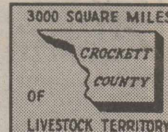


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Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
April 25	84	57	-0-
April 26	79	45	-0-
April 27	84	45	-0-
April 28	91	55	-0-
April 29	90	57	-0-
April 30	68	45	-0-
May 01	77	48	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 66 Lo 52 T-Showers	Hi 70 Lo 54 Partly Cloudy
Friday	Saturday
Hi 74 Lo 57 Partly Cloudy	Hi 75 Lo 57 Scattered T-Storms

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Ozona athletes state bound in tennis, track

Galindo, Moore sweep singles division at regional meet

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Jessica Moore and Roland Galindo traveled to Abilene last Wednesday and Thursday and gathered all the gold in the girl's and boy's singles divisions of the Region 1 Tennis Tournament.

"This was truly a historic moment for the OHS tennis program as I can't recall the school ever capturing both singles titles in the same year, if ever," said Coach Rick Bachman. "Jessica and Roland were both simply spectacular as they marched through the tournament to capture both titles."

Moore, the number one seed in the draw, eliminated Kylie Easterling of Post 6-3, 6-1 in her first round match.

"This was a very big win for Jessica as the Easterling girl had competed in this tournament last year and comes from a very experienced tennis family. Jessica had to really play some great tennis to survive this first round test," Bachman said.

In the quarter-finals, Moore destroyed Michelle Theodosios of San Saba 6-0, 6-1 to move ever closer to her goal.

"Theodosios is another solid, veteran player who has played in the Regional and State tourna-

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Photos by Joe Hernandez
JESSICA MOORE and **ROLAND GALINDO** swept the girl's and boy's singles divisions at the Region I-AA Tennis Meet last week in Abilene. The duo will compete at the State Meet Monday and Tuesday in Austin.

Ramos takes first place in 1,600-meter run

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions competed this past weekend in the Region I-AA Track Meet in Abilene.

Senior Britney Ramos brought home the gold in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5 minutes, 22.69 seconds.

"She ran an impressive 71

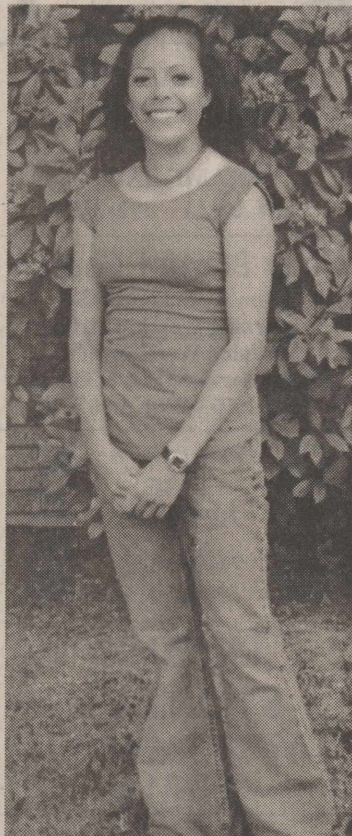
second final lap," said Coach Benny Granger.

Ramos will compete in the State Track Meet in two weeks at Austin.

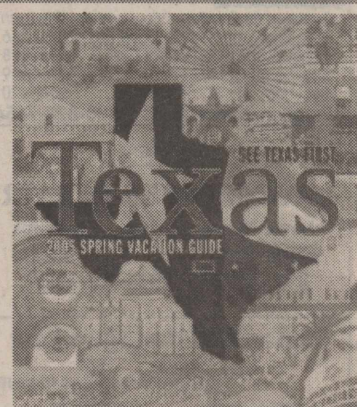
Ramos also finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:01.28.

Casey Cervantez placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.88.

The 400-meter relay of Mal-



BRITNEY RAMOS won the 1,600-meter run at the Region I-AA Track Meet on April 30 in Abilene. She will compete in the state meet in two weeks in Austin.



Ozona makes vacation guide cover

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
 Chamber Executive Director

Texas is the third most traveled state in the country, only behind California and Florida.

Each spring and fall, a vacation travel guide is printed and distributed to 17 major newspaper markets and AAA offices nationwide. This four-color newspaper insert ran April 5 - putting Ozona's message in front of more than 1.2 million targeted households reaching more than 3 million potential travelers.

The magazine is a program that was developed and offered to members of the Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA), of which the Ozona Chamber of Commerce is a member.

It is an effective way of reaching key markets on a limited budget. More importantly, conversion studies show a 60-84 percent visitation rate, providing a strong return on the advertisers investment.

The sign located in Ozona's square, "The Biggest Little Town in the World", was printed on the front cover of the 2005 Spring Vacation Guide.

"Members of TTIA were given the opportunity to submit unique photos of their communities," said Chamber Director Shannon Biggerstaff. "We were one of the first cities to respond and we are pleased to see that our photo was selected for the front cover".

Readers of the guide are given the opportunity to send for a free brochure on any community of their choice.

In 2004, the Ozona Chamber of Commerce ran an ad in both the spring and fall vacation guide. The Chamber received 4,712 requests for brochures following the spring ad, and 4,744 brochure requests following the fall ad.

A total of 9,456 brochures were mailed to people who were specifically interested in Ozona.

"The largest majority of these travelers are not looking at Ozona as a destination. They are traveling cross-country or to a metro area within the state, and are looking for a place to stop along the way," Biggerstaff said. "Travelers take advantage of a number of services; gas, lodging, dining, they take pictures in front of the Davy Crockett monument and tour the museum. They shop in our grocery stores; visit our banks and any other needed service that is available and open to them. This magazine is an excellent advertising vehicle to increase the number of tourism dollars dropped in our community".

Saturday is Election Day in school board race

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Election Day for the contested school board race will be Saturday. Voting will be from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Crockett County Courthouse.

The only contested race is for District 2 in which Jana Wilson and Santiago Ybarra Jr. are running.

The winner of the race will take the place of incumbent George Ybarra who chose not to seek re-election.

Students get first hand look at local natural resources during annual Field Day

By **CAROL YEAGER**
 Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District

The annual sixth grade Conservation Field Day, co-sponsored by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and the Crockett National Bank, was held on April 21 at the Double T Ranch.

The purpose of the tour was to give the students a basic understanding of what natural resources are and how they must be properly cared for to sustain the current way of life.

Students were presented with information about soil and water conservation, brush management and range management.

Exercises were shown on how to perform a prescribed burn for brush control on rangelands, as well as, demonstrations on soil development, erosion, water infiltration and watershed management. This information was presented to the students by Tom Payton, Stephen Zuberbueller, David Embry and Rusty Dowell.

A presentation on wildlife management was given to the students by Mary Humphrey of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service. The group played games which demonstrated how hunting of wildlife helps keep the animal populations in check.

Students were treated to a hamburger lunch provided by Crockett National Bank. The meal was prepared by Rick Hensley, Virgil Polocek, Hayden Kiser, Laurie Hale, Diane Anderson and Carol Yeager.

Dennis Clark, manager of Emerald Underground Water Conservation District, and Vir-

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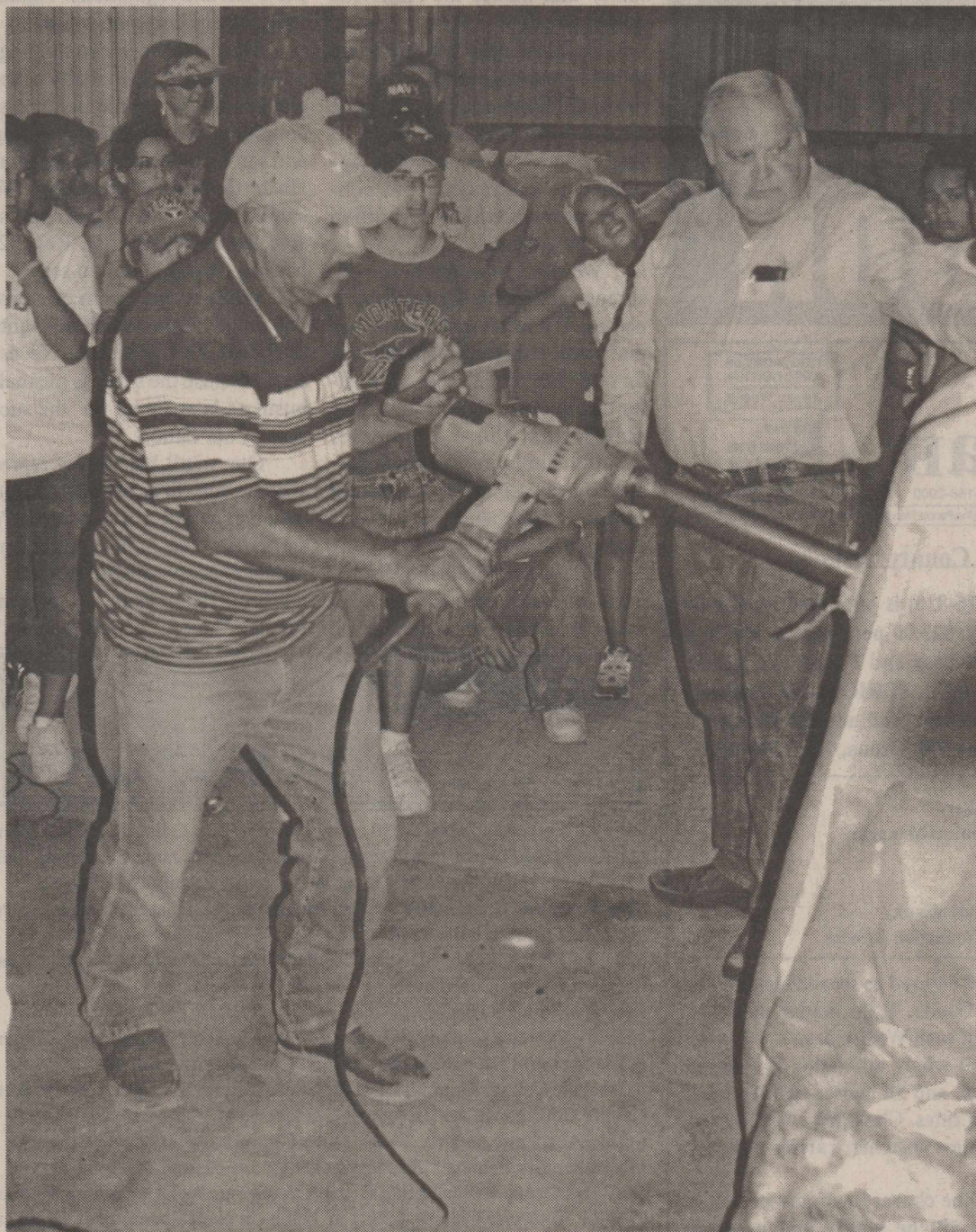


Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller
ANTONIO MESA takes a core sample of a bag of wool as Wool Growers manager Donnie Laughlin explains to Ozona Middle School sixth graders about the wool process during the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District's sixth annual Field Day on April 21.

Ozona school bands to perform annual spring concert Tuesday

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona school bands will give their annual spring concert at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Fair Park Convention Center.

All bands, grades 6-12, will perform during the concert.

Selections include popular music including "George of the Jungle," "The Cowboys," "Mission Impossible" and many more. The public is invited to attend.

FFA Banquet Thursday

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Ozona FFA will host their annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Crockett County Civic Center.

The banquet will award and achievements the organization has accomplished during the school year, as well as recognize individuals for outstanding FFA contributions to the program.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

I can always count on Mom

Mom. Just saying the word makes me want to pick up the phone and give her a call. A habit I do often frequently.

Whenever I have a problem, I often reach for the phone and immediately call mom.

I remember everyday after school, even when I got in high school, I would come home, sit at the kitchen table and talk to mom.

Mom always had the perfect answer to everything. I'm sure I didn't think so then, but now when I look back it mom was always right.

That thought does make me kind of said knowing all the minutes and hours I wasted by arguing with her because in the end she was right, just as she is still right.

When you're little, mom is there to give you hugs, to pick you up when you fall down and to cheer you on in all those activities. My mom was there for all that.

Mom even lived through those two years of piano lessons and all those hours of practicing. She lived through the clarinet, baritone and then percussion.

Music to her ears, even on the wrong notes she would say.

That's mom!

Mom was there for every band concert, stock show and school banquet. When she wasn't there, the first person I would call after we'd won or done something big was mom.

When I turned 18, and thought I knew everything there was to know about the world, I couldn't wait to get out on my own.

When I had my first "real world" crisis, the first person I called was mom.

I still call here after I return home from traveling. I call here when I need a shoulder to cry on or just someone to vent to when I've had those bad days.

She's good at all of those things.

She calls when something pops into her mind, mails me things she finds interesting and often gives me a critique on my paper. She even points out my mistakes.

Who needs to go to counseling when you've got mom?

Thanks mom, for all that you do.

Happy Mother's Day to my mom and all the moms out there.



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

NEWS REEL MAY 1, 1975

Five girls have been selected for twirlers for Ozona High School Band next year. Elected head twirler was Hope Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Phillips. Others selected were Nancy Womack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Womack; Deklyn Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnye Cain; Karen Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kirby and Helen Bunker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bunker Jr.

NEWS REEL MAY 2, 1946

Miss Dollye Cook announced this week that she is re-opening the Hotel Ozona Coffee Shop promising fine cafe service.

The new spring wool clip from the back of Crockett County sheep is "pouring in" to the local warehouse, Melvin Brown, manager of the Ozona Wool and Mohair Co., said this week. Shearing crews are busy throughout the county and truckloads of the eight-months and 12-months fleeces are unloading at the warehouse day and night.

(Best of) It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

I Hope My Wife Doesn't Read This

It is that time of year again when I suffer a yearly bout of amnesia. Yes, it's the 32nd anniversary of the very first year I forgot to buy my wife an anniversary gift.

This time of year I am known around my house by the absence of my presents.

Oh, I do try. I picked up one of those little Hallmark date books with the anniversary gift suggestions printed on the back cover, but even that didn't help because there are two sets of gift suggestions.

One version is called "Traditional Anniversary Presents" and the other is "Modern Anniversary Gifts." I think the "modern" list was written by women who want better presents earlier in their marriage.

For example, the "traditional" 10th anniversary gift is tin, but the "modern" suggestion is diamond jewelry. The "traditional" fourth anniversary present is flowers while the "modern" version is kitchen appliances. I guess I am just a more "traditional" kind of guy but I think a \$10 bouquet is a much more romantic gift than a \$500 trash compactor.

There is another reason that women expect better presents earlier in their marriage.

According to the "modern" list a bride is supposed to receive a set of china on her second anniversary but under the more "traditional" guidelines she would not receive china until her 20th anniversary.

In today's society, when the honeymoons often last longer than the marriages, most women would never receive their china if they had to wait around 20 years.

It also makes no sense to me that the bride is supposed to get her everyday dishes in the second year of marriage but has to wait until her fifth "modern" anniversary to receive silverware.

What are she and her redneck husband supposed to eat with for the first four years of wedded bliss? Some gifts are suggested on both lists but for different years.

For example, leather is the "traditional" gift for the third anniversary but is given on the ninth

"modern" anniversary. I got my wife a gummer cow on both occasions.

Just in case you are wondering about what to give your loved one this year here are some anniversary gifts I've given over the years with varying degrees of success.

First Year: I gave my wife the traditional paper gift and she gave me the modern suggestion, a clock. Actually, I left her a piece of paper on our first anniversary telling her to feed the dog because I had gone to the Men's Club to play poker. She responded by cleaning my clock.

Fifth year: Wood is the recommended gift so I gave my wife a very tasteful railroad tie carving.

Seventh Year: My little book suggested something wool this year so I bought my wife a new ram, one that hopefully won't butt her like the last one did.

11th Year: Steel. That was easy, she got a much needed steel panel for the corrals that will take her place.

After the 11th year the gift suggestions really start getting expensive such as silk, lace, and crystal.

For the 13th anniversary I gave my wife a fur coat as suggested.

But when I took my wife out to dinner at Taco Bell for our anniversary an animal rights advocate asked my wife, "What poor thing had to die so that you could wear that coat?"

"My aunt," I replied truthfully.

After the 15th year gift suggestions are made only for five year increments so I take that to mean I don't have to get my wife anything in between.

This will be my thirty third anniversary so we'll soon test that theory once again.

I have already begun to worry about our golden years when rubies, sapphires, platinum and gold are recommended. (That's why they are called the "golden" years.) I know the reasoning behind such gifts: they are incentives to stay married longer.

In this manner they are kind of like the proverbial horse and carrot.

Unfortunately, when you've been married for as long as we have the carrot is spelled with a "K".

WEEKLY REPORT

Congressman Henry Bonilla

23rd District, Texas

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Common Sense Legislation - The Small Business Bill of Rights Small business in the engine that powers our economy. Small business is the embodiment of the entrepreneurial spirit that has made our nation the greatest in history and envy of the world. Small business creates the opportunity that makes the American dream a reality.

For this reason, I am proud to have cosponsored, H. Res. 22 the Small Business Bill of Rights. The Small Business Bill of Rights is a common sense approach to addressing the concerns of our nation's 25 million small businesses.

We need to make health insurance affordable for small businesses. It doesn't make any sense that small companies should suffer or be limited in access to quality health care. H. Res. 22 states plainly that those businesses should be able to pool their purchasing power for lower health insurance rates, and I say "that's common sense!"

And what about the disproportionate amount of paperwork small business owners are forced to complete and regulations they are forced to follow? Reports show the federal regulations can cost small businesses close to \$7,000 per employee which is 60 percent higher than that of large companies. H. Res. 22 clearly outlines the need for a reduction of excessive and unnecessary paperwork and regulations. Again, I say, "that's common sense!"

The death tax is also still negatively affecting the vitality of the small business community by discouraging owners from investing and saving and can at-times actually be the death of a business. We should do away with this oppressive tax as stated in H. Res. 22, because "that's common sense!"

While it may seem obvious, this Small Business Bill of Rights in H. Res. 22 is necessary. Necessary because the success of small business is essential for the success of our nation.

Our small businesses represent the very fiber of America and are an expression of our country's spirit. Because of this, I am committed to supporting them and nurturing their health and growth, because "it's only common sense!"

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 4 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Diabetes class, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- May 5 - FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.
- May 6 - Ozona Community Center Graduation, 6 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- May 7 - Election Day - District 2 School Board Elections, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Crockett County Courthouse.
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 9 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Bridge club, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex.
- OMS Academic Awards, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.
- OHS Seniors Banana Split Party at the Ozona Church of Christ.
- May 10 - Ozona Bands Spring Concert at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- May 11 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Diabetes class, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Title I Summer School Registration, 6-7 p.m. at the intermediate school library.
- Catalyst Ministries, 6:45 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Letters to the Editor

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

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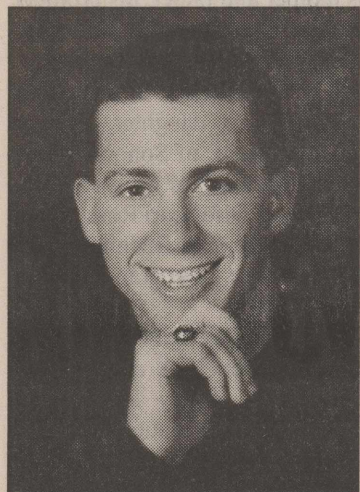
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

The week has begun with rain in the forecast according to San Angelo Standard Times. It is time that we receive rain as things are beginning to dry out and the cooler weather is refreshing.



Ryan Batla honored with Senior Merit Award at Texas A&M

Ryan Batla has received the Senior Merit Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

This award is given to the most outstanding students in recognition of their outstanding record of academic achievement, distinguished leadership and service to the college.

This is the highest award given by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Ryan was honored at the College of Agriculture of Life Science Convocation.

Ryan is the son of Larry and Becky Batla of Garden City.

He is the grandson of R.J. and Coleen Everett of Ozona.

Great-grandmothers are Myrtle Everett of Fort Stockton and Mary Rose Baker of Grape Creek.

Geniece and Pleas Childress have been back at home for a week now. It is so good to have them back at home.

We are sorry to hear that Bill Childress passed away. Our condolences go out to the Bill Childress family.

Freddie and Pat Nicks aren't doing well. They will be taking Freddie to San Antonio this week. All of us miss this couple as there have been seen everywhere the last few years. Both Pat and Freddie have been strong supporters of the Senior Center. We are all thinking of them and wish them well.

On May 10 the Concho Valley Community Action will be here in Ozona at the senior center at 11 am. This organization will assist those who qualify with their utilities.

Our next potluck will be on Wednesday May 11, 2005 at noon. We have no program planned at this time but we know in advance the food will be good. Please join us at the senior center.

Have you noticed the new podium that we have? County employee Elliott Barrera designed and built our podium. It looks great and the wood matches the front of the stage and the rest of the woodwork in the building. Thank you so much Elliott. You did a super job.

Remember the Crockett County Senior building can be rented at a small charge for special occasions. If you are interested call Lynn English at (325) 392-9094 and receive the details.

Remember that we have a number of games to play. On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays we have our Walk Two Miles at 8:30 am. If any of you like to play pool there is a pool table at the senior center. Also we have a puzzle going at all times and the coffee pot is always on.

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

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Happy Birthday

May 4 - Billie Lovell, James Galindo, Jalen Lopez and Camille Hernandez

May 5 - Amber Batura
May 7 - Renee Padier, Kimberly Nowell, John Craig, Monica Ortiz, Reagan Lea Barrera, Allyson Gaige, Luke Burk and Allisha Alba

May 8 - Ollie May Chadwick and Samantha Lara

May 9 - Huey Ingram, Kevin Calloway and Irene Rios

May 10 - Mary-Linda DeLaGarza, Sandra Hernandez, Khalid Omar Valencia and Maria Rios

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

Crockett County Museum Memorials

In Memory of: Lefty Walker and Gene Fowler

Given by: Giles and Becky Davidson Madray

In Memory of: Taylor Deaton, Willie V. Baggett, Marcus Tooke and Clifton Fowler

Given by: Bill and Norma Carson

It's a boy

Stellar James Preddy is finally here!

He was born at San Angelo Community Medical Center on April 13. He weighed 9 pounds, 5.4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

He is welcomed home by his mother Allison Preddy, grandmother Tracey Preddy, aunt Park Preddy and great-grandparents Jamie and Mary Lou Knox.

Local rancher visits Australia for training

By PEGGY MADDOX
Director of education and public relations for the Savory Center West Ranch

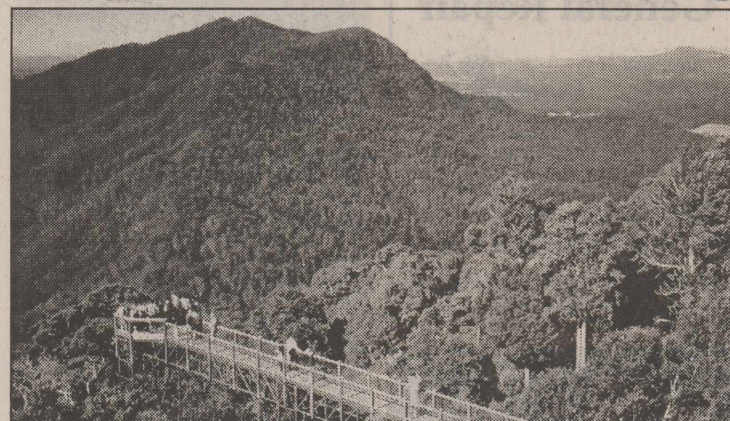


Photo by Peggy Maddox

LOOKING OUT FROM THE CANOPY OF EUCALYPTUS TREES in the Dorrigo Rainforest in New South Wales Australia one can see the Pacific Ocean in the distance.

using this new decision-making framework.

Prior to attending the conference, she spent six days at Yaraando Eco-lodge in the northern tablelands of New South Wales. Tours of various ranches and national parks, including the Dorrigo Rainforest, were provided to the fifteen recent graduates of the Savory Center certified educator program.

"One of the most impressive things was the fact that all the homes had rainwater catchment systems. Especially, in the rural areas, everyone depended

on rainwater for their water supply," Maddox said.

David West of Ozona left his estate to the Savory Center in 2001 with the plan for his ranch to become a learning site for holistic management.

The Savory Center in Albuquerque, N.M. is an international non-profit founded in 1984 by Allan Savory. The Savory Center brings new ideas and hope to rural agricultural communities around the world by providing training and education in ways to regenerate natural resources and creating the future they want.

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You helped touch the lives of children and their families in our community. This special celebration gave us an opportunity to teach children and show them the resources we have available in the library. We were also able to highlight our children's Spanish and bilingual book collections. Quoting from children's book author and poet, Pat Mora, "This is an occasion for all language groups to celebrate the power of being bilingual, for involving non-English speaking families in literacy activities, and for featuring books in other languages and books about bilingual children written by authors from those various cultures."
Our program this year was a huge success and we had more attendance than last year. We hope to continue this yearly event at the library and with the help of persons and organizations as those listed above we can do so.
Thanks again - Sylvia De Hoyos Longoria -
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Tickets are on sale for the Shrimp Fest to be held from 4-8 p.m. May 14 at the town square.

Tickets are \$10 per plate and can be found at The Ozona Stockman, Westerman Drug, Small Fashions, Hitchin Post, Baskets & More, Petals & Pearls, Crockett Automotive, Lilly Construction, Triple C Hardware and Lumber, Ozona National Bank, Ozona Wool and Mohair, Wool Growers, Ozona Country Club, Duke Energy, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Crockett National Bank and from any Crockett County Museum Board Member.

Tickets can also be purchased at the event. All proceeds benefit the museum.

Menu includes boiled shrimp, sausage, cole slaw, beans, tea and water.

Live music will also be on hand.

For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

(⁶) [Jesus said] When you bear (produce) much fruit My Father is honored and glorified. You show and prove yourselves true followers of Mine.

(⁹) I have loved you [just] as the Father has loved me: Abide in My love [and continue in His Love with Me].

John 15: 8, 9

Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**
Activity Director

Monday afternoon, E.A. Wadsworth R.N. read to our residents. We worked on projects to sell at our fund-raiser.

Tuesday morning is exercise class with Francis Davis. Our residents get a real workout by music and video exercise.

Tuesday afternoon was Baptist Bible study with Stan and Audrey Glynn.

Wednesday afternoon Mary Welty and Otis Nester provided our residents with music and singing.

JoAnn Williamson was our volunteer for ladies beauty shop. Thursday afternoon excitement was really going with staff and residents as we presented our first Talent Show here at the facility.

Our judges were Dr. Fuller, Diane Phillips, Johnnye Johnson, JoAnn Williamson and Quana and Brenda, daughters of resident Connie Bentley.

Our laundry and housekeeping department with Flor Longoria, Anna M. Yruegas, Amy Cervantez, Juanita

Mendoza, Matilda Cervantez, Lucricia Ramirez took third place in our talent show known as the "Golden Cleaning Girls."

Coming in second place Flor Longoria of Housekeeping and Maria Arredondo known as the "Las Zapatjas."

Taking first place was our own Care Center residents Francis Flanagan, Neva Palmer, Emma Camarillo, Connie J. Bentley and Ketan Shah known as the Happy Hand Gang. Congratulations to these great entertainers. Thanks goes to everyone that participated in our talent show.

Our Mother's Day part is at 3:30 p.m. today in the main lobby, along with our May birthday party sponsored by Crockett National Bank. Music will be by Otis Nester.

Elvira Higginbottom is Mother of the Year at CCCC, having the most children. She has 10!

On Thursday, residents will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a traditional Mexican party.

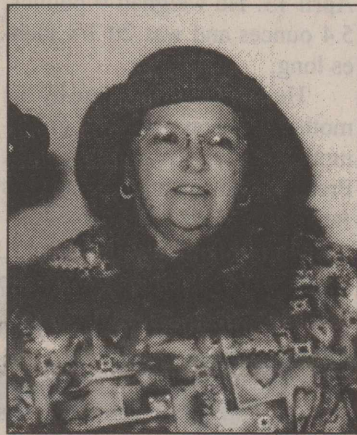
Come join these celebrations with our residents and staff. Our week has been great, hope yours is too!



Submitted Photo
CARE CENTER RESIDENTS taking first place at the talent show are: Neva Palmer, Emma Camarillo, Connie J. Bentley, Ketan Shah and Francis Flanagan.



Submitted Photo
ELVIRA HIGGINBOTTOM was named Mother of the Year at the care center.



Submitted Photo
CARE CENTER EMPLOYEE Francis Davis was the M.C. at the care center talent show last week.

Obituaries

William Albert Childress

William Albert Childress, 87, of Ozona passed away on April 30, 2005 in Ozona at the Crockett County Care Center.

Graveside services were Sunday, May 1, 2005 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

He was born in Ozona on August 21, 1917 to Lee Childress and Myrtle Kincaid Childress. W. A. was a well known rancher, having ranched in Crockett and Wilson Counties. He was a Beefmaster breeder and served as a director for Beefmaster Breeders Universal.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his brothers, Phillip Lee Childress and James Robert Childress, his first wife, Mary Jess Koy Childress, and his son, William Ross Childress.

W. A. was a beloved husband, father and friend. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Haralson Childress, his daughter, Frances Childress Ross and her husband Joe David Ross, of Sonora and his son, Frank Childress and his wife Ann Childress, of Canyon Lake. He had five grandchildren, Joe Will Ross and wife, Lori Ross; David Lee Ross; Mary Ross Buchholz and husband, Bob Buchholz; Bert Childress, and Felice Childress; as well as three great grandchildren, Robert, Dalton, and Franklin Buchholz.

He was also close to his wife's family, Linda Fagan and her son, Brandon Fagan and wife Misty Fagan; Sharon Link and her son, Christian Link, and her daughter, Heather L. Curry and husband John Curry; Linda and Charles Haralson and their daughter, Nancy H. Smith and husband Russell Smith; their son, Charlie Bob Haralson and wife, Janyne Haralson; and their son, Tom Haralson.

Honorary Pallbearers will be, Eugene Miller, Charlie Fuller, Dan Conoly and George Carroll.

Clarice Vaught Shaw

SAN ANGELO — Clarice Vaught Shaw of San Angelo, formerly of Water Valley, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, April 24, 2005, at the age of 93.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1911, in Gary, Texas, to R.R. and Jennie Virginia Guthery Vaught. She married Ewell A. Shaw in Carlsbad, Texas, on Dec. 24, 1928.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors are her sons, Harold Shaw and wife Ann of Ozona, Kenneth Shaw and wife Christine, Bob Shaw of San Angelo and David Shaw and wife Diana of Battleboro, N.C. and daughter Lorece "Mimi" Baze of San Angelo. Also surviving are grandsons Dean and Ronald Shaw and Stephen Baze; granddaughters Teresa Calvert, Sharon Vick, Leslie Walsh and Andrea Mutzabaugh; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Our mother was a true Christian and a member of Water Valley Baptist Church.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to VistaCare Hospice and requests that memorials be made to VistaCare Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

Funeral service was Wednesday, April 27, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Greer Willis of First Baptist Church in Pecos officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mary Lee Brown Keeling

SAN ANGELO — Mary Lee Brown Keeling, 83, of San Angelo passed away peacefully at her residence on Wednesday, April 27, 2005. She was surrounded by her loving family and special friends. Mary Lee was born in Ozona, Texas, on March 4, 1922, to Clifford Issac Brown and Mary Helen Armentrout Brown.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bill Keeling; her daughter, Deborah Young; two beloved grandchildren, Holly Young and Mark Young and his fiancée, Jennifer Smith; her sister, Betty Henry; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Lee touched many lives by giving to others as a registered nurse at Shannon Hospital for 40 years. She served as director of nursing services for 25 years. Shannon Hospital held a special place in her heart. Mary Lee loved to paint and enjoyed working on ceramics with her sister. Holly and her Nanner shared many special times. She was a Christian and was faithful to the end.

A special thanks to Sherry Hunt and the staff at VistaCare and her caregivers Aimee, Terry, Janice, Yolanda and Marissa, who took such good care of her. Her sweet dog Precious never left her side. We will miss you, Nanner.

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I wish I could but I can't because she has gone home to be with the Lord. I would like to turn back the clock and tell her I love her or spend time with her. I might help her in the kitchen or help clean up the house or just do some little thing that she needed done. I would not let a Mother's day pass by that I didn't get her flowers or call or take her out to dinner. I would go to Church with her, (that pleased my mother and grandmother so much). I just know I would try doing something to let her know that she was special and appreciated. God created women special and unique and we are commanded (told to) to give a special place of honor to our mothers, (and fathers, Exodus 20:12). We are told to consider or not overlook, (1 Kings 19:19-21) hear their instruction, (Proverbs 1:8 & 6:20).

We are also told not to curse, (Exodus 21:17) or despise or rob them, (Proverbs 15:20 & 28:24). It is good that we have a special day to honor mothers but I think we also need to treat them special the rest of the year. By the way the Bible mentions two people who didn't have mothers, (Adam and Eve, Genesis 1:27).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Team KIDS: Wednesday - 5:30 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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FIELD DAY: Students learn the importance of agriculture and conservation to Crockett County

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gil Poloczek talked about water monitoring and conservation. They then presented the students with a demonstration concerning water levels, water quality and water sources.

Miles Dabovich, Crockett County Agriculture Extension Agent, talked to the students about all of the agriculture products in Crockett County.

Rusty Bishop of the Double T Ranch gave a talk and demonstration about Hair Sheep, one of the varieties of livestock raised at the Double T Ranch.

The final stop of the day was at Wool Growers Central Storage Company where Donjnie Laughlin talked about how wool and mohair is handled and sold. Mr. Laughlin also demonstrated compressing bags of wool into bales.

Throughout the day the students learned how important ag-



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

CROCKETT COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT MILES DABOVICH talks to sixth grade students about agriculture products in Crockett County during the annual Field Day on April 21.

riculture and the conservation of natural resources are to Crockett County and the world.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank the Ozona school officials

for their continued support and all the individuals who helped to make the day a success. We would like to extend a special thanks to Art Roane and the Double T Ranch for making this day possible.

Summer school registration to be held May 11

2005 TITLE I SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Crockett-CCSD will have registration for the 2005 Title I Summer School Program from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Registration will be at the Intermediate School Library. The curriculum for summer school is in the area of Reading and Math.

Parents will have the opportunity to register their child for summer school, meet the teachers and hear about the activities that will take place during summer school.

2005 TITULO I ESCUELA DE VERANO MARTHUCACION

Crockett-CCSD tendra matriculacion para el 2005 Titulo I Programa de la Escuela de Verano el miercoles, 11 de mayo 2005 a las 6:00 P.M. hasta las 7:00 P.M. La junta estara en la biblioteca de la escuela intermedia. El plan de estudios sera en las areas de lectura y matematicas. Los padres tendran oportunidad a matricular su nino para la escuela de verano, concera las maestras, y oira de los actividades que esatra haciendo su nino en la escuela de verano.

House expands operation game thief authority to help state game wardens

AUSTIN - The Texas House of Representatives passed legislation two weeks ago that will help state game wardens investigate crimes by offering a reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction through the Operation Game Thief program.

Previously, the program only offered rewards for information regarding game and fish law violations. HB 2032 by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) will expand the reward fund to other illegal activities that game wardens routinely encounter in the field, such as destruction of historical sites, arson and criminal mischief, criminal trespass, boating while intoxicated and intoxication assault/intoxication manslaughter.

Further, the bill also allows Operation Game Thief funds to be used for technological advancements in order to assist in the capture and prosecution of state law violators.

"We need to do whatever we can to protect the natural

and cultural resources of this state, as well as the people who use them," Hilderbran said. "Hopefully would-be violators will be deterred, knowing that their peers will receive up to \$1,000 in exchange for information."

The legislation would assist game wardens investigate cases such as the 2002 Lake Buchanan hit-and-run boating accident that killed one teenager and left two others injured. The case remains unsolved.

In 2003, a hit-and-run accident on Lake LBJ knocked Laura Putnam, a 23-year-old graduate of Texas Tech University, overboard. While game wardens had a suspect in the case, he was not arrested until four months after the incident, in part because a key witness didn't step forward.

Since 1981, Texas Parks and Wildlife's Operation Game Thief program has relied on tax-deductible gifts from the public to help promote the program and pay rewards for tips.

Levis & Lace News

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

On April 26, club members Carol Adcock, Otis Nester, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Steve Usener and Raul De La Rosa danced at the Crockett County Care Center.

Our next dance will be at 8 p.m. May 14 at the Senior Center featuring caller John Geen from San Angelo.

Birthdays to be celebrated will be Rita Rios, May 3; Renee Padier, May 7 and Dale Bebee, May 28. All of the birthdays will be celebrated at our dance on May 14 since it will be our only dance in May due to graduations at the end of the month. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun.

We also had a lesson Tuesday at the Senior Center.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

**DEADLINE:
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The Stockman Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Card of Thanks

My sincere thanks for the many flowers, phone calls and prayers I received while hospitalized following an accident. It was very much appreciated and uplifting.

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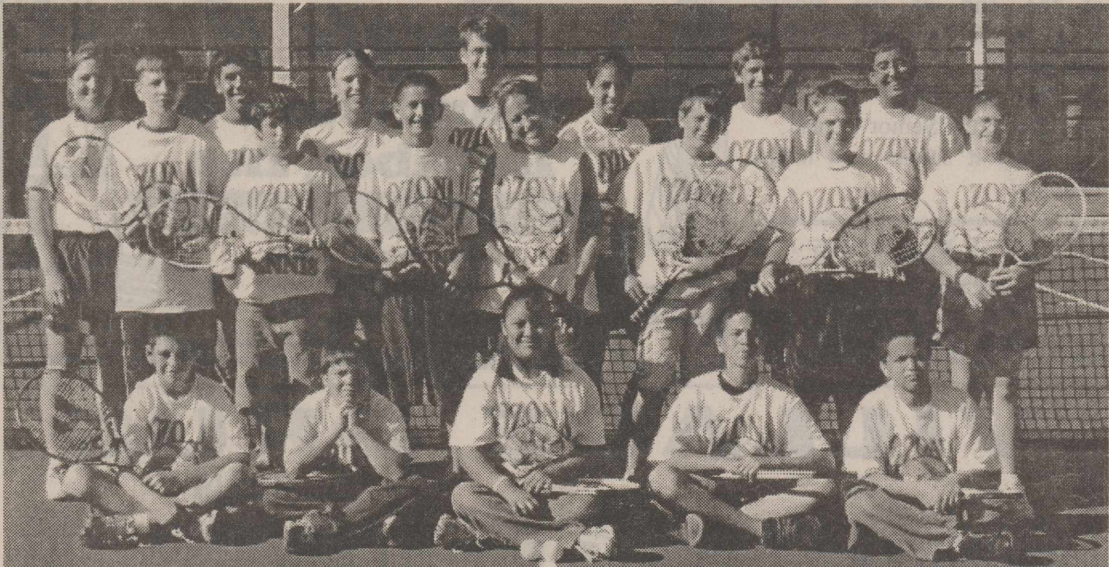
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2005 OZONA EIGHTH GRADE TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) Coach Wendy Justiss, Jesse Ramos, Steven Silva, Nathan Knox, Chris Lara, Ben Flores and Josh Smith. Middle row: Jordan DeHoyos, Freddy Veloz, Ethan English, Devon Diehl and Daniel Gonzales. Front row: Kara Bird, Jasmine Moran and Melissa Miller.



2005 OZONA SEVENTH GRADE TENNIS TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) Coach Wendy Justiss, Lalo Longoria, Brandi Glosson, Lane White, Alex Macias, Dillan Castillo and Jordan Martinez. Middle row: Cory Kelley, K.C. Carson, Jay Villarreal, Abigail Rodriguez, Kyle Sweell, Taylor Newton and Tressa Cervantez.



2005 SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS' TRACK TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) Coach Dale Mayfield, Sophie Perez, Kelsey Childress, Vanessa Rodriguez, Brandon Tebbetts, Alex Cruz, Alex Macias, Jayci Miller and Coach Jamie Cormier. Middle row: Stephanie Galindo, Odelia Alba, Blair Chandler, Brelinda Veloz, Libby Moore, Jolissa Payne and Julie Gutierrez. Adrianna Tijerina, Shelby Ortiz, Abby Rodriguez, Brandi Glosson and Lauren Najar.



2005 OZONA GIRLS' EIGHTH GRADE TRACK TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) manager Alysha Lara, Linda Talamantez, Sarah Lott, Melissa Miller, Victoria Zapata, Iris Vergara, Jackie Pollard, Barbara Caperton, Amber Lewis and Crystal Gonzales. Front row, Coach Dale Mayfield, Jasmine Moran, Christina Rodriguez and Coach Jamie Cormier.

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Lions compete in regional meet in Abilene

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

The Ozona Lions competed this past weekend in the Region I-AA Track Meet in Abilene. The major obstacle for the Lions was a large field of competition at the meet, said Coach Tom

Duncan. The top three from each of the eight districts in Region I had qualified to run in the meet.

"This just spurred our youngsters on to compete harder," Duncan said.

On Friday, the meet began with the 3,200-meter run. Seniors Eliseo Treto and Simon Garza ran and placed in a very strong field. Treto was fourth with a time of 10 minutes, 14.72 seconds and Garza was sixth at 10:25.81.

As the meet wore on, Michael Maldonado cleared 12-feet, 6-inches in the pole vault. Senior Toby Pagan finished ninth in the

shot put with a throw of 45' 3" and seventh in the discus with a throw of 149' 1".

During the long jump, J.D. Borrego toed in at a jump of 20' 7.5" for ninth overall.

The 1,600-meter relay of Trey Collis, Borrego, Vince Castro and Tate Collis ran a 3:39.02 for fourth in their heat, but failed to qualify for the finals.

On Saturday, Treto and sophomore Levi English came back to bring the Ozona partisans to their feet with career bests in the 1,600-meter run. Treto finished fifth at 4:43.82 and English was eighth at 4:47.99.

Baseball team finishes season in fourth place

**By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher**

The Ozona Lions Baseball team finished their season with a 5-4 victory over Reagan County on April 26.

Ozona - 5 runs on 3 hits and 2 errors; Reagan County - 4 runs on 4 hits and 3 errors.

Winning pitcher - Drew

Clayton (2-0); Save - Jordan Long.

Top hitters - David Esparza 1 for 4; Caleb Mitchell 1 for 2 and 1 RBI; Long 0 for 2 and 1 RBI and Clayton 1 for 3.

The Lions finished tied for fourth in district play with a 6-8 record and 10-12 overall for the season.



2005 OZONA SEVENTH GRADE BOYS' TRACK TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) Lane White, Lalo Longoria, Kurtlan Reyes, Jarron Vasquez, Matthew Fay, Dylan Castillo, Jordan Martinez and Bailey Badillo. Middle row: Austin Whitten, Corey Kelley, Manuel Villarreal, Jay Villarreal, Josh Ramos, Anthony Villarreal and Oscar Lopez. Front row: Andrew Galindo, Jessie Badillo, Kyle Sewell, K.C. Carson and Nick Leonard.



2005 OZONA BOYS' EIGHTH GRADE TRACK TEAM MEMBERS are: (back, l. to r.) Jonathan Flores, Matthew Garza, Felix Venegas, Ruben Rivas, Nathan Knox, Wilson White, Steven Silva and Coach Lenny Morrow. Middle row: Daniel Gonzales, Chris Lara, Matthew Komechak, Fabian Onate, Ben Flores and Daniel Anderson. Front row: Ethan English, Josh Smith, Jesse Ramos and Andrew Borrego

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MURPHEY BLACK THROWS a loop in double mugging at the Ozona AJRA Rodeo held on April 29.

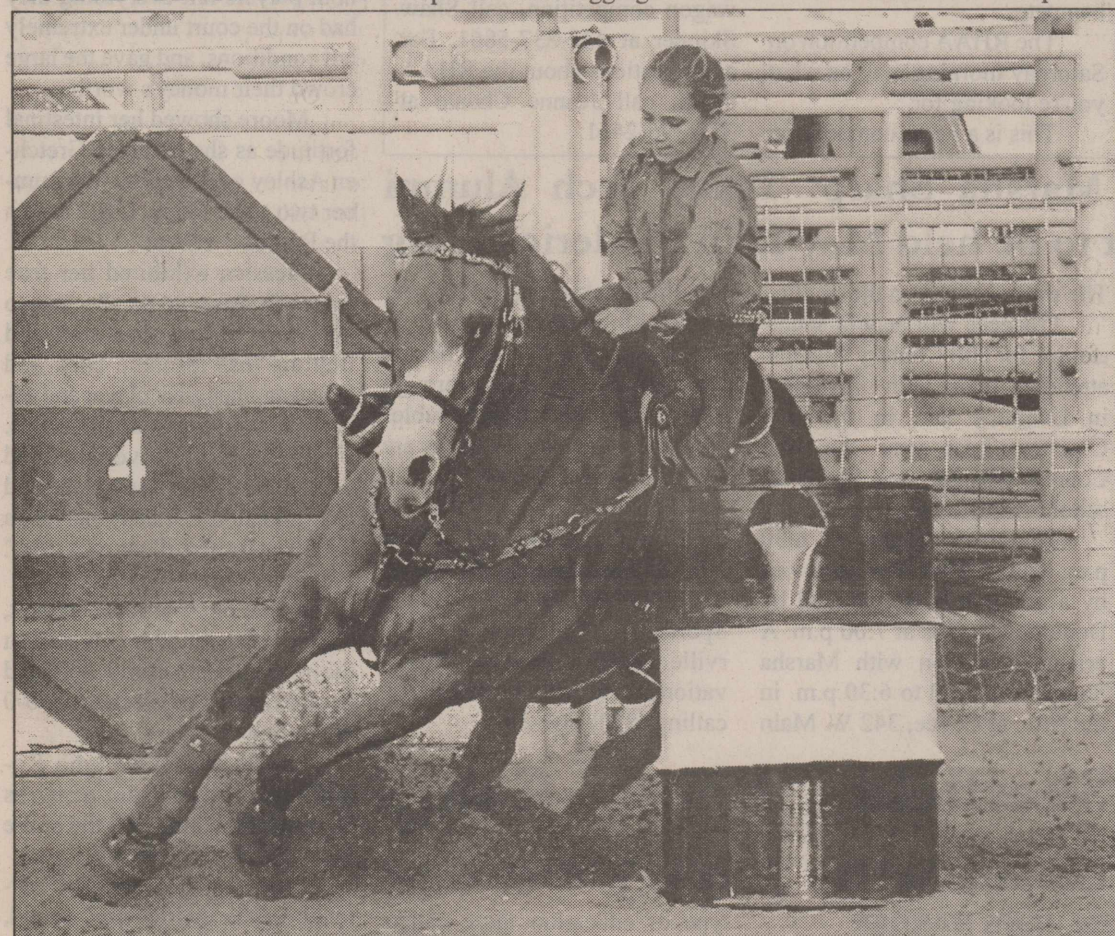
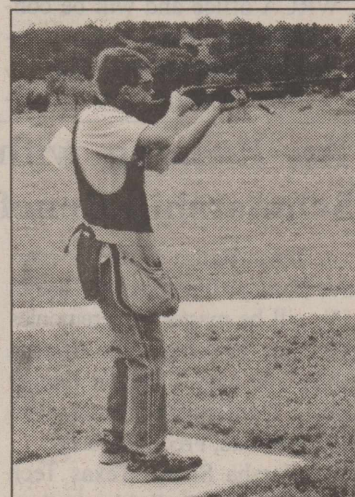
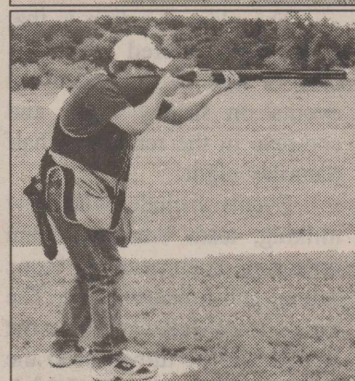
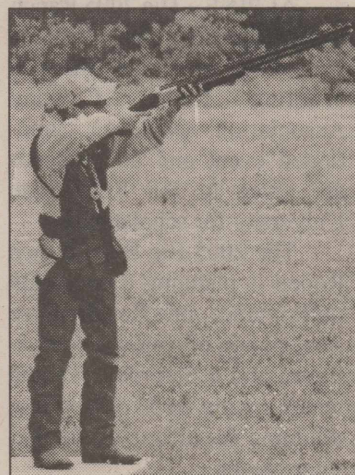


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ALLIE BLACK competes in the 9-12 girls' barrels competition in the April 29 Ozona AJRA Rodeo.

Ozona Whiz Bang Shoot gains participants



READY AIM FIRE: (top to bottom) Sol Stokes, Brian Anderson and Danny Anderson take aim and fire during the event.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

LOCAL SHOOTERS FOR THE OZONA WIZ BANG 2005 SHOOT were (left to right) Brian Anderson, Sierra Stokes, Sol Stokes and Danny Anderson. The group competed April 30 at the Ozona Shooting Range.

Event features competitors from all over West Texas

More than 53 participants, ages 10 through high school, competed in the Ozona Wiz Bang 2005 Shoot on April 30 at the Ozona Shooting Range.

Sierra Stokes shot 8 out of 2 in the Novice Trap.

Sol Stokes placed third in the Junior 5-Stand with 33 shots and shot 16 out of 22 in the Sub-Junior Trap and 15 out of 16 in the Sub-Junior Skeet.

Danny Anderson placed fifth in Junior Skeet shooting 19 out of 18. He also shot 19 out of 19 in the Junior Trap and 26 in the Junior 5-Stand.

Brian Anderson placed fourth in Senior 5-Stand with 33 shots, third in Senior Trap shooting 23 out of 24 and

fourth in Senior Skeet shooting 19 out of 22.

Other counties participating were Howard, Nolan, Callahan, Tom Green, El Paso, Martin, Frio, McCullough, Comal and Taylor.

The shoot gained 22 more entries than last year, said Coordinator Tom Anderson.

A special thanks goes out to the companies and individuals who donated to the event.

They are Stokes Drilling, Ozona National Bank, Crockett Automotive, Childress Contracting, Tom and JoNel Stokes, FESCO LTD., Dan Pullen, Crockett County for getting the range ready and all the volunteers who helped out the day of the event.

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Senior Questionnaires are due **MAY 6!** Turn them into The Ozona Stockman or to the high school office!

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Photo by Melissa Perner

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS (left to right) Markaus Galindo, Daniel Anderson and Lane White auditioned for the ATSSB Region Seven West Zone District Band on April 23 in Sonora. Daniel placed seventh chair on French horn in the District Band and performed in the concert held at Sonora High School on April 23. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and dedication to making music.

2005 Seniors have made selections at Petals & Pearls

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| Naomi Barriga | Hilary Huffman |
| Jared Bird | Baylor Myers |
| Andy Birkenfeld | Dawson Owens |
| Kristin Bunger | Taylor Oglesby |
| Tyler Cunningham | Toby Pagan |
| Adrienne DeHoyos | Brandon Payne |
| Doug Duncan | Heather Price |
| Roland Galindo | Britney Ramos |
| Jenna Henderson | Aaron Renfro |

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Entries being sought for the 2005 Ranch Rodeo

ALPINE - The 2005 Ranch Rodeo of the Big Bend is set for Aug. 12-15 in Alpine. This is a Working Ranch Cowboy Association (WRCA) sanctioned event and all proceeds are given to Sul Ross State University for scholarships.

The 2005 Big Bend Ranch Rodeo is planning a two night performance, one Ranch Horse Association of America competition, and a Saturday evening chuck wagon feed/competition, doubling the efforts of the previous years.

The plan of action is that every team entered will compete in half of the scheduled events on Friday night and compete in the remaining half Saturday night.

Events include wild cow milking, team branding, team doctoring, team penning, bronc riding, and a bedroll race. The top point-earning team from the BBRR will be turned in to the WRCA office and will be considered for eligibility to compete in the November finals. Cash prizes are awarded winners, as well as many gift items.

Maybe you don't have a "team" made up of six fulltime cowboys, but you pay some guys \$1500 or more each year to come help brand and ship.

Maybe you have a friend, neighbor, brother, who does the same.

Combine the two brands, make yourselves a team and come join the fray.

In years past, the ranch that won the Big Bend Ranch Rodeo went to Amarillo wearing the badge of being the best bunch of hands in the area. Let's make sure that the team that flaunts it has earned it by successfully ranching the West Texas desert.

Ranch rodeo spots are open for local ranches until April 30, and then open for any and all to enter.

Maybe you've considered it and just can't get qualified to compete.

The RHAA competition on Saturday morning may be what you're looking for.

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The top four to five places are paid depending on entries and the top three places qualify for the RHAA finals in Abilene in conjunction with the Western Heritage Classic in May each year.

Rodeo tickets will be available at the gate and dinner tickets will be available at the wagons.

For more information on entering a team and receiving a packet, call Monty Kimball at 432-827-5832. For other rodeo inquiries call Gary Dunshee at 432-837-5551.

To inquire about the chuck wagon competition, call Shaw Skinner at 432-837-5861. For any questions about the RHAA event, call Jeanne Choate at 325-396-2461.

TENNIS: Moore, Galindo defeated top competitors

from page 1
ments in the past, so this was another huge victory for Jessica," Bachman said.

In the semi-final round, Moore beat Veronica Quiroz of Colorado City 6-4, 7-5 to advance to the finals.

"Quiroz, another veteran of this tournament and the number four seed, really gave Jessica a strong test in this match as she continued to battle throughout the entire match. Jessica stepped up when things got tough and won the big points to knock-out this wily opponent," Bachman said.

The championship match was another spectacular contest as both players left everything they had on the court under extremely hot conditions, and gave the large crowd their money's worth.

Moore showed her intestinal fortitude as she defeated Gretchen Ashley of Canadian, the number two seed, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 to win the Region 1 crown.

"Jessica exhibited her true colors in this one as she had to overcome a very slow start and first set loss to come back and defeat another great player and advance to the State Championships. I was elated and overwhelmed with the courage, stamina, and determination Jessica displayed in her quest for this illustrious title," Bachman said.

In the boy's singles bracket, Galindo, the number two seed in the tournament, easily defeated Scott Maxwell of Electra 6-1, 6-0 in the first round.

"I was impressed with Roland's dominance in this match as he controlled things for the entire match," Bachman said.

Galindo faced a stiffer challenge in the quarter-final round, as he was able to hang on and defeat a very scrappy and athletic Chad Hutson of Friona 6-3, 7-5.

"Roland started this match very well but struggled some in the second set and fell behind 4-1, but was able to regain his composure and confidence and win the second set 7-5," Bachman said.

In his semi-final round, Galindo once again completely dominated Justin Hebert of Boys Ranch 6-2, 6-2 to advance to the finals.

"We were concerned about Hebert as he had upset the number three seed in the quarters on Wednesday, but Roland stepped it up and took control of his opponent and never let him into the match," Bachman said.

In the championship match, Galindo and defeated Matt Reidt of Slaton 6-1, 6-4 to become the Region 1 champion for the second consecutive year.

"Roland and I had devised a game plan for Reidt over breakfast Thursday morning, and he followed it to the letter. We were very, very concerned about this young man as he had eliminated the number one seed in the quarters, and has a ranking in his native country of Germany," Bachman said. "Thursday was one of the greatest days I have experienced in my 40 plus years in tennis both as a player and a coach. For Jessica to be able to go to Abilene on her first attempt and win the Regional Tournament is nothing short of remarkable, and for Roland to be able to win another Regional Championship after his doubles win last year was phenomenal. Both of these young adults should be highly commended on their desire, dedication, and the class they displayed to the entire Region as they played through this tournament. I consider it a blessing to be able to work with such great young people, and we are all fortunate in this community to have such shining representatives for us everywhere they go."

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'An Evening with Marsha Sharp' Texas Tech Alumni Scholarship Benefit to be held May 13 in Fredericksburg

Texas House of Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-District 53) will be master of ceremonies for "An Evening with Marsha Sharp" on May 13 at the Hangar Hotel Conference Center, 155 Airport Road, Fredericksburg.

Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech University Lady Raider basketball coach and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame 2003 inductee, will speak at the scholarship benefit dinner hosted by the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Tech Alumni Association.

The event is open to the public.

Proceeds will benefit scholarships for Hill Country students attending Texas Tech University, in Lubbock and in the Hill Country. Last year the Hill Country Chapter gave \$5,000 in scholarships to local students.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar, followed by a gourmet buffet catered by Delicious Details at 7:00 p.m. A private reception with Marsha Sharp from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Attic at Cuvée, 342 W. Main

St., Fredericksburg, is \$75 per guest with limited seating.

Tickets are \$30 per person and \$20 for students through 12th grade. Red Raider tables are \$500 and Matador tables are \$300 for eight people.

Tickets are available at TTU at Fredericksburg office, 102 E. San Antonio St. (830) 990-2717 and at Fitness First Sports, 141 W. Water St., Kerrville (830) 896-0114. Reservations also are available by calling (830) 669-2944.

Sheffield Boot Camp cadet wins poetry contest

By JANE HARBER
Community Relations Coordinator

Zachary Sanders, a Sheffield Boot Camp cadet, has won second place in the Poetry in the Arts High School Seniors Award contest, administered by the Poetry Society of Texas.

The title of his poem is "On How To Change The World."

The Texas Youth Commission became aware of this contest and wanted the cadets at Sheffield Boot Camp to participate in it.

"Mrs. Dorris gave us the information about the contest, and I wanted to enter," said Cadet Sanders. "I have been writing poetry for a long time. Seven other poems I wrote have been published. It just comes naturally to me."

Mrs. Gladys Dorris, Cadet Sander's high school English teacher, said, "This is awesome! I'm so proud of him. One of the toughest levels to compete in is the senior level competition, and he came in second!"

Mrs. Candy Cade, the school's principal, said, "This is a tribute to education in general. He put a lot of himself into writing this poem. It shows what

type of education these cadets are given an opportunity to take advantage of, and it speaks loudly about what type of person he is. He's quite an example!"

"When I leave here I'm going to Texas Tech University. I want to become a High School teacher of government and economics. Part of changing the world is teaching others to do right," Cadet Sanders said. "This is the third proudest moment of my life. The first was when I got my GED and the second was when I found out I am going home in May."

Mr. Sanders' second place winning poem follows:

Look now, see the world.
Pretend that you are free.
Light up your darkened corridors.
Forget that I am me.

Listen closely to your voice,
The one that no one hears.
Take a stand for something.
Try not to show your tears.

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FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Planting Basics

Most of the plants that you buy for a landscaping project today are grown and sold in individual plastic containers. A few large shrubs and trees may be balled and burlapped, and some deciduous plants are sold bare root. Ground covers are sometimes sold in flats. In any case, the basic concern is the same: Be careful what you do to a plant's roots. Spread them out; don't fold or coil them or cram them in a tight hole. Keep them covered; don't let the sun or air dry them out. Don't bury them too deep; set the top of the root ball level with the surrounding soil. Make sure the young plant doesn't dry out. Even drought tolerant plants need regular watering during the first year.

Planting container grown plants: The steps are the same for any plant, no matter what size the container it is growing in. Dig a hole that is a little wider than the container but not quite as deep. Check by setting the container into the hole - the top of the soil in the container should be slightly higher than the surrounding soil. Dig several holes at a time, at the positions that you have already marked out.

Remove the container: With one hand grip the plant at the base of its stem or leaves, like pulling a ponytail, while you tug on the pot with the other hand. If the pot doesn't slide off easily, don't pull harder on the stems. Try whacking the pot with your trowel or use a strong knife to cut it off.

Examine the plants roots: If there are any thick coiled roots, unwind them and cut them off close to the root ball, leaving short stubs. If the root ball is a mass of fine hairlike roots, use the knife to cut three or four slits from top to bottom, about one inch deep. Pry the slits apart and tease the cut roots to loosen them. This may seem drastic, but it is actually good for the plant because it forces new roots to grow out into the surrounding soil.

Work quickly. Once you've taken a plant out of its container, get it in the ground as soon as possible. If you want to prepare several plants at a time, cover them to keep the roots from drying out.

Set the root ball into the hole: Make sure that the plant is positioned right, with its best side facing out, and that the top of the root ball is level or slightly higher than the surface of the bed. Then add enough soil to fill the hole, and pat it down firmly.

Planting a balled or burlapped shrub or tree: Some nurseries often grow shrubs or trees in the fields, then dig them with a ball of root filled soil and wrap a layer of burlap snugly around the ball to keep it intact. The main drawback with this system is that even a small ball of soil is very heavy. If the ball is more than a foot wide it is usually a two person job. If you are buying a tree with a ball bigger than that, ask the nursery to deliver and plant it. Here's how to proceed with that are small enough that you can handle them.

Dig a hole about twice as wide as the root ball but not quite as deep as the root ball is high. (Step in the bottom of the hole to firm the soil so the plant won't settle deeper.) Set the plant into the hole, and lay a stick across the top of the root ball to make sure it's at or a little higher than the grade level. Rotate the plant until its best side faces out. Be sure to cut or untie any twine that wraps around the trunk. Fold the burlap down around the sides of the ball, don't try to remove the burlap - roots can grow out through it, and it will eventually decompose. Fill soil all around the sides of the ball and pat it down firmly. Spread only an inch of soil over the top of the ball.

Planting bare-root plants: Mail order nurseries sometimes dig perennials, roses, and some deciduous plants when the plants are dormant; cut back the tops;

and clean all the soil off of the roots, to save space and weight when storing and shipping them. If you received a bare root plant, unwrap it, trim away any roots that are broken or damaged, then soak the roots in a pail of water for several hours.

To plant, dig a hole large enough that you can spread the roots across the bottom without folding them. Start covering the roots with soil, then lay a stick across the top of the hole and hold the plant against it to check the planting depth. Raise or lower the plant if needed in order to bury just the roots, not the buds. Add more soil, firming it down around the roots and continue until the hole is full.

Planting bulbs: Plant daffodils, narcissus, snowflakes, and other spring-blooming bulbs in October and November, when fresh bulbs are available at local garden centers or delivered by catalog merchants. If the soil in the bed was well prepared, you can use a trowel to dig holes for planting individual bulbs; where you have room, you can dig a wider hole or trench for planting a group of bulbs all at once. The perennials, ground covers, shrubs and trees you planted earlier in the fall or spring will still be small enough that planting bulbs among them won't unduly disturb their root systems. As a rule of thumb, plant small (grape or cherry size) bulbs about 2 inches deep and 3 to 5 inches apart, and large (walnut or egg sized nuts) bulbs 4 to 6 inches deep and 6 to 10 inches apart.

This information along with other helpful gardening tips can be found in the Creative Homeowner Home Landscaping Texas.

Crockett County 4-H Judging Teams compete at Eldorado

The Crockett County 4-H Judging Teams competed April 30 in Eldorado and came away with many awards.

The Junior Wool and Mohair team came in second in Mohair and first in Wool with Laura Stapper High in Wool and second in Mohair.

Other team participants were Lane Hale, Trey Fierro and Erik Carrizales.

The Senior Team was fourth in Wool with Kraig Chandler second in Wool and third in Mohair with Lakin Aaron and Kyan Kothmann placing very well.

Kelbie Renfro was second in Novice Wool contest and Lanna Stapper doing well in Mohair.

In the Range Evaluation Contest, Kraig Chandler was second in the Senior Contest, Laura Stapper was third in



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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H JUDGING TEAM MEMBERS ARE: First row, (left to right) Trey Fierro, Kelbie Renfro, Lanna Stapper, Lane Hale and Erik Carrizales. Second row (left to right) Laura Stapper, Lakin Aaron, Kyann Kothmann and Kraig Chandler. The teams competed on April 30 in Eldorado. the Junior Division and the Novice Contest and Linda Lanna Stapper was third in Stapper competed very well.

May chamber member luncheon scheduled

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

The Chamber is busy finalizing plans for its first 2005 Membership luncheon. The luncheon has been scheduled for May 17 at the Ozona Country Club. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Guests should arrive between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The program will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m.

The cost for the lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door upon arrival. Non-members are welcome to attend but must RSVP in advance.

Chamber Chairman, Judy Churchill, will give a welcome, and introduce new members.

Executive Director Shanon

Biggerstaff will give a report of Chamber activities since January, including an update on the construction of the Visitor Center. Rhonda Shaw, Tax Assessor Collector, will speak to guests on the services the local tax office provides to both residents and businesses.

The purpose in having a luncheon is two-fold: 1. to provide another occasion where members have a chance to network with one another, and 2. provide a program that educates individuals and businesses about

the activities and services available in their community.

Residents and Chamber members are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to become informed about Chamber activities that affect the community and how to get involved in those activities.

So that the restaurant can be prepared members must RSVP.

For information or to RSVP, call the Chamber at 392-3737.

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY LEE CASTRO and Constable Bear Borrego examine the remains of the 1997 Lexus that rolled near the 359 mile-marker on Interstate-10 on April 27. The driver, Martha Gonzales from California, was heading west when she fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the north side of the payment into the shoulder area, according to a report from the Department of Public Safety. The vehicle then slid sideways into a rock cut, hit the rock cut on the driver's side causing the vehicle to flip on the driver's side, the report stated. The rear end of the vehicle then hit the rock cut and came to rest facing south. She was taken to the Family Health Center of Ozona by the Crockett County EMS. The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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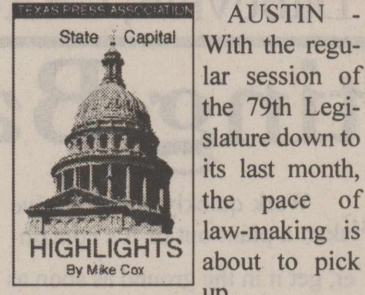
- 4-26-05
- Locked vehicle at 4-H barn. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Gas Drive off from I-10 and Taylor Box Road. Deputy had subject return to pay for gas.
- Subject in sheriff's office to give statement on a prior incident.
- Locked vehicle on 100 block of Llano. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Deputy arrested juvenile at local school as a result of a burglary investigation.
- Locked vehicle at high school, extra key was found.
- Theft report at 200 block of Bisente. Deputy recovered property.
- Report of a possible drunk driver on State Highway 163 headed south. Val Verde County was contacted.
- Report of a reckless driver in a small green Geo on Avenue O. Deputy unable to locate.
- Medical call on bus on I-10. Deputy assisted EMS.
- Deputy met with subject at sheriff's office for statement.
- 4-27-05
- Report of a suspicious vehicle on Highway 163 headed north. Deputy checked vehicle and all okay.
- Gas welfare at convenience store on 15th Street. Deputy authorized gas welfare.
- Deputy assisted DPS with minor motor vehicle accident on Ave E and 11th St.
- Deputy traveled to Iran for voluntary statement from subjects involved in an argument.
- Minor motor vehicle accident on I-10, DPS notified.
- Deputy met with subject in about previous theft report.
- Deputy met with subject at the sheriff's office about possible fax machine scam. Fax message promises a share of unclaimed money.
- Deputy assisted disabled citizen who had fallen down at a residence on Avenue H.

- One vehicle roll over on I-10. Deputy assisted DPS and EMS.
- Report of criminal mischief at Crockett Heights. Deputy made report.
- Report of a juvenile assaulted, deputy took statements.
- Report of reckless drivers at baseball complex. Deputy located and spoke to juvenile drivers.
- Loud music report on 11th Street. Deputy had subject turn down music.
- 4-28-05
- Locked vehicle on Medical Drive. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Locked vehicle at primary school. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Deputy took statement on prior incident at sheriff's office.
- Report of suspicious vehicle on Avenue F. Deputy checked on vehicle.
- Deputy assisted EMS on Medical Call.
- Disturbance on State Highway 163 south. Deputy met with subjects.
- Deputy filed Criminal Trespass Notice for subject.
- 4-29-05
- Possible disturbance on Heroelio Street. Deputy checked area and no disturbance found.
- Report of loose pit bull on Swaps Street. Deputy assisted animal control in capturing the dog for impoundment.
- Report of telephone harassment, citizen was threatened by a telephone survey solicitor. Deputy took report.
- Report of juveniles shooting air rifle at vehicles. Deputy unable to locate juveniles.
- Telephone harassment report on 1200 block Avenue E. Deputy spoke to juveniles involved in making the call.
- Locked vehicle on 1300 block Avenue C. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Deputies provided traffic control for house move.
- Loose livestock on State Highway 163 north. Landowners contacted by dispatch.
- Report of juvenile on mini bike on Bold Ruler. Deputy spoke with parents.
- Juvenile complaint at sheriff's office. Deputy spoke to subjects.
- Possible prowler on Heroelio Street. Deputy checked area and unable to locate.
- 4-30-05
- Private club manager on Sheffield Highway reported subjects too intoxicated to drive. Deputy gave two subjects a ride to a motel.
- Report of a reckless driver on I-10. Deputy located suspected vehicle everything was

- fine driver continued.
- Minor vehicle accident north of Ozona on State Highway 137. Dispatcher notified DPS.
- Report of fire restarting on tank. Dispatcher notified Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.
- Vehicle blocking roadway on Avenue C. Deputy advised subject to move the vehicle.
- Report of a swarm of bees near a local restaurant on 15th Street, dispatcher notified Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.
- Report of a fox at residence on 11th Place. Deputy unable to locate fox.
- Report of loose livestock on Highway 163 north of Ozona. Dispatcher notified land owner.
- Report of two reckless drivers at ball park north of town. Deputies stopped and spoke with subjects involved.
- Report of a family disturbance on Rio Grande Street. Deputy spoke with subjects involved.
- Report of loose livestock on State Highway 190. Dispatcher made contact with land owner.
- Deputy delivered a death message.
- Deputy transported two subjects to jail for DPS Sergeant.
- 5-01-05
- Report of tampering with mailboxes. Deputy took pictures and filed an offense report.
- Report of two pit bulls on the loose on Swaps Street. Deputies talked to owners.
- Deputy assisted EMS with subject having seizures on Laredo Street.
- Deputy met with complainant on Mulberry Street.
- Report from a private agency of a medical alarm on Ratliff Road, EMS was cancelled.
- Family argument on Rio Grande Street. Deputy spoke with subjects.
- Deputy met with complainant on telephone harassment.
- 5-02-05
- Report of a possible prowler on 11th Street. Deputy did not locate anyone in the area.
- Deputy met with subject at the jail, had questions on offense.
- Subject in sheriff's office asking for assistance in rent payment, assistance was denied.
- Report of pit bull out on Swaps Street again. Animal control and deputy captured the dog.
- Report of kids with bb guns at the Crockett Apartments, deputy did not locate kids.
- Report of loose livestock on State Highway 190 north of Ozona, dispatcher

- notified land owner.
 - Deputy unlocked vehicle at local motel.
 - Deputy responded to medical alert, everything okay, EMS not needed.
- ARREST REPORTS**
4-30-05
- Ernesto Coronado, 22, of Ozona was arrested for making alcohol available to minors. Subject remains in custody pending hold for border patrol.
 - 5-01-05
 - Rosalio Castillo Hernandez, 40, of El Paso was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, open container in vehicle, no driver's license, and speeding. Subject is still in jail.
 - Fermin Rico Jr., 30, of Del Valle was arrested for open container in vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject remains in jail.
- OFFENSE REPORTS**
4-29-05
- Local 16-year-old reported being assaulted by a known adult. Case under investigation pending interviews with witnesses at scene.
 - 5-01-05
 - On Sunday May 1, at about noon a deputy was dispatched to meet complainant at the Crockett County sheriff's office about someone breaking into a mailbox at the Post Office located at 1106 Ave F. Offense report for criminal mischief filed, under investigation.

State lawmakers pass 1,968 'routine' measures



AUSTIN - With the regular session of the 79th Legislature down to its last month, the pace of law-making is about to pick up.

So far, legislators have passed 1,968 measures, but they are routine, uncontested measures, ranging from honorary resolutions to local bills.

Of those at the close of business on April 29, only 65 had been signed by the governor. Again, they all are routine.

But Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has said he believes the upper chamber will act this week on Sen. Florence Shapiro's (R-Plano) school finance bill (the committee substitute to House Bill 2 was voted out of committee the evening of April 29.)

Also this week, the Senate Finance Committee will begin consideration of the property tax bill, the committee substitute to House Bill 3.

saying enough is enough after two of his Republican colleagues balked at naming the roadway after the singer.

When Sens. Steve Ogden (R-College Station) and Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) got Senate Bill 802 removed from the local and uncontested calendar, Barrientos opted not to push to get it on the upper chamber's regular calendar.

That effectively closed the road to the proposed Willie Nelson Turnpike.

Meanwhile, Sen. Shapiro has been assigned by the chair of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee to come up with a definitive policy on naming roadways after people.

Targeting chubby students...

The Senate has passed a bill requiring all public middle and high school students to get at least a half-hour of exercise a day at school. (A similar law covering elementary pupils went on the books in 2001.)

Bill sponsor Sen. Jane Nelson (R-Lewisville) says the new law is intended to help keep older school children from becoming obese. The Senate bill has been sent to the House.

Senate supports 1 kind of pot...

Senate members have approved a measure declaring the Dutch oven, a three-legged iron pot, the official state cooking implement. The resolution now goes to the House, where approval is expected.

If it worked for Jesse...

Kerrville mystery writer-singer Kinky Friedman, actively pursuing his independent campaign for the Governor's Mansion, has announced the hiring of the political strategist who helped wrestler Jesse Ventura get elected governor of Minnesota - Dean Barkley.

Barkley, who served briefly in the U.S. Senate, will be Friedman's campaign director.

Democratic candidate boots up...

Looks like the Democrat going up against the winner of the Rick Perry, Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Kay Bailey Hutchison nomination fight will be former Congressman Chris Bell of Houston.

Redistricted out of office, he's setting up a Howard Dean-style, high tech "exploratory" (read fund-raising) campaign. Bell's Web site, www.chrisbell.com, says, "We plan to run a smart, aggressive grassroots campaign that fully recognizes the fundraising potential and organizing power of the Internet community."

Blue eyes cryin' in the rain...

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos' (D-Austin) effort to name State Highway 130 - a part of the Central Texas Turnpike Project - after Willie Nelson has crashed into a dead end with the senator

Rocky's woman missing

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Yaneth talks to her best friend and family at least two times a day, but hasn't called neither in three days. When Yaneth left she didn't take her purse, but inside the car was a purse belonging to the vehicle's owner, Maria Guadalupe Enriquez.

Yaneth is 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, has brown shoulder length hair and wears contacts. She was last seen wearing dark blue warmups, a hot pink tank top, and white Keds tennis shoes.

Anyone with information call the Edwards County Sheriff's Office at 830-683-4104.

Rocky's woman missing



Yaneth Guadalupe Martinez, a 35 year white female of Eagle Pass, was in Rocksprings at her grandmother's house April 20, 2005. Yaneth has a two week old daughter and is suffering from Post Partum Depression and is taking Zoloft. The family said Yaneth was acting very paranoid.

Yaneth left her daughter and took her sister-in-law's car, a brown 1995 Pontiac Bonneville and was seen heading East on

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New Ausdanko E & F	8500*	Mcmillan -A- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Excava O & G Dallas	8900*	Clayton #2	Nabors Drilling (O) 253	Rigging Up
Momentum Energy	8900*	Weatherly-Pryor #2	Patterson Util/Tmbr 617	Drig Ahead 7629'
Bluegrass Energy	7000*	Simpson Canyon #103	Adobe Drilling Mustan	Drig Ahead 3558'
New Finl Natural Res	5550*	J M Baggett Jr #4-3b	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating		Addie Clayton #905	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating		Approach Bailey #317	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead

***Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion OK TX E&P	9350*	Duke Wilson #4017	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	9250*	Duke Wilson #1834	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	9200*	Dale Wilson -185- #12	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8850*	Randee Fawcett Trust -C- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8850*	Randee Fawcett Trust -C- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8800*	L R Hill-Valliant -B- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8750*	Duke Wilson #1764	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8700*	Mayfield -34- #21	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8700*	Mayfield -39- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8650*	Mayfield -46- #19	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	8650*	Mayfield -46- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8550*	Shurley RR -4b- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
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Dominion OK TX E&P	8200*	Simmons -71- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	4450*	Davis -D- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
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New Silver Oil & Gas	6200*	Hall -121- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6000*	Davis -F- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead

***Edwards County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Rio-Tex, Inc.	12000*	Buffalo #105-1	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
New Newfield	10000*	Davis #7702	Patterson Drilling/A 471	Drig Ahead

***Terrell County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	15000*	Pakenham Ranch #2601	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead
New Conocophillips/Ode	11500*	Accu -48- #5	Patterson Util/LV 481	Drig Ahead 10172'

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Rawco Oil & Gas Corp	5900*	Powell #2	Heart Land Drilling 3	Drig Ahead 3901'

***Reagan County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Prime Operating/Mid	12000*	Gps #1	Big Dog Drilling 13	Drig Ahead 2886'
New Trilogy Operating	9800*	Ronaldinho #1	Robinson Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 325'
New Pioneer Natural/IV	8300*	Merchant Unit #2206k	Mattick Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 562'
New Mariner Energy	8200*	Sas Mariner -29- #1a	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 4840'
New Mariner Energy	8350*	Sas Mariner -15- #2a	Big Dog Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 2244'
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DEPUTY CLERK NEEDED: The Crockett County Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Clerk. Typing, 10-key adding machine, computer experience, experience working with money and the public is required. Applicants must be able to pass a Drug Test and Work Steps Physical. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Crockett County Auditor's office at 909 Avenue D, Ozona, Tx. and will be accepted until 4:00 Friday, May 13, 2005. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2c14

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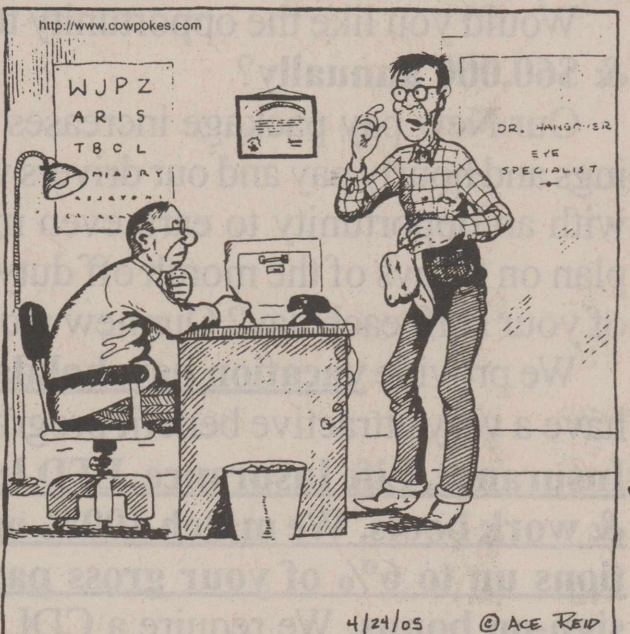
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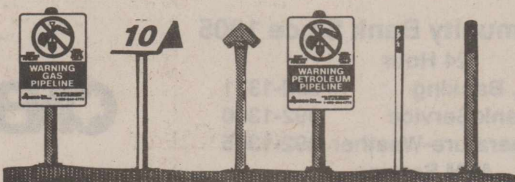
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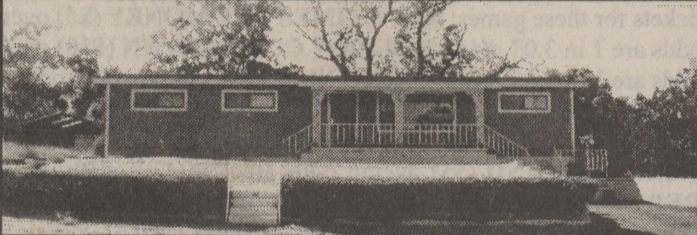
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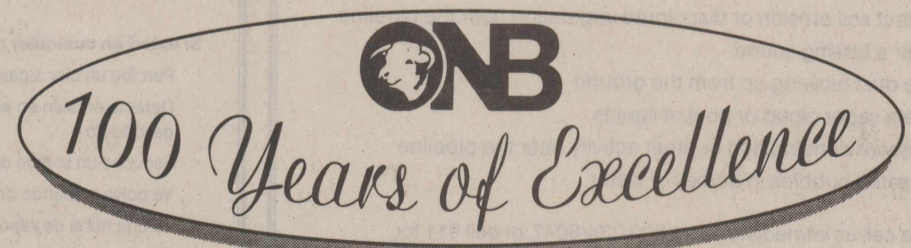
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