plans on spending his time ranching instead of worrying about taxes.

The Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector and Chief Appraiser announced his resignation last month. On Jan. 21, he was honored at a reception at the Crockett National Bank Boardroom.

Rhonda Shaw, who has worked in the tax office for 24 years, was sworn-in at the new tax assessor-collector and chief appraiser on Jan. 3.

"She's learning how to do it all, even deal with angry tax agents," Stokes said. "I feel she is quite capable."

Stokes began his Crockett County career when he was appointed by former sheriff Billy Milles as Chief Deputy Tax Officer in 1979.

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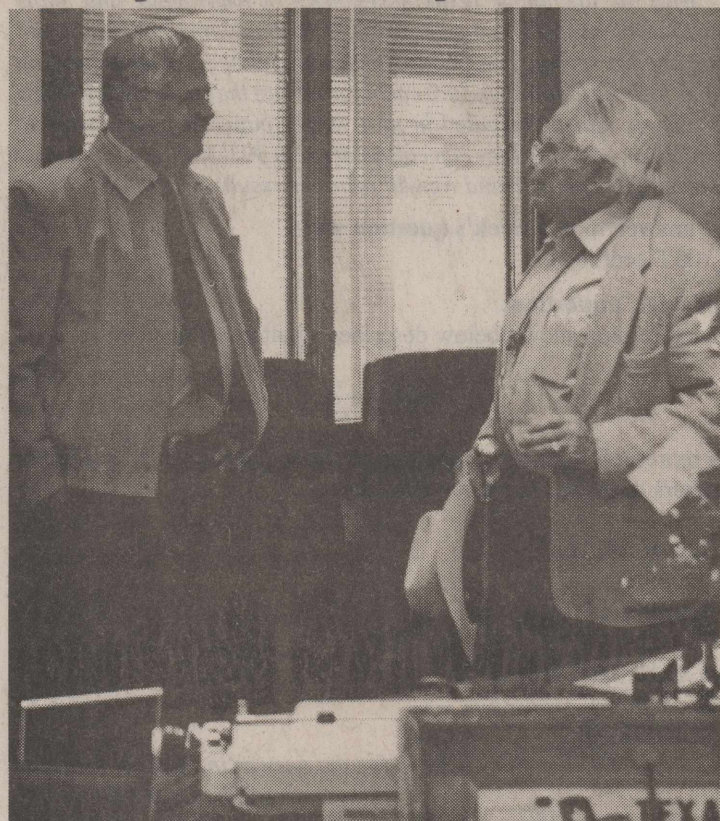


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RETIREE TOMMY STOKES (left) visits with Troy Williams during a reception on Jan. 21 at the Crockett National Bank Boardroom. Stokes was honored for his 30 years as Crockett County Tax-Assessor Collector and Chief Appraiser.

Museum opens bank room with reception

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The daily routine at Ozona National Bank use to involve a pen, ink and writing of numbers before the doors could close.

The cash book and the general ledger book are the two infamous books that contain all the records of cash flow for Ozona National Bank dating back to 1905. The items were two of the objects on display at the Crockett County Museum's Bank Room that was featured during a reception Monday as part of ONB's year long 100th anniversary celebration.

"Nobody could leave until the books were balanced," said Lou Chapman who has worked at the bank since 1980. "We jumped from this to the computers."

When Sonny Henderson started working at the bank in 1969, his first job was filing checks and learning to read people's signatures.

"You didn't have to know your account number, just sign your name," he said.

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Photo by Melissa Perner

FORMER BANK PRESIDENT PLEAS L. CHILDRESS stands next a machine that use to post checks and deposits at Ozona National Bank. The machine, which is now part of the Crockett County Museum's Bank Room, was one of the various items talked about during Monday's reception.

EDUCATING HER PEERS

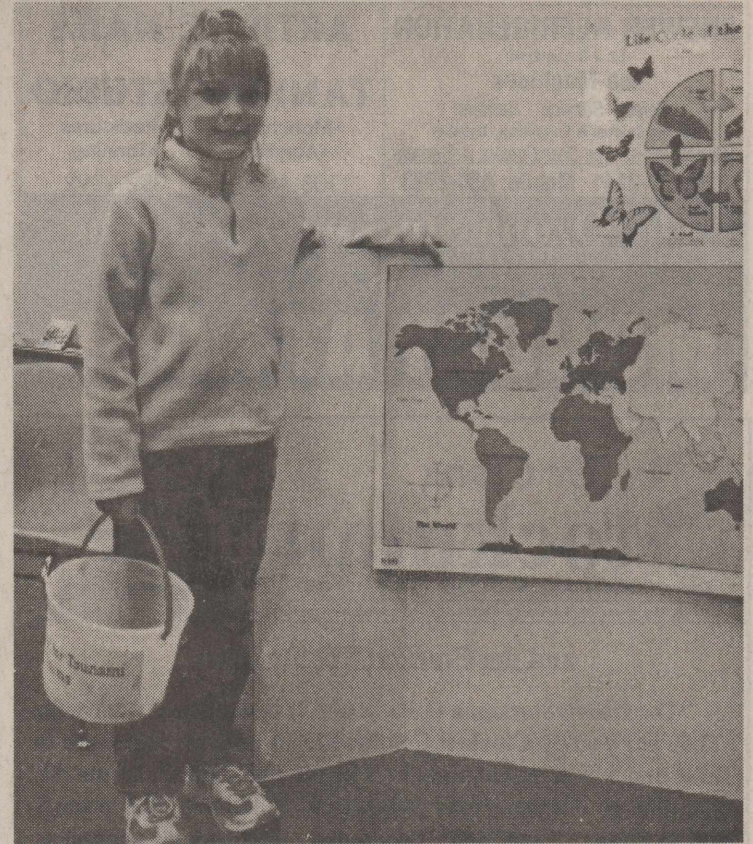


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JADIE MARSHALL stands next to the world map that she used to tell her fellow students about tsunamis. Jadie is spearheading the campaign to collect money in buckets to donate to AmeriCares for the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Second-grader teaches fellow students about tsunami relief efforts

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

When second-grader Jadie Marshall heard about the tsunamis in Asia, she immediately asked her teacher Peggy Logan what could be done to help.

Jadie took on the job of learning about tsunamis and telling Ozona Primary School students how they can donate pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills to help families in Asia.

"Miss Logan and I started this," Jadie said. "Most people lost their lives, houses and clothes. I thought we should do something about it."

Logan said that when the students came back from the Christmas break, they talked about what happened during the tsunami.

Jadie, who is in the gifted and talented program, became worried about the families in need and wanted to help. Logan said.

Armed with a world map,

collection buckets and information, Jadie went around to classrooms and informed her fellow students about tsunamis and the damage that they have caused.

"It's a big earthquake under the sea that makes big waves," Jadie said.

"She had done a great job with this project," Logan added.

Buckets for monetary donations were placed in every classroom and the school office. Jadie is responsible for going around, collecting the buckets and counting the money.

So far the school has raised \$96.90 which will be donated to AmeriCares for their Tsunami Relief Fund.

"The bucket in the classroom next door is almost full, but there's only \$1 in the bucket in the office the last time I went around," Jadie said.

The school is still collecting donations. For those wanting to donate, buckets are located at the primary school office and in all classrooms.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Enjoying the peaceful noise of country living

I always love it when "city folk" come visit our home at the ranch. The first thing they always notice is how quiet it is. There are no honking horns, cars passing by, kids shouting (unless you count the goat ones) or the usual city noise. Peaceful noise is what I like to call it. As I take care of things inside the house, I often hear the noise of my husband starting his Jeep, the crash of the bump gate as he goes off and then the scattering of birds when gate hits. Peaceful noise, noise that is just familiar. At night, the world gets kind of mysterious out here. The quiet can be eerie if you are not use to it, like I was last year when we first moved. I use to jump at every little sound. Whether it was a hoot owl, a breeze rustling the leaves or the sound of rain hitting the metal roof of the house, I would just sit there with my eyes wide open waiting to see what happened. Now, as a lay snuggled in my bed, even the barking of our dog Jade doesn't phase me that much.

I let my husband get up and deal with whatever animal she's found. Why not? Our dog only listens to him, so I wouldn't do much good. I just turn over and go back to sleep. The noise out here is uniquely it's own. Where else do you hear the wind howling as it whips through the trees, an owl hooting, or just the pleasant sound of nothing? I do mean nothing. After only a year of living out here, I now notice all that city noise when I visit friends, or even when I stay in town two or three times a week. Even in a quiet small town, the noise of traffic, neighbors starting their cars and such is still present. A lot of my friends and family said that it was the quiet that would drive me crazy when I moved out here. Instead, I have found that after a busy week at the paper, with machines humming, people coming and going and that phone ringing, quiet is exactly what I need at my home. Excuse me now, as I sit back and enjoy the peaceful noise of country living.



NEWS REEL
 JAN. 23, 1975

Winners in the annual FFA Commercial Livestock Show held here Saturday were Max Schroeder, Vaden Aldridge, Danny Weant, Jerry Weant, Tony Conner, Bill Bissett, Richard Sanchez, David Bean, Douglas Bean, Leslie Long, Vince Huffman, Ricky Perry and Greg Thompson.

NEWS REEL
 JAN. 24, 1946

Charles Preddy, owner of B&C Automotive, opened up Saturday morning and discovered that he had been burglarized late Friday night or early Saturday morning. The thief or thieves made off with about \$500 in change, a tape player, 26 tapes, a calculator, a multi-band radio and two testing instruments. The sheriff's department is investigating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Friend Jr. were in El Paso last week for a visit with Capt. and Mrs. T.A. Kincaid Jr. Capt. Kincaid is stationed at Fort Bliss.

It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

A Real Show Stopper

I think experience is way overrated. Take it from someone who knows, often you are better off not knowing anything about what you are doing. Back when I was showing steers at the county fair there were two competitions: One was based on the quality of your animal and the other was based on your ability to show your animal to its best advantage. Although I showed a few Grand Champion steers in my time I only won showmanship once and that was with my first steer who was known as "The Terminator" long before the Governor of California was. My steer's real name was Abe, named after the President who was my hero, although I doubt if Mr. Lincoln would have appreciated having the meanest, nastiest, most ornery steer that ever drew a breath named after him. The only thing that Abe the steer and Abe the President had in common was they both had unruly hair and went to war. I worked with Abe to try and calm him down but he still ate my lunch for breakfast every day. In preparation for the fair we had a field day to simulate what conditions would be like when we took our animals to town for the fair. The field day was staged at the Little League baseball diamond which was fitting because my steer did a grand slam on the left field fence, performed a hit and run on my ag teacher and struck fear in the hearts of everyone who dared walked into his strike zone. Both dugouts were converted into triage units and filled to capacity with people Abe injured. When we took Abe to the fair it required three big men, two halter ropes, an assortment of lariats and a tranquilizer to get the steer into the general vicinity of his stall. When the day for showmanship arrived the crowds parted as Abe and I made our way to the show ring. I'll never understand why, but Abe decided to behave that day and I was shocked when the judge gave me the blue ribbon for beef showmanship. As the winner of beef showmanship Abe and I got to advance to the Round Robin and compete against the other winners in swine,

dairy and lamb showmanship with each one of us having to show the other's animals. I had never shown a pig, lamb or dairy heifer before but I had a huge advantage: Abe was back to acting his old surly self and no one would be able to control him. Especially a novice. As the shadow of death fell over the showmanship arena people held their babies close, the ring steward put on protective gear normally associated with football players and an ambulance was relocated from the rodeo arena to the showmanship ring where it was more apt to be needed. Needless to say, the other contestants were scared spittleless. The judge more or less assumed we knew how to show our own animals and so he scored us mostly on how we did with the other species. Abe's reputation preceded him because when the diminutive swine showman came to take his turn with my 1150 pounds of pure evil the young man immediately tried to switch affiliations to the 4-H where he might have to show a goat and a horse but not a cold blooded killer steer. Next I handed Abe off to a trembling sheep showman along with a scotch comb, a rabbit's foot for luck and a show stick with the advice not to use it unless he wanted to be kicked into the next county. The dairy showmanship winner was from my own chapter and had witnessed first hand the earlier destruction at the ball field. Displaying the intelligence dairymen are known for, he came down with a sudden illness that improved dramatically once showmanship was over. Meanwhile, I was relieved to be showing a docile hog and lamb instead of crazy Abe and I was doing great except for the interludes when Abe would charge into my space dragging some screaming FFAer in his wake. I won and later I was supposed to compete against the 4-H showmanship champion but that little competition was quickly canceled due to a particularly nasty groin injury suffered by the judge after he declared Abe and I the Round Robin winners by sneaking up on my high-strung steer and slapping him on the rump.

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.

TAKS Question of the Week

With the upcoming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test that students across Texas, including Crockett County, will be taking this spring, The Ozona Stockman will be running a question similar to those found on the test each week to test the public's knowledge. The answer will be revealed in next week's paper. If people want to submit their answers, they can call us at (325) 392-2551 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com and we will print the results. Good luck!

The answer to last week's question was:
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This week's question:
 The expression shown below describes a pattern of numbers.

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If n represents a number's position in the sequence, which pattern of numbers does the expression describe?

- A. 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, ...
- B. 1, 4, 6, 10, 16, ...
- C. 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ...
- D. 4, 10, 18, 40, ...

- Look for the answer in the Feb. 2 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Jan. 26 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Pot luck luncheon, noon at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Jan. 28 - Food Pantry and Nutrition Class, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. in Grape Creek.
- Jan. 29 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 8 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Jan. 30 - Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest, 2 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- Jan. 31 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Games, 1-3 p.m at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Lady Lions vs. Sonora at 5 p.m. at Sonora.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions vs. Sonora at 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.
- JV Gold Lady Lions vs. Sonora at 6:30 p.m. at Sonora.
- JV Gold Lions vs. Sonora at 6:30 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- Feb. 1 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Eldorado at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- Feb. 2 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Correction...
 Krislynn Harris made the second grade "A-B" Honor Roll. Her name was misspelled in the Jan. 19 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

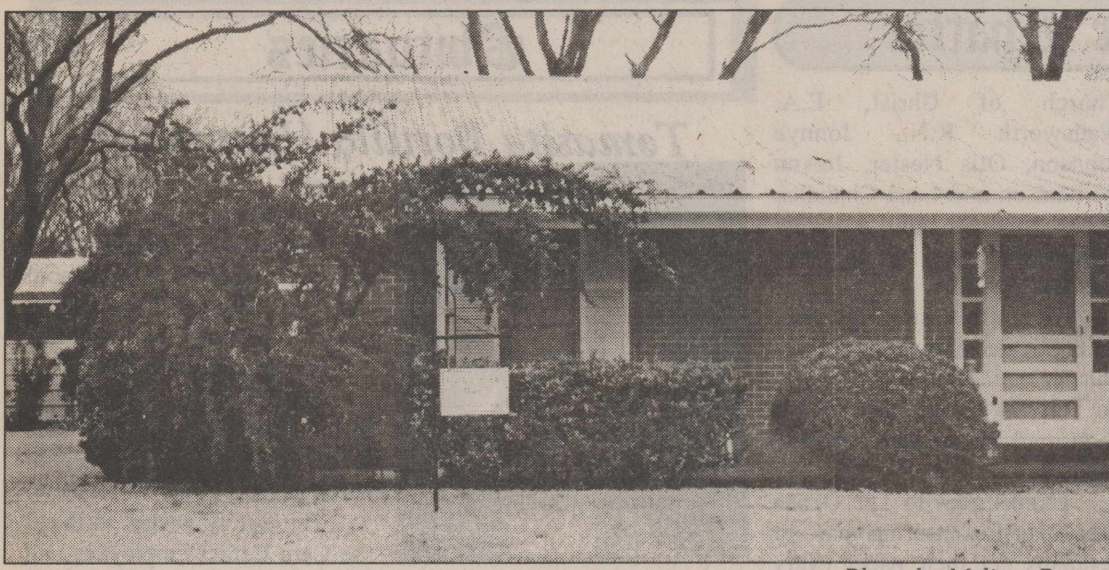


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GARDEN OF THE MONTH for January is Lynn English's residence at 1206 Avenue B. The yard is accented by the fiery, blooming pycnantha on the side of the house.



Photo by Melissa Perner

CHUCK WAGON TALK: Glenn Moreland talks to Ozona Intermediate School third-graders about the history of the chuckwagon on Jan. 20. The event was part of "Western Day" at the school. The students were treated to a chuckwagon lunch, sack races and square dancing.

Mohair Council of America holds annual meeting

The Mohair Council of America held its annual Membership Meeting Jan. 11 and 12 in San Angelo.

Highlighted at this year's meeting were the newest floor covering products being marketed throughout the country under the Christoval Carpet label. Samples of each of the product offerings were on display. Christoval Carpet currently manufactures hand-tufted rugs, machine tufted carpet, and woven rugs. Each of the products is aimed at the high-end floor covering market where both quality and uniqueness are key elements.

Executive Director, Zane Willard reviewed the product development process and gave attendees a taste of what the Mohair Council hopes to accomplish in the future.

The 10 districts of the Mohair Council conducted caucuses to select district representatives for 2005.

Officers for the upcoming year were also elected. Pierce Miller, Ozona native and Crockett County rancher, was elected president; Mark Langford, Lampasas County rancher, was elected vice president and Justin Stieler, life long Angora goat raiser and manager of the Ranchman's Wool &

Mohair Export, Inc. in Kerrville was elected secretary/treasurer.

Those chosen to serve as directors for 2005 include **Ginger Perner of Ozona**, Scott Mitchell of Sanderson, Bill Zuberbueler of Comstock, Gary Speck of Wall, Bill Tullos of San Angelo, and George Sultemeier of Fort McKavett.

Also selected were Ben Ingham, Jimmy Holman, Ben Epps, and Joe David Ross, all of Sonora; Seco Mayfield and Allen Stieler of Edwards County.

Additional directors chosen were Robin Giles of Comfort, Larry Deike of Fredericksburg, Fritz Kuebel of Blanco, James Stotts of Llano, Edwin Hipsher of Santa Anna, Jim Schunke of Goldthwaite, Jule Richmond of Blanket, Kenneth Spence of Sabinal, Lanny Leinweber of Mt. Home, Hayden Haby of Brackettville, Mac Gilliat of Leakey and Ervin Willard of Uvalde.

Elected to fill the at large director positions were Jason Bannowsky of Menard, Allen Belk of Winters, Connie Dittmar

of Rochelle, **Paul Perner of Ozona** and Jane Rushing of Sonora.

Representing the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be Chico Denis of Vancourt.

Representing the Texas Angora Goat Breeders Association will be Edwin Hipsher of Santa Anna, and representing the Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association will be Justin Stieler of Kerrville.

The Mohair Producers Board held its winter meeting in conjunction with the MCA Annual Membership Meeting.

Sworn in as board members were Allen Stieler of Rocksprings, Jimmy Holman of Sonora, and Mark Langford of Lampasas.

Each of these board members will serve a six-year term on the MPB.

Officers elected were Robin Giles of Comfort, president, Lanny Leinweber of Mt. Home, vice president and Pierce Miller of San Angelo, secretary/treasurer.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 26 - Glenn Conner, Roderick Tijerina, Cathy Carson, Yvonne Lopez and Jackie Seale

Jan. 27 - Courtney Anderson, Brandon Payne and Chelsea West

Jan. 28 - Sabrina DeLaGarza, Andy Birkenfeld, JoAnn Fenton, Jessica M. Mata and Desiree Galan

Jan. 29 - Kathy Calzada, Juan C. Perez, Alma Elizondo and Mac Fred

Jan. 30 - Miranda Fierro, Frank Bradley and Queta Borrego

Jan. 31 - Lexi Poindexter

Feb. 1 - Ashley DeHoyos and Ernesto Borrego Jr.

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

Former Rehab director earns doctorate degree

Heather Jo Wilde earned her Doctor of Philosophy from Texas A&M University on Dec. 17. Her dissertation focus and research specializations include motor learning, motor control and concentrating on efficiency of movement skills.

Wilde worked as the director of the West Texas Rehab Center in Ozona for a year and half before continuing her education.

She is a 1994 Ballinger High School graduate, a 1999 Angelo State University graduate and a 2000 Texas Tech University graduate.

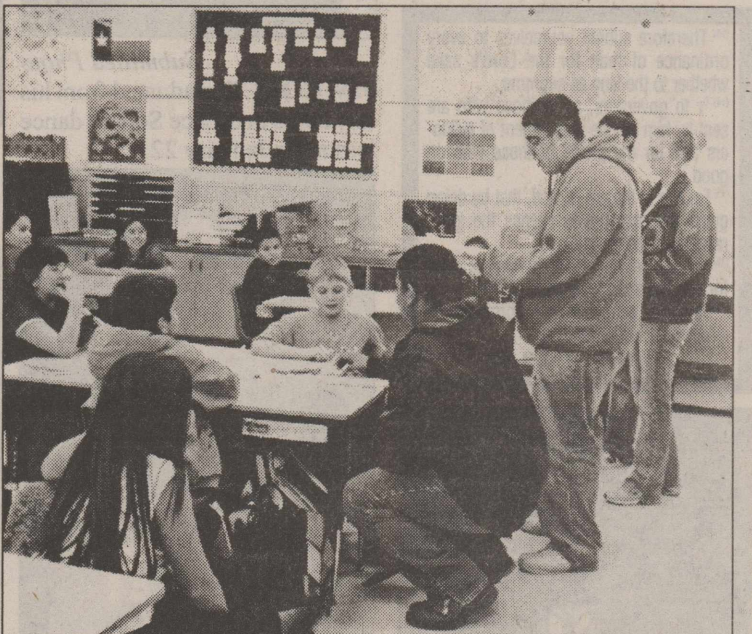
Wilde currently practices as a physical therapist and is employed by the University of Texas Health Science Center as assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy continuing her research interests and teaching graduate school.

She is the daughter of Daniel and Cindy Wilde of Ballinger and granddaughter of Erwin and Viola Wilde of Wall and August and Nancy Haechten of Lowake.



Grenwelge-O'Bryant to wed

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Grenwelge of Blanco are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Dawn Grenwelge to Thomas William O'Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dub O'Bryant and the late Mrs. T.K. O'Bryant of Ozona. The wedding will take place on at 4 p.m. Jan 29, 2005 at the Old Lindindale Schoolhouse on ranch road 1888 in between Blanco and Fredericksburg.



Submitted photo

FFA MEMBERS (left to right) Mathew Payne, Josh Roman, Cristi Guynes, and Roman Tambunga in an Ozona Primary School classroom.

Ozona FFA members teach students that 'Character Counts'

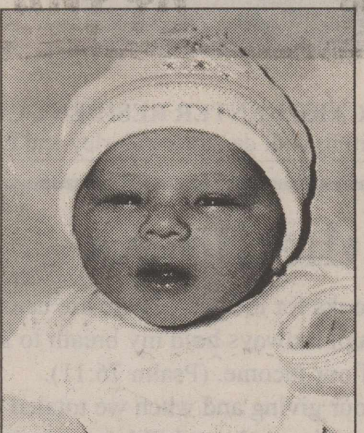
Thirty-six members of the Ozona High School FFA Chapter have been working with students in the primary and intermediate schools to teach them about developing good character.

As part of the "Character Counts" program, this month's activity allowed FFA members to share about being trustworthy.

Members spent two days preparing and three days presenting the lessons to all of the pre-K through fifth grade classes.

The lessons included two interactive activities where students demonstrated the meaning of trustworthiness.

FFA members will present two more programs this semester.



It's a girl

Rianna N. De La Rosa was born Dec. 16, 2004 at The Woman Center of Arlington.

She weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces.

Proud parents are David and Melissa De La Rosa of Arlington.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe De La Rosa and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ybarra of Ozona, and Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Porras Sr. of Abilene.

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Levis & Lace News

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

Club dancer Carol and Leroy Adcock, Otis Nester, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde, Rita Rios, Raul De La Rosa and Tina Jarvis welcomed Cody Gotcher to his lesson on Jan. 17 at the Senior Center. Mildred Couch from the Care Center came and watched the lessons. Our last free lesson was Monday. Lessons are now \$3 each and everyone is invited to come and watch or join in the fun.

On Jan. 22, Tracey Dowell from McCauley kept five squares going with his progressive squares, ferris wheels and alamades. We celebrated Leroy

Adcock's birthday, Jan. 23, and Jim Couch graduated from our last class tonight. In between tips line dancing and a very full table of food filled the void. Tracey called and worked on many plus moves and everyone had a wonderful time. San Angelo Square Dance Club, San Angelo Concho Squares, San Angelo Square Dance Club all joined in the fun to make five squares of dancers. The San Angelo Square Dance club took our club banner and we will have to make a trip to San Angelo to get it back. Guests Mildred Couch and Buster Deaton came to watch the fun.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR**
Activity Director

It's hard to believe the month of January is almost over. We are all looking forward to spring and nice weather so we can get out of the facility.

Please, if you are sick do not come to the facility. We are trying our best to keep our residents from getting sick.

We have started making our spring hats for our lady residents. We still need some more lady straw hats, as we are a little short. If you can help me out, give me a call at 392-3096 or bring them by the facility. It would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for this past week are members of the Ozona

Church of Christ, E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Jonnye Johnson, Otis Nester, JoAnn Williamson and Lana Chandler. Thank you all, you are very much appreciated by our residents and staff.

We are starting our Valentine decorations this week. Our Valentine's Day party will be Feb. 14 in the main lobby, sponsored by Crockett National Bank.

Thanks goes to The Ozona Stockman for ensuring that our residents get their paper every Wednesday morning. Our residents look forward to the Stockman for local news and happenings around Ozona.

From our large, happy home to yours, have a good week.

Obituaries

Tomasita Portillo Hernandez



Tomasita Portillo Hernandez, 95, of Alpine passed away in the Care Center in Ozona on Jan. 6, 2005.

She is survived by one daughter Elma Buckner of Ozona and one son Luis (Vichy) Hernandez of Alpine and numerous grandchildren, great-grand-

children, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Tomasita was recently preceded in death by a grandson, Robert F. Buckner, son-in-law Cecil F. Buckner and her last brother Florentino Portillo.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Alpine with burial at Holy Angels Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the Care Center employees and caregivers for all they did for mama and for loving her.

We also thank those who called, those who attended the funeral, said prayers, sent flowers or in any way acknowledged her death.

Thank you Socorro Maldonado, our friend. You are appreciated by us.

Samuel L. Cervantez

Samuel L. Cervantez, 81, died Friday Jan. 21, 2005 in San Antonio.

Prayer service was Sunday, Jan. 23 at Templo Bautista Jerusalem.

Funeral service was at Monday, Jan. 24 at Templo Bautista Jerusalem with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Cervantez was born Jan. 29, 1923 in Ozona. He was a World War II Veteran and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Morley C. Cervantez of San Antonio; two daughters, Rebecca C. Cervantez and Amalia C. Smith both of San Antonio; one son, Sammy Cervantez II of Stafford; six sisters, Elisa Cervantez, Eliosa Noah, Teresa Sanchez, Emma Rebelez, Zenaida Martinez and Ofelia Lara all of Ozona; five brothers, Catarino Cervantez, Ezequiel Cervantez, Leo Cervantez, Francisco Cervantez all of Ozona and Santos Cervantez of Kerrville.

Pallbearers were Orlando Valadez, Oscar De Hoyos, Refugio Chipman, Billy Sanchez, Alejos Lara and Catarino Cervantez.

Jose Flores

Jose Flores, 60, of Ozona died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral service was Monday, Jan. 23, 2005 at the Ozona First Baptist Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Enemencia Flores of Ozona; His mother, Martha Flores of Ozona; two daughters, Sylvia Rios of Houston and Molly Thornhill of Ozona; two sons, Jose Cesar Flores, Jr. and Jonathan Conrad Flores both of Ozona; two sisters, Olga Perez and Martha Villarreal both of Ozona; one brother, Luis Flores of Lubbock and four grandchildren.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By **NELL WESTER**
Senior Center Volunteer

Exciting things are happening here at the Senior Center. We would like to see more of you coming out.

Pot luck will be at noon today. We are looking forward to seeing you all here. It is always great to meet and fellowship with friends. There is always lots of good food.

On Saturday, you wouldn't believe the large group of square dancers that showed up for our regular dance. It was wonderful. We had five squares and more.

We are having lessons at 7

p.m. Mondays if you are interested. Come and see if you like it.

Our spaghetti and bingo party turned out real well. If you missed it, you missed a good feed, Bingo and lots of visiting.

The bridge ladies are still meeting at 1:30 p.m. Mondays. "Walk Two Miles" exercise class is at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

We welcome one and all. Come out and enjoy our nice building with all the activities.

Care Center honors personnel during 'Activity Professionals Week'

Governor Rick Perry has officially declared Jan.23-28 as "Activity Professionals Week" in Texas.

Crockett County Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs wishes to acknowledge his two activity department personnel that represents all the hard work and effort invested in the residents of the Care Center.

Their efforts deserve this special week set aside for those very important personnel that

significantly hold to the quality of life for our special residents. Jan St. Clair and Elsa Vasquez are the ones that fill those shoes at the Care Center.

Gibbs said that their efforts may sometimes seem to them unappreciative, but their near presence in the building is priceless to our residents.

An official acknowledgement of this declared event is scheduled during a luncheon today at the Hitchin' Post.

State of Texas Office of the Governor

Senior Texans have established a legacy of excellence — they cared for their families and communities, fostered economic strength, defended our country, and preserved and protected the vision of our founding fathers. Altogether, their vision, energy and excellence continue to shape who we are as a people, as a nation, and as a state.

Across the Lone Star State, professionals focused on ensuring that senior Texans remain active provide invaluable services. Working with health care professionals, care providers, regulatory agencies and others, they help to enhance the quality of life for seniors in diverse settings from nursing homes and convalescent centers to retirement homes and adult day care programs.

To highlight the importance of this issue, the Texas Department on Aging and Disability Services, the Adopt-A-Nursing Home Program and others have designated a week in January for an awareness campaign.

At this time, therefore, I urge all Texans to recognize the invaluable contributions of professionals throughout the Lone Star State who work to ensure that senior Texans remain active. Their many accomplishments positively impact the Texans they serve, highlighting the best of this great state.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 23-28, 2005, Activity Professionals Week in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 14th day of January, 2005.

Rick Perry
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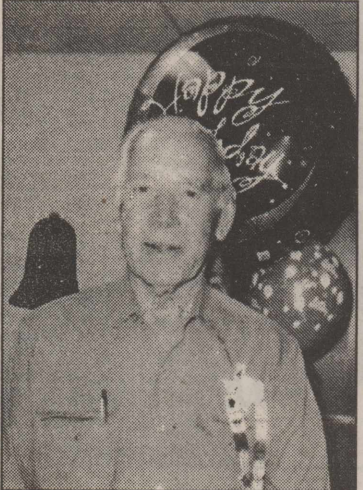
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⁽¹⁴⁾ Or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.
⁽¹⁵⁾ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—
⁽¹⁶⁾ As free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice but as bondservants of God.
⁽¹⁷⁾ Honor all people, love the brotherhood—
- Fear God, Honor the King.
I Peter 2: 13-17



Guess who's turning 18?



Submitted Photo
JIM COUCH graduated from his last Levis and Lace Square dance lesson on January 22.



Submitted Photo
LEROY ADCOCK celebrated his birthday at the Levis and Lace dance held on January 22.

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Submitted Photo
CCCC RESIDENTS (l. to r.) Francis Flanagan, Lucille Littleton and Phil Ingham are ready for their favorite game of bingo.



Submitted Photo
CARE CENTER RESIDENT CONNIE J. BENTLEY enjoys visiting with daughters Shirley and Brenda at the care center.

Balancing the Books

Every year about this time my wife and I close out our books for the year. There are usually papers scattered all over and we are busy helping each other to get everything added up. I always hold my breath to see if we have given enough to the Lord. It is our goal or we try to give at least a tenth of our income. (Psalm 76:11).

Several years ago we were real busy and I didn't watch our giving and when we totaled our giving we found out we had given very little that year. I felt so ashamed and I purposed in my heart I didn't want that to happen again. God has been so good to us and we want to thank Him and honor Him with our giving.

It could even be a way of saying thanks. We try to tithe to our local church, (Malachi 3:10) and we also give to other special needs if we can, (Psalm 41:1).

We have given when it was difficult and we have given when we had a little extra and God blessed both. Attitude plays an important part in our giving, (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). You can sure look at someone's checkbooks and see where there heart is, (Matthew 6:19-21). Be sure the books balance.

See You in Church Next Sunday.

Brother J

<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. 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 Avenido 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>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez 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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BANK: Room has the first deposit slips

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"About once a year we use to get one of the old checks in," Chapman added. "It was usually pretty beat up, and often from a rancher who was needing to pay his shearer."

Former bank president, Pleas L. Childress said he remembered using one of the larger machines on display to post checks and deposits. Childress was president of the bank from 1915-1936.

When the bank opened in 1905, it was first located in the back of the Smith Drugstore before it moved to its first building, still standing in the downtown square. The current building was completed in 1968.

According to the April 29, 1905 by-laws, "regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Ozona National Bank shall be held without notice on each Saturday before the full moon at four o'clock." That way people could get back home with some light, Chapman said.

In fact, the museum's room features the original Deed of Trust for the bank's land and the first

day's deposit slips.

"It would take us from the first of the morning to 2 p.m. each day to hand write all the debts and credits on the books," Chapman said.

The room also features original tables, stamps, ONB seals, a file cabinet that contained papers for loans, financial statements and correspondence and an old stamp that was used to mark "paid" on checks.

The museum is seeking any more ONB relate items to be added to the room.

For information, call 392-2837.

RETIREE: Stokes plans on spending time ranching

from page 1

Back then, the tax office and the sheriff were under the same elected official.

In 1979, Crockett County citizens voted 251 for and 25 against in the splitting of the two offices. Stokes was then appointed tax assessor-collector.

A year later, Stokes was elected to office for the first time with 784 votes.

That same year he was appointed as Chief Appraiser when Texas set up appraisal districts.

At that time, the women who worked with Stokes in his office were Elaine Bell, Shio Tambunga and Luetta Kost.

Today, along with Tambunga and Shaw, Sarah Stewart has spent the last eight years working in the tax office.

"He's the only boss I've ever had," Tambunga said, who started working in the office as soon as she graduated from high school.

"She's stuck with me a long time," Stokes added. "She is very

knowledgeable."

Throughout the years, the county tax rolls have gone from two volumes to 13 with 60,000 items, Stokes said.

Crockett County has the largest number of gas wells in the state with 4,000 on the books and 2,000 oil wells, Stokes said.

"Lots of properties have come about, and also the computer age," he said.

Today, all the computers in the tax office are online to pay

taxes, take voter registration and registration and licensing for motor vehicles.

Despite all the changes, it's the day to day activities that Stokes said he will miss the most.

"I enjoy meeting and dealing with all the people," he said.

Now, Stokes said his time will be spent on a ranch in Edwards County working on that operation.

"It's just time. I don't have the time to do what I need to be doing," he said.

Local citizens attend

inauguration ceremonies, parties

The inauguration of President George W. Bush was witnessed and celebrated first hand by several Ozona citizens. Ira and Karin Childress and Bob and Vivian Childress attended.

"The Boots and Black Tie Ball" that had more than 11,000 people and nine bands. The couples also attended "The Texan Wyoming Ball" with 12,000 people.

"It was amazing and nice," the group said. "If there ever were more Texans in Washington, at one time, we could not remember when."

Also attending the ceremonies were Cody Sutton, Dan Davidson and Mrs. Charley Boy Davidson.

Chamber seeks nominations

for annual banquet awards

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

Is there someone or an organization that you feel is deserving of recognition?

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is asking the community for assistance in providing the names of those outstanding individuals or companies that have contributed to the community.

Awards will be presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The banquet has been scheduled for March 8, and will be held at the Fair Park Convention Center.

If you would like to submit a nomination for one or all of the following awards, you may do so by sending a brief write-up to the Chamber office at P.O. Box 1135, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Citizen of the Year: (Individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the community during the past year-2004.)

Unsung Hero: (An individual that has contributed to the community in the recent past that has not been recognized)

Legacy of Spirit: (An individual deserving of a lifetime achievement award. Someone who has contributed to the community for many years, that has not been recognized.)

Organization of the Year: (Non-Chamber member organization that has demonstrated outstanding support to the community.)

Nominations may be submitted to the Chamber office, but must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 4.

The Chamber asks that nominations also include a name of a family member or friend that the Chamber may contact.

Following the Feb. 4 deadline, the Chamber will review the history of past recipients that will be compared to submitted nominations.

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Moran nails three-point jumper, giving the Lady Lions a one-point victory over Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

All the Lady Lions had time for was one more shot.

As Allison Skehan passed the ball to Malorie Moran, the junior point guard nailed a three-point shot at the buzzer that gave Ozona the 31-30 upset victory over the Reagan County Lady Owls on Jan. 18.

The victory gave Ozona its second district win and Reagan County their second loss after losing to Wall the previous week.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Hilary Huffman 6; Taylor Oglesby 4; Ashley Unger 14; Moran 3; Megan McDaniel 2 and Heather Ybarra 2. Three-point goals - Huffman 1 and Moran 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 11 5 9 - 31; Reagan County - 9 11 6 4 - 30.

The Lady Lions lost to Junction, 26-29, on Jan. 21.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Huffman 7; Moran 5; Skehan 3; Oglesby 6; Unger 4 and Casey Ybarra 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona -

11 6 3 6 - 26; Junction - 11 9 2 7 - 29.

The Lady Lions are 11-15 overall and 2-7 in district play.

They will face Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 6:30 p.m.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
MALORIE MORAN fires off a three point jumper in the last second of the game to give the Lady Lions a 31-30 upset over Big Lake.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
TAYLOR OGLESBY maneuvers the ball around a Reagan County Lady Owl.

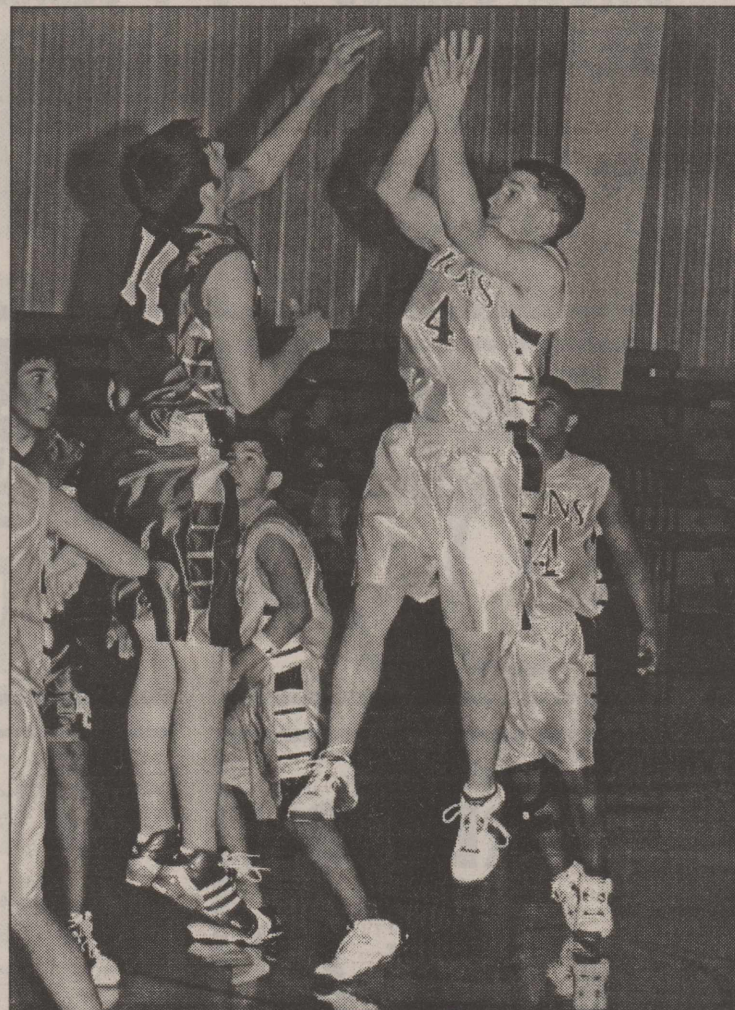


Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
CALEB MITCHEL gets some serious hang time on this jump shot against the JV Reagan County Owls.

JV Lady Lions defeat Junction Lady Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions defeated the Junction Lady Eagles 28-18 on Jan. 21.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Sara Dorough 11; Celia Rivera 4; Jessica Moore 9 and Tori Miller 2. Also playing for the Lady Lions were Peyton Fenton, Adrienne Bendele, Kasey Gray, Kayla Parks, Alexa Cervantez and Allie Bean.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 12 4 5 - 28; Junction - 2 13

1 2 - 18.

The JV Lady Lions lost to Reagan County 27-36 on Jan. 18.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Moore 7; Dorough 4; Cervantez 2; Miller 1; Rivera 7; Parks 3; Bendele and Gray 1. Also playing were Bean and Fenton.

The JV Lady Lions are now 10-12. They will take on Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 5 p.m.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
JESSICA MOORE never takes her eye off the JV Reagan County Lady Owl she is guarding.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
CELIA RIVERA turns up the defensive pressure against the JV Reagan County Lady Owls.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
JV LION RYLEE RAMOS DRIBBLES TOWARD the basket.

Lions lose to Reagan Co., Junction

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Lions lost to Reagan County 65-70 on Jan. 18.

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 9; Tate Collis 4; Justin Galan 10; Nick Perez 13; Levi Vargas 16; Drew Clayton 7 and Matt McGuire 6. Three-point goals - Vargas 3 and Trey Collis 1.

Other individual statistics: David Esparza 2 rebounds; Trey Collis 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 2 steals; Tate Collis 2 assists, 1 rebound and 1 steal; Galan 1 assist, 5 rebounds and 1 steal; Perez 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 1 steal; Vargas 1 assist and 2 rebounds; Clayton 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 1 steal and McGuire 2 assists and 4 rebounds.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 17 14 21 - 65; Reagan County - 16 20 17 17 - 70.

"These guys played extremely hard against Reagan County," Sears said. "Drew (Clayton), Justin (Galan), Nick (Perez) and Levi (Vargas) had a good game. I am very proud of this team's persistence and hard work. Every practice and every game is a new beginning for them. Their desire to get after people is admirable."

The Lions lost 36-42 to Junction on Jan. 21.

Scoring for the Lions was: Trey Collis 20; Tate Collis 5; Galan 4; Perez 2 and McGuire 5. Three-point goals - Trey Collis 4 and Tate Collis 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 8 15 6 - 36; Junction - 6 2 16 18 - 42.

The Lions are 8-12 overall and 1-6 in district play.

Ozona will face Wall Friday in Wall and then Mason Tuesday in Mason. Both games start at 8 p.m.



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
TATE COLLIS puts up a layup in the Ozona Lions varsity game against Big Lake.

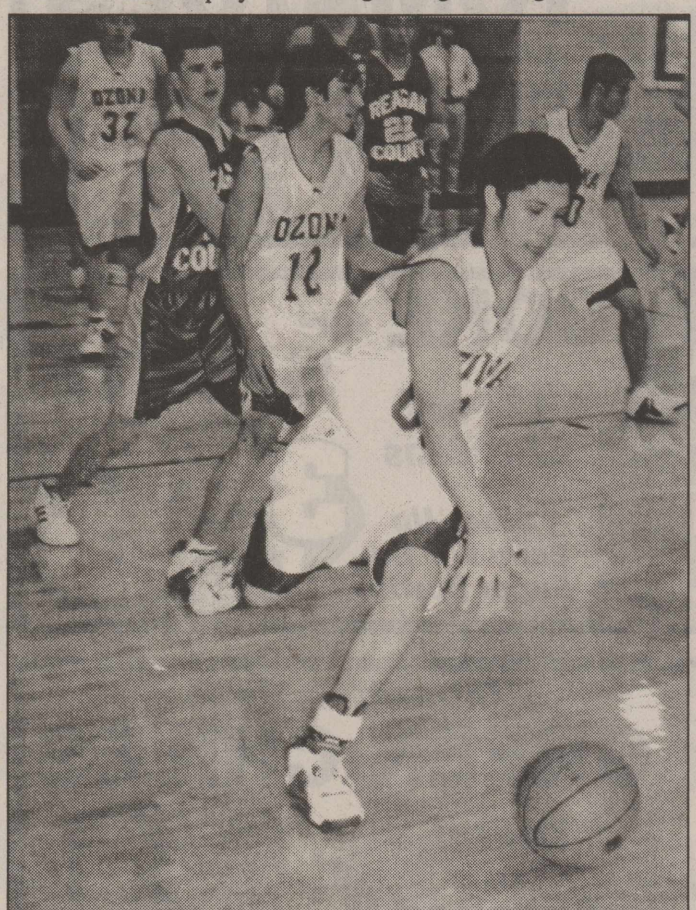


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DAVID ESPARZA moves the ball around to set up a play for the varsity Lions against Reagan County.

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Photo by Joe Hernandez

PIP (Players in Progress) members Mark Valadez and Rachel Mendoza were part of a demonstration at the high school games on Jan. 21.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JARON VASQUEZ was the high scorer for the seventh grade Lions with 12 points in their 27-28 heartbreaker loss to Grape Creek.

7th Lions defeated by Grape Creek

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Matthew Fay 2; Dylan Castillo 6 and Jaron Vasquez 12.

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lions lost to the Grape Creek Eagles 27-28 on Jan. 17.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 7-10 2 - 27; Grape Creek - 4 6 5 13 - 28.

Scoring for the Lions was: Kyle Sewell 5; Lane White 2;

The Lions will face Sonora at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions pounce the Grape Creek Lady Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade girls beat Grape Creek 38-26 on Jan. 17 in Grape Creek.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Angelic Gutierrez 8; Vanessa Rodriguez 7 and Myra Dominguez 2. Others playing were Jolissa Payne and Brandyn Tebbets.

"The Lady Lions started out a little slow and it didn't seem like anything was working offensively and then after half time came back fighting and wanting to win," said Coach Kim Miller.

"These girls did a great job, they only had five players and played for 20 minutes consecutively giving 100 percent," Miller said. "They worked really hard and did well as a team."

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Jayci Miller 12; Libby Moore 8; Brandi Glosson 4; Alex Macias 4; Alex Cruz 4; Vanessa Rodriguez 2; Myra Dominguez 2 and Abbey Rodriguez 1.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions are 7-2, with the two losses being to Wall and Sonora. Ozona will have one more chance to face Sonora at 5 p.m. Monday in Sonora.

"The girls really play strong defense and rattled Grape Creek's offense by pressing. Ozona caused Grape Creek to turn over the ball during the press four times in a row and really got our girls pumped up," Miller said. "Glosson fouled early in the third quarter followed by Miller late in the fourth. Moore had four fouls. I've told my girls if they don't have fouls, they aren't hustling enough. If they are playing defense, they'll more than likely be fouling and that's okay. These girls really know how to hustle and play as a team. I think they will definitely be a strong team as they move up. They have a lot of potential."

"The girls really want that win and are working hard to get it," Miller said.

It's a girl

Kassidy and Daniella Gonzalez welcomed home their newborn baby sister Jayann Renae Gonzalez.

She was born Jan. 18 at 4:34 p.m. at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Daniel and Maria Gonzalez of Ozona.

Proud grandparents are Maria and Francisco Hernandez and Juan and Amabel Hernandez of Ozona.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

STEPHEN SILVA scored eight points for the Lions in the eighth grade Lions game against the Grape Creek Eagles.

Eighth Grade Lions show 'good team effort' against Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

mechak 2. "This was a good team effort for the young Lions," Unger said.

The Eighth Grade Lions played the Grape Creek Eagles on Jan. 17 in Ozona.

Playing in this game were Jesse Ramos, Matthew Garza, Fabian Onate, Matthew Komechak, Daniel Gonzales, Josh Smith, Steven Silva and Jonathan Flores.

The first game was won by the Eagles by a score of 9-11.

"This was a good game for the Lions both offensively and defensively," said Coach Benji Unger.

The Lions will face Sonora at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

Scoring for the Lions was: Matias Gandar 3; Devon Diehl 2 and Felix Venegas 4. Also participating in the game were Jordan DeHoyos, Wilson White, Nathan Knox, Latham Ducote and Ruben Rivas.

Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest Sunday

The Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Davidson Gymnasium.

The contest is for boys and girls ages 10-14.

There is no charge and participants may register on site.

Age group winners advance to District Competition to be held in Ozona in February.

FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Crockett County 4-Hers have another great stock show

Crockett County 4-Hers had a great day at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show which was held Jan. 21-22 in Kerrville.

Two more champions to add to the list are Murphey Black, who exhibited the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb, and Clint Hale, who exhibited the Division 3 Champion Goat.

Along with these two champions, came several first, second and third place lambs and goats.

Exhibitors included Lakin Aaron, Andy Birkenfeld, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Allie Black, Murphey Black, Shelbie Darr, Clint Hale, Lane Hale, Corey Kelley, Ross Kelley, Matthew Komechak, Russel Komechak, Wes McGuire, Aaron Renfro and Kelbie Renfro.

In the lightweight south-down class, Kelbie won second place. In the lightweight finewool class, Allie won first place and Lane won fifth place. In the class 3 finewool class, Aaron placed first, Clint placed third and Lane placed third. In the heavyweight finewool class, Murphey won second place and won the Reserve Champion Finewool lamb.

In the crossbred classes, Aaron placed first in class 2, Allie placed second in class 3, and Murphey placed fourth in class 4.

In the meat goat classes, Clint placed first in class 9 and placed the Division 3 Champion Goat. In class 2, Matthew placed eighth. In class 3, Russel placed 10th and in class 11 LuCinda placed fifth.

Also accompanying Bill and Susie Black, Fred and Jane Chandler, Douglas Bean, Will M. and Vickie Black, Jodi Darr, Cindy Dusek, Gil and Cindy Komechak, Les Hale, David McGuire, Billy Dell and Bobbie Renfro, Ed and Laurie Hale and Scott and Nicole Kelley.

The next stock show will be the Fort Worth Exposition and Livestock Show taking place Jan. 27-30 in Fort Worth, Texas. Crockett County is off to an amazing start, and we look forward to more success.

Happy 18th Birthday on Jan. 26 to Glenn Conner

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Data	10		Total
	General Fund	Other Funds	
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 15,464,641	\$ 78,260	\$ 15,542,901
5800 State Program Revenues	772,399	154,204	926,603
5900 Federal Program Revenues	13,538	575,720	589,258
5020 Total Revenues	16,250,578	808,184	17,058,762
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	5,213,670	471,977	5,685,647
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	70,471	8,079	78,550
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	6,567	-	6,567
0021 Instructional Leadership	53,794	18,389	72,183
0023 School Leadership	422,087	4,301	426,388
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	121,213	923	122,136
0033 Health Services	44,295	505	44,800
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	228,164	1,026	229,190
0035 Food Services	8,627	375,078	383,705
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	392,502	1,372	393,874
0041 General Administration	601,453	1,520	602,973
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,377,684	23,836	1,401,520
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	17,207	-	17,207
0053 Data Processing Services	20,052	-	20,052
0061 Community Services	9	3,314	3,323
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	166,019	-	166,019
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	16,067	-	16,067
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	9,450,262	-	9,450,262
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	82,220	-	82,220
6030 Total Expenditures	18,292,363	910,320	19,202,683
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,041,785)	(102,136)	(2,143,921)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	400	-	400
7913 Capital Leases	665,633	-	665,633
7915 Transfers In	-	103,102	103,102
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(103,102)	-	(103,102)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	562,931	103,102	666,033
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,478,854)	966	(1,477,888)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,118,024	108,087	3,226,111
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(100,651)	-	(100,651)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,538,519	\$ 109,053	\$ 1,647,572

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT
1-18-05 to 1-24-05

1-18-05

- Deputy issued a blue form to motorist that hit a deer.
- Deputy filed an abandoned vehicle report.
- Deputies assisted EMS on a medical emergency at 500 block of Avenue H.
- Deputy met with complainant at local apartments about a subject harassing her daughter.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 200 block of Live Oak Street reporting items taken from the residence.
- Report of loud music at the 500 block of Avenue G. Subjects had already turned it off when deputy arrived.

1-20-05

- Deputy responded to local motel on 11th Street about an argument between two brothers. Deputy spoke with subjects to call it a night.
- Deputies responded to second call at local motel on 11th Street and arrested male subject for public intoxication.
- Deputy met with vendors at town square about subjects causing parking problems for water department employees.
- Deputy assisted traveler at the intersection of State Highway 163 and County Road 102, motorist just needed directions for a dentist.
- Report of loose goats on Interstate-10 at the 332 mile-marker. Dispatcher was able to make contact with the owner.
- Deputies assisted U.S. Border Patrol officers about a vehicle that was possibly transporting illegal aliens, deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Deputy met with complainant at local apartments on State Highway 163 south about ongoing problems with male juvenile.
- Report of a low flying airplane. Dispatcher was notified that it was a plane spraying cedar at a ranch site.
- Report of a disturbance at the 400 block of Avenue E. Deputies arrested subjects at this location.
- Report of a stranded motorist at the 342 mile marker on I-10 that was requesting a tow truck. Dispatcher dispatched a tow truck.
- Report of two male subjects harassing a female subject at local Laundromat at the 1100 block of Avenue E. Deputy reported that the subjects had already left the area.
- Deputies responded to a disturbance at the 1500 block of Walnut Street. Deputies reported that subject causing disturbance had already left the area.
- Deputy met with subject at the sheriff's office that wanted to give statement about a previous disturbance call.
- Deputy met with complainant at the 400 block of Avenue O about a previous

disturbance call.

1-21-05

- 911 medical call at the 200 block of 14th Street. Deputy transported subject to San Angelo, then to Big Spring.
- Report of a suspicious subject at the 500 block of 11th Street. Deputy located the subject and reported that it was a hitchhiker that was looking for employment.
- 911 call about a two tractor trailers driving recklessly at the 357 mile marker on I-10. Deputy stopped both vehicles and spoke with both drivers.
- Report of loose livestock on State Highway 190 near the Shannon ranch. Dispatcher notified the foreman of the ranch.
- Report of loose livestock at the 358 mile marker on I-10. Deputy put up the loose cow.
- Report of a juvenile that was driving behind a residence on Bold Ruler and then driving onto a pasture. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle, but did make contact with the parent of juvenile driver.
- Report of a large dog that had gone into a residence at the 1200 block of Avenue E. Deputy escorted the dog out of the residence.
- Deputy met complainant at the sheriff's office about an assault, deputy filed report.
- Deputy met with other party of previous call, about an assault and filed report.
- Report of a possible burglary of out of town school bus on Avenue D. Deputy reported that there had been no burglary of the bus.
- Deputy met with complainants at the sheriff's office about two vehicles that had been shot with paint ball guns. Deputy spoke with subject involved in the shooting of both vehicles.
- Local business at the 1300 block of Sheffield Road requested deputy conduct a bar check.
- Deputy responded to an unattended death at the 1600 block of Del Rio Street. Justice of the peace was also notified.
- 911 call on a stranded motorist in Pecos County, dispatcher notified Pecos County Sheriff's Office.

1-22-05

- Female subject requested deputy due to male subject intoxicated and wanted him out of the house at 1800 block of Mulberry Street.
- Deputy on civil standby while hunters removed property from hunting camp at local ranch on State Highway 163 south.
- Deputy took subject in to custody for subject's welfare after locating him at local ranch. Subject was very disoriented. Subject's family picked him up at sheriff's office.
- Deputy responded to report of criminal mischief at local motel.
- Deputy provided civil standby at residence at 400 block Avenue E, while male subject got his belongings.
- Sheriff's dispatcher contacted land owner about a report of about 200 goats out of fence.
- Report of juveniles firing paint gun out of vehicle deputy was unable to locate.

1-23-05

- Report of reckless driver at 1200 block of Avenue E. Deputy located vehicle and

issued verbal warning.

- Deputy responded to report of purse stolen from vehicle at local restaurant at 14th and Avenue C vehicle was unlocked.
- Deputy responded to report of burglary of habitation at 1700 block of Walnut Street.
- Report of theft of gas at local convenience store on 14th Street deputy responded but clerk could not provide direction of travel.

1-24-05

- Report of tires slashed on vehicle at 1200 block of Avenue D. Deputy identified perpetrator and arrangements will be made to make restitution.
- Purse reported stolen on 1-23-05 was located behind local restaurant on Avenue C. Owner was notified.
- Deputy assisted on medical call to local motel on Avenue A. Subject transported to clinic by EMS.
- Deputy assisted on medical call about a male subject not breathing subject pronounced deceased at residence.
- Subject request speak to deputy about vehicle blocking street and fire hydrant.
- Subject reported finding lost puppy at 5th St and Avenue F.
- Deputy responded report of disturbance at 900 block of Avenue E. Made contact with subjects.
- Deputy met subject at sheriff's office about a possible assault on juvenile.
- Report of vehicle at Avenue A and Ramos Street blocking street. Deputy contacted owners to move vehicle.

ARREST REPORT

1-18-05

- Mendoza Gustavo Garcia, 22, of Mexico was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of illegal entry. Subject was picked up by U.S. Border Patrol.
- Rodriguez Anders Alvarez, 35, of Mexico was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of illegal entry. Subject was picked up by U.S. Border Patrol.
- Garcia Felix Mendoza, 26, of Mexico was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of illegal entry. Subject was picked up by U.S. Border Patrol.

1-19-05

- Amber Lorette Daniels, 22, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a Crockett County warrant for theft. Subject was released after paying restitution and was given time to pay fine.

1-20-05

- Manuel Carrasco, 23, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of public intoxication. Subject remains in jail.
- Emily Cervantes, 32, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on Crockett County warrants for forgery 10 counts. Subject was released after posting bond.
- Martha Flores Villarreal, 44, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of assault.

Subject was released after posting bond.

- Ismael Villarreal, 45, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a charge of assault. Subject was released after posting bond.
- Julio Ceasar Mendoza, 21, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Bexar County warrant for theft. Subject was released after posting bond.

OFFENSE REPORT

1-19-05

- Sheriff's deputy filed an abandoned vehicle report: Deputy took report from local duty wrecker owner about a vehicle that had been abandoned at the 332 mile marker on I-10 since last year. The vehicle was red tagged and contents were inventoried by deputy and the vehicle was impounded.
- Sheriff's deputy filed an assault family member report: Deputy took statement from female subject about a male subject that had assaulted her investigation continues.
- Sheriff's deputy filed a fight with another in a public place report: Deputy took statement from female subject about another female subject that had started fighting with her over a male subject investigation continues.
- Sheriff's deputy filed a death investigation report: Deputy filed death report of a male subject that was under hospice care, and had died at a residence. Justice of the Peace responded to the scene and body was released to Preddy Funeral Home.
- Deputy filed offense report about damage done at local motel subjects willing to pay for repairs.
- Deputy filed offense report about the burglary of vehicle, investigation continues.
- Deputy filed offense report about the burglary of habitation, investigation continues.
- Sheriff's office filed an unattended death report, Justice of the Peace pronounced victim deceased.

State hits another snag in Farmers' homeowner settlement



AUSTIN - The Third Court of Appeals has rejected the state's \$117.5 million rate settlement with Farmers Insurance, at least temporarily blocking any prospect of refunds for thousands of Texas policyholders. In ordering the case back to district court, the appeals court said the Attorney General's Office went beyond its authority in representing a class of citizens in the rate dispute rather than a specific individual who alleged being harmed by Farmer's homeowner policy rates.

While the Third Court's opinion did not address the settlement itself, it has the effect of nullifying it. "We are reviewing the decision and evaluating our options," a spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said Friday.

A spokeswoman for Farmer's reacted more subjectively: "We are deeply disappointed." She went on to blast "costly and unproductive private class action lawsuits that provide little benefit to customers."

Jailhouse blues... A Legislative Budget Board report released last week projected that the population of the state's prison system would grow by 3,661 offenders to 154,720 by the end of 2007 and to 165,324 by 2010.

Released at the same time, but getting less attention, was slightly better news: The percentage of offenders who end up back behind bars dropped from 31.2 percent in fiscal 2000 compared with 28.3 percent in fiscal 2001, apparently the latest years for which data were available.

Bottom line: Texas is going to need more prison units.

Second bottom line: Hard as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may try to get its inmates on the straight and narrow when they return to what cons call the Free World, nearly a third of them end up coming back to the joint.

Packing heat... Coloradans don't always offer Texas hunters and skiers the warmest welcome, but officials of both states have worked a deal where Texans with concealed handgun licenses will be able to pack heat in Buffalo country and vice versa. Texas now has reciprocal carry agreements with 15 states.

Governor's race to get Kinky...

Kerrville mystery novelist and singer Kinky Friedman will formally announce his candidacy for governor at the Alamo on Feb. 3. Known for his one-liners in both song and print, Friedman told a reporter for the British news service Reuters that he was dead serious in his desire to retire Gov. Rick Perry.

"I have achieved a lot of my dreams," he said, "and I want to see that young Texans achieve some of theirs." Also, he added, "I need the closet space" in the Governor's Mansion.

Friedman has said he will run as an independent.

Know any heroes? The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking for heroes who saved a life in rural Texas last year in incidents related to ranching or farming (but not traffic crashes.)

Nominations must be submitted to Lola Lemmon, TDA safety coordinator, by Feb. 2. Honorees will be recognized March 21 in San Antonio at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference.

For more details, check the agency's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or contact Lemmon at 512-475-1611.

BOARD: Worley approved as a new kindergarten teacher

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companies and Miller said he would have more to report at next month's meeting.

Taylor said that 20 high school students have entered to compete in an academic decathlon on Feb. 13 in Hamilton. The top five schools will then go on to the state competition.

The competition is for small schools, Taylor said. The event features teams of A, B and C average students from each school competing against each other. This is the first time Ozona has entered.

It costs around \$500 a team to enter, but if the teams do well the money will be repaid in scholarships, Taylor said.

The board was also present-

ed certificates of appreciation and gifts from students at Ozona High School as part of "School Board Recognition Month."

Other items approved:

- Hiring of Cyndie Worley as a kindergarten teacher at Ozona Primary School.

- The 2004-2005 Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System Summary Report.

- The 2003-2004 financial audit.
- Moving the board trustee self-evaluation, evaluation of the superintendent and the superintendent's contract to be discussed at a special called meeting on Feb. 14.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Administration Building.

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Junction Stockyards Market Report

Jan. 24, 2005

Junction Stockyards sold 1,762 head of sheep and goats. Kids were \$5-10 lower, other classes steady

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.25-1.30
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.15-1.25
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.10-1.25
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.05-1.22
Fat ewes	55-65
Thin ewes	45-55
Bucks	30-50
Baby tooth ewes	75-90
Solid mouth ewes	65-75
Ewe & lamb pairs	50-55/hd
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	70-1.00
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	70-85
Stocker Angora muttons	65-75
Angora kids	1.30-1.35
Angora kids-shorn	1.20-1.25
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	55-65
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	65-75
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) muttons	no test
Stocker Spanish nannies	67-1.00
Fat Spanish nannies	65-75
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies	75-95
Fat yearlings	1.10-1.15
Fat Spanish kids	1.20-1.28
Small kids	1.20-1.25
Thin kids	1.10-1.15
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	35-45 hd

Next goat sale - Jan. 31, 2005

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As of JAN. 21, 2005

***Crockett County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Endeavor Energy Res	10500	Dudley -26- #2 H	Big Dog Drilling 7	Ran Casing 9980'
New Encore Operating LP	9100	H & H Drilling Co. #2039	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey -A- #511	Nabors Drilling (O) 319	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Bailey #411	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	Approach Bailey #405	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
Momentum Energy	7900	Harris Ranch -4th- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 617	Drig Ahead 6047'
New Anadarko E & P	7500	Couch #13	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
J. Cleo Thompson/Dal	7500	Todd Pooled Unit #1	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
New Top Resources/Mid	5900	Shannon Hospital -4- #3	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Tim Natural Res	5500	Baggett -B- 4c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
Mission River System	2200	Meadows Ranch #1	Hinz Drilling 1	Assigned

***Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8850	Mayfield -41- #15	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8800	Joe M Hill-Vanderstucken -B-	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8800	Hicks -22- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8575	Mayfield -39- #20	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8400	Shurley Rr -5- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8200	Shurley Rr -5- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	7700	Shurley Rr -4- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	7250	Ward -127- #13	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6800	Canyon Ranch -114- #10a	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Morris -64- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	6650	Shurley #117	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6600	Shurley #118	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6600	Shurley #119	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
New Kcs Resources/Talua	6500	Carta -103- #12	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
New Devon Energy/Okc	6000	G H Davis #8	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6000	Shurley Rr -4- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead

***Terrell County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Riata Energy Inc	19000	Michell #1201	Lariat Drilling 4	Drig Ahead
Newfield	15000	Pouler #3802	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead
ConocoPhillips/Odes	12600	University -4- #7	Patterson U/Lv 481	Drig Ahead 11735'
Riata Energy Inc	12000	Michell #6301	Lariat Drilling 7	Drig Ahead
Psp/Houston	11000	Michell -8- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead

Edwards County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	14000	Whitehead #7401	Patterson Drilling/A 471	Drig Ahead

Val Verde County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Chesapeake/Okc	6500	Mills Trust -19- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
Pure Resources/Mid	4500	Mills Trust -145- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8550	Edwin S Mayer Jr -E- #24	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	7900	University -5416- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Exp. Inc.	7700	T C Meador #7	Heart Land Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 6800'
New Discovery Operating	7000	Beare #3	Heart Land Drilling 4	Drig Ahead
Pogo Producing Co	6900	West -80- #11	Heart Land Drilling	Drig Ahead 6000'

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	9500	Albwell -K- #208	Mattlock Drilling 1	Drig Ahead 485'
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	8490	Spraberry Driver Unit #2225a	Mattlock Drilling 2	Rigging Up
New Mariner Energy	8400	Sau Mariner 15-2 #2	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 7203'

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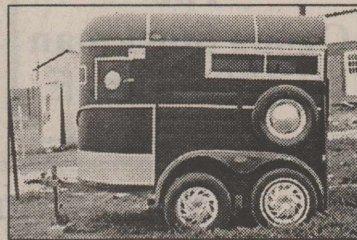
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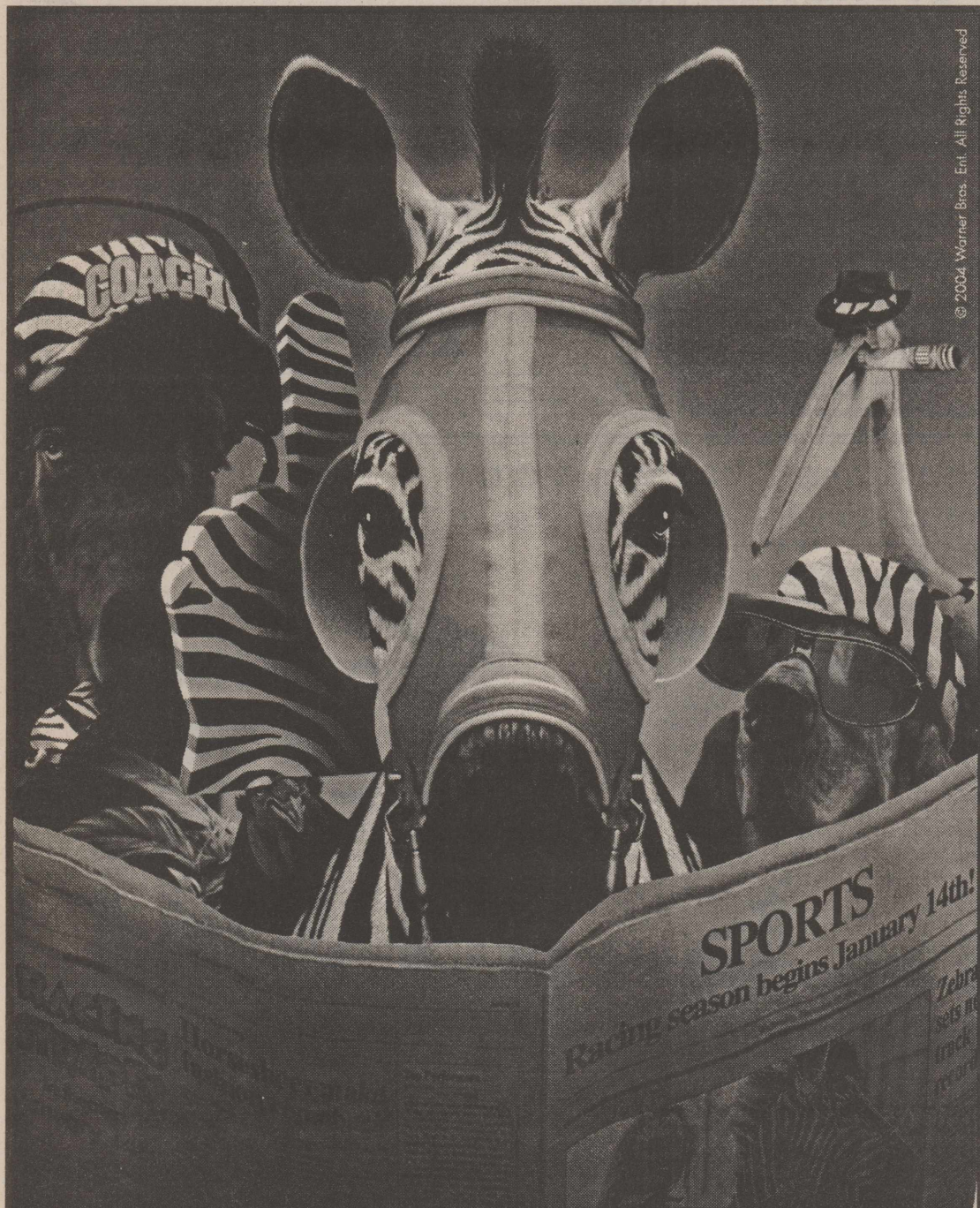
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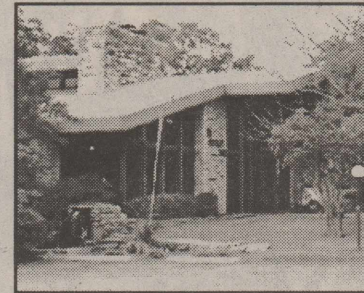
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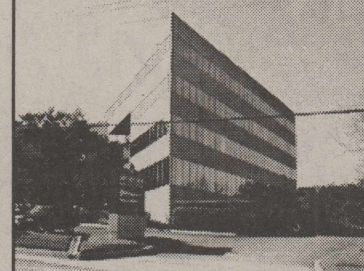
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