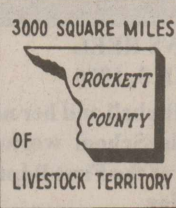


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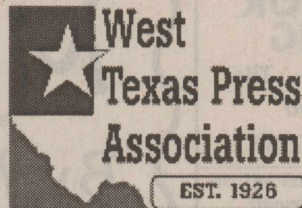
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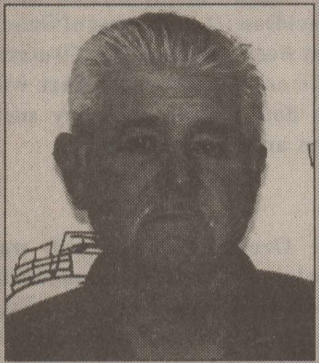
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High 100	Low 70
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Thursday	
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

More than \$2 million was 'recklessly misapplied' in Wool Grower's scheme

Laughlin, Stalcup allegedly made unauthorized salary advances during the past five years

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The former manager of Ozona Wool Grower's Central Storage Co. and the current bookkeeper allegedly "intentionally, knowingly and recklessly misapplied approximately \$2,072,326.56," over the past five years, in unauthorized wool and mohair proceeds, according to an affidavit filed in the Crockett County Justice of Peace office by Texas Ranger Brooks Long.

Donnie Laughlin, 59, was arrested on May 29 on a charge of misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000.

Laughlin remains in jail. His bond is set at \$500,000.

Tonya Stalcup, 38, turned herself into the Crockett County Sheriff's Office on May 31 for the same charge as Laughlin. She remains in jail and her bond is set at \$250,000.

The affidavit stated that through the examination of bank statements and checks that Laughlin and Stalcup were engaged in a scheme where each "funneled large amounts of proceeds via unauthorized salary advances and cash withdrawals" from the regular checking account.

Laughlin, who was terminated on April 8 as manager of Wool Grower's, confessed his role in the unauthorized transfer of sale proceeds from the sale of mohair from the wool and mohair account to the regular checking account, and wrote checks from the regular checking account to cover routine business expenses, the affidavit said.

Laughlin then sold the mohair without the consent of the

producer's, obtained payment for the mohair via legitimate buyer's via wire and check transfers, which were legally deposited into the wool and mohair account, the affidavit stated.

According to the affidavit, some producers were paid for the sale, but a large majority of the producers were not paid as the proceeds from the sales were then improperly transferred into the regular checking account and used for regular business expenses without the board of directors consent or authorization.

Laughlin also confessed about the unauthorized transfers from the wool and mohair account into the regular checking account and the fact that all mohair was sold and no producer funds remained, the affidavit stated.

Stalcup stated in a written statement that she had obtained more than \$40,000 in advances to cover a gastric bypass surgery and that this "loan" was approved by Laughlin, the affidavit stated.

Stalcup also stated that Laughlin would receive multiple payroll checks during the week, and that, on some occasions, Laughlin would receive a daily paycheck during the week, the affidavit stated.

The affidavit stated that Stalcup obtained cash from the Sanderson Wool Commission bank account, which is also owned by Wool Grower's, and the bulk of the bank deposits from the Sanderson account were then transferred to the regular checking account and used by Laughlin and Stalcup for unauthorized salary expenses and routine business expenses.

Since Laughlin was the

manager, he had authority to obtain and store a producer's wool or mohair, and would then act on behalf of the producer in selling the goods and paying the producer.

However, based on the bank statements, Laughlin sold the vast majority of mohair and wool, which was then paid for by electronic wire transfers and co-mingled with the regular accounts receivable and cash sales in the regular checking account, the affidavit stated.

The co-mingled funds were then funneled to Laughlin and Stalcup in a salary advance scheme, the affidavit stated.

According to the affidavit, examination of bank statements and checks revealed that Laughlin and Stalcup received approximately \$605,935.92 in total salary and unauthorized salary advances from September 2001-April 2006.

The affidavit also stated that numerous mohair and wool producers who placed their product at Wool Grower's during the past 10 years have been contacted and now know their product has been sold and they have yet to be paid for their product, even though Laughlin sold their product without their knowledge.

Wool Grower's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this month.

Chapter 11 under the federal bankruptcy code means that a company is able to work out a plan in hope of trying to pay people back, as well as working out a plan to keep operating, said attorney Greg Gossett, of Gossett, Harrison, Reese, Millican and Stipanovich in San Angelo.

Please see **WOOL** page 5

Taliaferro appointed county attorney, again

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

For an insider's perspective on county attorney events, see page 2

Steve Taliaferro was appointed county attorney Tuesday during a special called meeting of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court.

The vote remained the same as before on the May 8 meeting, 3-2, with County Judge Johnny Jones and Commissioner Pleas Childress III casting the deciding votes.

The meeting was called to revoke on actions taken at the May 8 meeting in accepting the resignation of Bill Mason as county attorney on May 31, and the appointment of Taliaferro.

The supplemental agenda of the May 8 meeting making the appointment and resignation action items was posted after the 72-hour notice requirement from the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Mason filed a complaint with the Texas Attorney General's office. Mason said that the attorney general's office told him that the vote taken in the May 8 meeting was a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

"The last meeting was an invalid vote," Mason said. "I am at a point where I have decided either to do something about it in district court or work it out. You have short changed people in this community who wanted to take a shot at this position. It didn't look good to the community."

Mason gave his oral resignation to the commissioners, who then accepted it by a vote of 5-0.

On the appointment of a new county attorney, local attorney Jody Upham said she was interested in the position. Jones said he received a phone call earlier Tuesday that Joe Warren Friend, another local attorney, was also interested.

Upham said that it was her understanding that the appointment of a new county attorney was a discussion item on the May 8 agenda, and that she

didn't know about the supplemental agenda making it an action item.

Jones said he apologized for the supplemental agenda for the May 8 meeting, and that the item was originally posted as a discussion item.

Childress said that the commissioners should wait until their June 12 meeting to take some time and visit with people who are interested in the position.

Commissioners Randy Branch, Rudy Martinez and Frank Tambunga, who all voted for Taliaferro at the May 8 meeting, all said that they plan on sticking to their original vote.

"I don't like appointments. I don't think it's fair to the taxpayers and to the voting public," Branch said. "Steve (Taliaferro) ran for the position and was narrowly defeated. To me that shows that 48 percent of the voters that voted in the last election are for his appointment."

Taliaferro was sworn-in as county attorney on May 15.

The other item on Tuesday's agenda was to take action on the swimming pool hours.

The commissioners voted to have the pool hours for the south pool set at 1-7 p.m., seven days a week, with private parties to be 7-9 p.m.

The commissioners then voted that when the new pool opens, the hours will be 1-9 p.m., seven days a week and that there will be no private parties during the 1-9 p.m. hours.

The commissioners also voted that children under the age of 10 have to be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older or their parent. This rule will apply to both the south pool and the new pool.

Ozona included in stop for women's air race

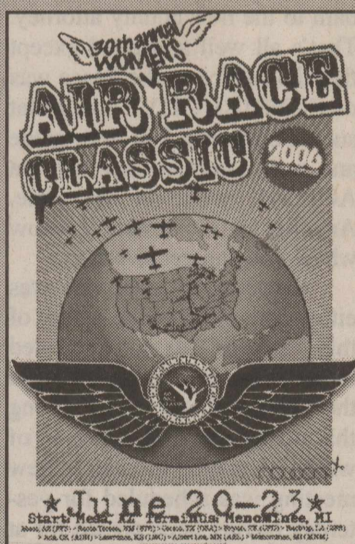
By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
Chamber Executive Director

Late June at the Ozona Municipal Airport is going to be more exciting this year than usual. As many as 35 airplanes, all piloted by women, will fly to Ozona between June 20-23. Large numbers on the aircraft tails will be the first clue they are competing in the 30th Annual Air Race Classic, the only all-woman transcontinental air race in the world.

Women racing airplanes is a tradition that began in 1929 with the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), better known as the Powder Puff Derby. Another well known name - Amelia Earhart - flew that first race, which attracted 20 women contestants and lasted eight days. Fourteen pilots completed the route from Santa Monica, Calif. to Cleveland, Ohio.

Teams competing in the 2006 Air Race Classic (ARC) are required to finish in four days. They will start from Mesa, Ariz. the morning of June 20 and land at Menominee, Mich. before sundown on Friday, June 23. In between, each crew of two women will fly to Santa Teresa, N.M.; Ozona and Bryan, Texas; Bastrop, La.; Ada, Okla.; Lawrence, Kansas; and Albert Lea, Minn.

A small army of volunteers at every stop is prepared to record the time each plane crosses an imaginary line on the airport, fuel aircraft, offer refreshments or a ride to a local motel for an overnight stay. The Ozona Chamber of Commerce



will be coordinating all Stop Chair and volunteer activities.

Race planes are limited to "stock" or minimally modified "stock" aircraft with not less than 145 hp or more than 750 hp. They have to be rated for maximum continuous operation. Each airplane is competing against its own assigned handicap, based on manufacturer's data and flight tests. The highest score, in knots per hour, above the plane handicap is the goal.

Who flies these races? Women from 17 to 90. College students, airline pilots, flight instructors, attorneys, models, singers, librarians, entrepreneurs, CEO's, and more. What is important is that each race team must have two qualified pilots. One of these women needs to have logged at least 500 hours as pilot in command, or have earned an instrument rating (qualified to navigate without reference to the ground). A passenger is allowed - a student pilot, another qualified pilot, or a non-current pilot - and changes

the handicap slightly.

Where do these pilots come from? All over the country, and sometimes, outside. Most recently, flyers from Canada and New Zealand competed. This year, ten women call Arizona home, eight hail from Florida, seven are from Indiana, and six each live in Texas and California. Other states represented are Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Washington.

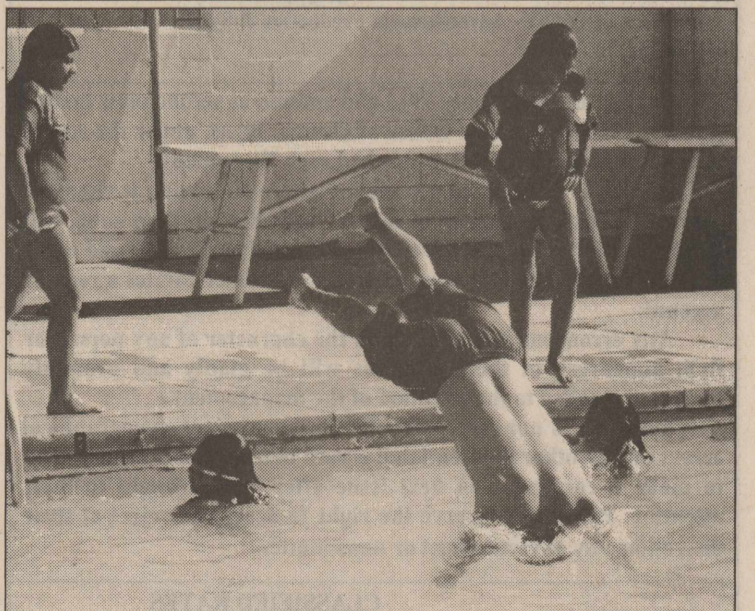
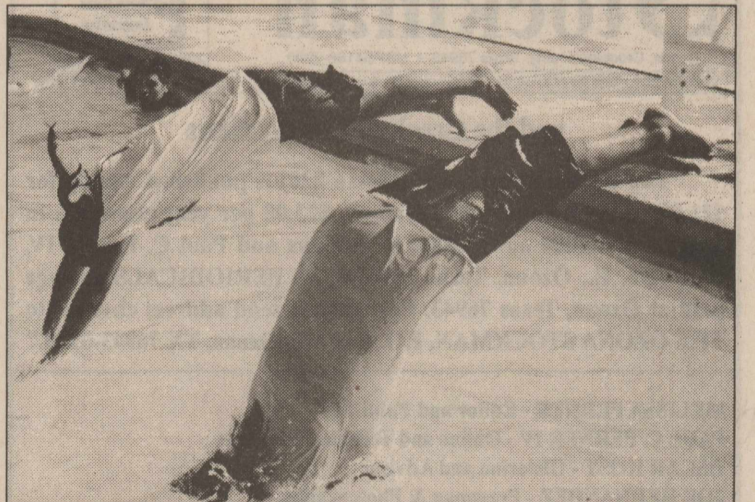
In 2003, ARC instituted a Collegiate Challenge Trophy to encourage college team participation. A Purdue-sponsored team had their names inscribed on the traveling trophy as the first winners. Ohio University won in 2004, Western Michigan University in 2005. Daniel Webster, Embry Riddle, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska, Universities of North and South Dakota are among those who have sponsored race teams.

As always, tail winds are the hope of every competitor. This year's route takes the planes east, north and west, so pilots will evaluate even more carefully what time of day to fly and what altitudes to use. They have the freedom to choose when to fly, and how high, as long as they finish in four days, fly during daylight hours and stay clear of clouds.

Powder Puff Derby pilots knew weather was the biggest unknown. They used dead-reckoning and road maps to get from town to town.

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DIVING INTO SUMMER



Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: ARMA ELIZONDO (left) and GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ dive into the South Swimming Pool. BOTTOM: BEN BADILLO goes in head first. The South Swimming Pool will be open until the new swimming pool is completed. The pool hours are 1-7 p.m. Sunday-Saturday. Private parties are being allowed from 7-9 p.m. Children under the age of 10 have to be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older or their parent.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

I am becoming a purebred country girl, sort of

Nearly three years ago when I moved to this ranch, located in the southwest corner of Crockett County, I had a few things that I needed to learn about country living.

I knew there would be hard things to get use to, such as having to cook because the fast-food restaurant isn't around the corner and keeping that cooler in the back of my pickup truck to hold those cold items from the grocery store.

I've memorized Pandale Road and some days I feel like I could drive it blindfolded.

Don't worry, I won't try there are still deer around.

There are some things I have gotten better at doing. I think I have mastered the art of going through bump gates (maybe only one bang up every two months, now); I no longer scream or jump

An insider's perspective on the recent county attorney events

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Bill Mason and is his opinion and account on the following events. Mr. Mason's opinion is not necessarily the opinion of The Ozona Stockman.

By BILL MASON
Former County Attorney

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

All I wanted to do was to retire; just quietly take leave of my office and head out to spend the rest of my life with Mary Jo. Easy, right? Just get everything audited and bid all of my co-workers a fond adieu. "Not Exactly!" At any rate, I gave notice on May 1, 2006 that I was planning to resign on May 31. That would give me enough time to get everything audited, the county commissioners at their next meeting to invite other qualified attorney's to apply for the vacancy when it occurred and advertise for another secretary to take Amparo's position as she intends to enroll in college.

The regular commissioner's court agenda was posted on the court house door (no place else) at 8:22 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006 and scheduled 72 hours and 38 minutes later or at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 8, within the Open Meeting Act time requirement of 72 hours minimum notice of any public meeting.

Among the items for DISCUSSION ONLY was my notice of intended resignation and discussion of the appointment of the next County Attorney and possibly requesting those applications of qualified candidates. Easy enough you say.

Enter Commissioner Branch with a last minute supplemental agenda filed on May 5, 2006 at 1:22 p.m. for ACTION to accept my resignation on May 5 (not May 31) and appoint a new county attorney the same day -- the only problem? The supplemental agenda must be also be posted for the MINIMUM 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT of the commissioner's court at 9 a.m.

That didn't happen; his posting was 4 hours and 22 minutes less than the required 72 hours. Nevertheless a vote was called for (demanded) and taken and the new county attorney was appointed WITHOUT discussion or for that matter much less con-

up and down when I kill scorpions and spiders in my house (well, not as often as I use to) and I don't squeal as much when I run over snakes (okay, I don't squeal I just shutter).

However, there are some things about the country life I do enjoy. I enjoy getting to see so many stars at night that it looks like I am viewing the entire galaxy.

I enjoy the quiet. I never really notice the quiet until I stay in a town and I hear the noise of traffic, dogs and other things that go bump in the night.

So a purebred country girl, I might not be, but one that has transplanted and learned to adjust to this life I am.

Even though, I don't think I'll ever stop screaming each time I kill scorpions and spiders and run over those snakes.

cern for the Rules of Order or for any other qualified attorney that might have wanted to apply.

The three commissioners voting in favor of this action were instantaneous in their vote, giving one pause to wonder if there was something other than three energetic minds coincidentally coming to the same conclusion at the same time. Mental telepathy?

The vote was INVALID due to the 72 hour timing failure. This was so noted by my challenge. Had I not challenged this vote, not only to the County Judge but to the District Attorney and the Attorney General, any act subsequently taken by the new county attorney would have been subject to being called into question by anyone at anytime in the future.

Nevertheless, after my challenge was filed as a matter of Public Record, Commissioner Branch escorted the new county attorney to the Justice of the Peace and on said commissioner's solemn word, said Justice of the Peace administered the oath to the new county attorney. That's all well and good except that the Justice of the Peace was on CONSTRUCTIVE notice that such a challenge had been made and said commissioner was on ACTUAL notice of the same. Anyone for Governor? I know where you can get sworn in.

However, as everyone was either convinced of the reality of this fiasco or was not interested in my filing for an injunction in the District Court and drawing this matter out over a period of weeks or maybe months, a new meeting was scheduled for yesterday having been posted for at least 72 hours prior and the entire episode was to be reconsidered, hopefully giving all potential candidates a chance to present their qualifications, though at this writing, concluded over the weekend, I was in doubt that the court would go that far.

As a final note, Commissioners' Court Agendas are generally posted only on the front door of the court house annex. Why not post it on Monday preceding Commissioners' Court.

That would allow the paper to publish it giving notice to general public about things like the number and cost of baseball fields, swimming pools and the cost of new vehicles for the county, etc. etc. etc.?

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Community Calendar

- June 7 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- June 8 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCPL Summer Reading Program, 10-11 a.m. for children 6-12 and 11-noon for ages 3-5.
- June 9 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- June 11 - Banana Splits served by the Family Council at the Care Center.
- June 12 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ozona United Methodist Church VBS, 9 a.m.-noon at the church's fellowship hall.
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- June 13 - Ozona United Methodist Church VBS, 9 a.m.-noon at the church's fellowship hall.
- Ready to Roar Lions Boys Basketball Camp, 9-11 a.m. K-4th Grade; 1-4 p.m. 5th-incoming Freshmen at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- June 14 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
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- Concho Valley Regional Service Planning Committee public hearing, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pot Luck, noon at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.



NEWS REEL
JUNE 3, 1976

Myrtle Mitchell and her new Vacation Bible School workers got underway at the First Baptist Church Monday.

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Gloria A. Valverde, Alex Valverde, Wayne L. Patterson, Elaine Graves Williams and Alice Louise Perner all received their degrees from Angelo State University during spring commencement.

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A grass fire at the Charles E. Davidson III ranch east of Ozona last week burned 50 to 100 acres. The continued dry weather will no doubt result in many such fires around the county.

NEWS REEL
JUNE 5, 1947

Ozona High School was declared district champions in baseball for 1947, the first year in which schools in this district participated.

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Misses Jo Nell Coose and Baby Hokit, students at West Texas State College in Canyon, are home for the summer vacation.

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Opening of a new beauty shop in Ozona was announced this week by Miss LaVern Sowell and Vernie Conn, both experienced operators.

(Best of)
It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

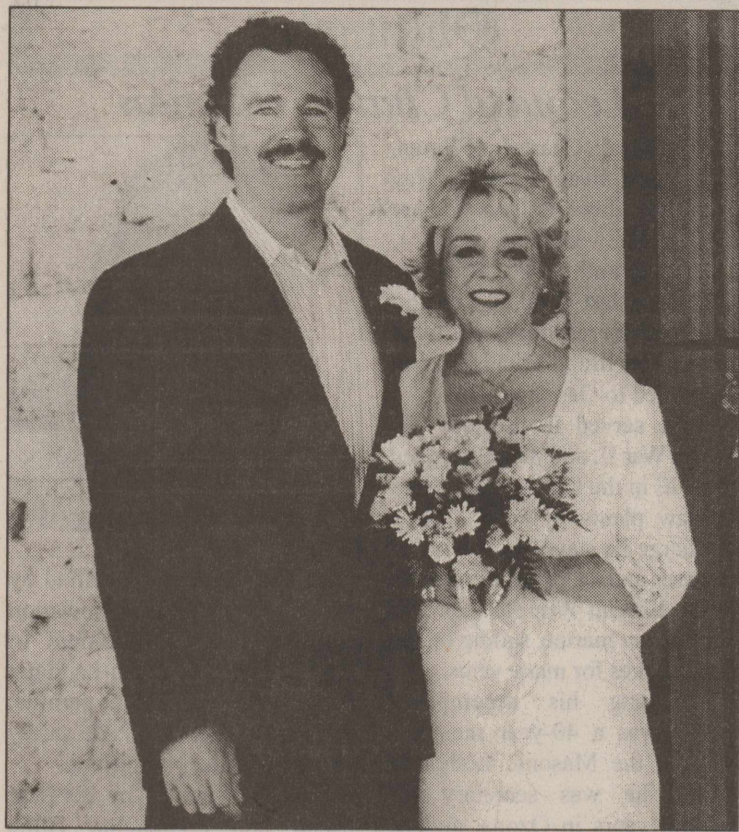
Vet in a Vette

Have you ever considered how lucky we are that animal doctors are not more like people doctors? If DVM's were more like MD's...

- Golf courses would be far more crowded. You'd hardly be able to get a tee time on Wednesday afternoon if veterinarians all started playing golf like doctors do.
- There would be more Ferrari and Bentley dealerships in places like San Angelo, Texas, and Cherry County, Nebraska. There'd be a sailing regatta, wine tasting and yacht dealership in cow towns like Bend and Billings. Vets would drive Corvettes instead of pickup trucks.
- For the sake of this discussion let's suppose your horse got a bad barb wire cut and you called your veterinarian for an appointment. If vets were more like MD's you'd be asked by a rude receptionist if your horse had ever visited the vet before and, if not, you'd be out of luck because he's not taking any new patients. If you were a regular customer the first opening would be in six weeks.
- You'd have to bring your horse to the office because the vet no longer makes house calls. If you wanted the vet to actually come to your place you'd better hope you live on the fifth tee of a golf course, otherwise the vet is never coming by.
- Once at the vet's office you'd have to wait for hours reading three year old copies of Super Looper and cow magazines while your horse was busy getting a highly infectious disease from other animals in the cramped and crowded waiting room.
- The veterinarian's receptionist would ask you to fill out reams of forms asking you all sorts of embarrassing and useless questions such as: "Have you or your horse ever had herpes? Does it hurt when he urinates in the morning?" You'll also be asked who should be contacted in case of an emergency... such as your bill not being paid.
- Before making any diagnosis the vet would have to run all sorts of tests, such as

if your horse has Blue Cross or belongs instead to an HMO (Horse Maintenance Organization.) Then after performing an expensive MRI, colonoscopy and brain scan on your horse (with the barbed wire cut) you'd receive the following letter in the mail: "After careful review of the above referenced claims we regret to inform you that benefits are not payable under the terms of your insurance."

- If vets were more like MD's they'd have more nurses to do all the dirty work.
- After your horse's barbed wire cut had become infected the vet would then refer your horse to an equine gastroenterologist, who, coincidentally happens to play golf with your vet. The gastroenterologist doesn't know a thing about treating barb wire cuts but he happens to be a partner in the rendering, tallows works and hide company that several veterinarians in the community own.
- The specialist would then diagnose that your horse suffered from BWS (barbed wire syndrome) for which there is no cure. He'd no doubt recommend elective cosmetic surgery and the best in the business just happens to be his brother-in-law who specializes in udder reduction surgery for Holsteins, nose jobs for Berkshire hogs, and horn wrinkle removal for old cows. Afterwards your horse will still have an ugly scar but the veterinarians bank account will look far more attractive.
- Now that your horse has a terrible infection your vet will write something on a prescription pad that only a another doctor can decipher. Later you learn that it says, "Charge this guy through the nose. He has good cow insurance." On the bottle of the horse pills will be this DISCLAIMER!!! This medicine may cause drowsiness, constipation, poverty, nausea, diarrhea and symptoms far worse than the original ailment.
- As your horse's health deteriorates it will have to spend five weeks in the ECU (Expensive Care Unit) so that it can die in a more sterile and expensive environment.



Lauderdale-Hoover united in marriage

Beth Ann Lauderdale and William Leland Hoover were united in marriage on May 19, 2006 by Harold Durham, preacher of the Fort Stockton Church of Christ. The ceremony was held at the Historic Annie Riggs Museum on the beautiful patio in Fort Stockton.

The bride is the daughter of the late J.B. and Betty Lauderdale, of Fort Stockton. The groom is the son of Billy and Sid Hoover, of Ozona.

The bride is a graduate of Fort Stockton High School and Texas Tech University. She is a former retail sales manager of Foley's at the shops of LaCantera in San Antonio.

The groom is a graduate of Ozona High School and is a rancher in Crockett County.

The bride wore a white linen and lace dress. She carried a wedding bouquet of spring flowers.

The groom wore a black pinstripe suit.

The bride was attended by her dear friend Maggie Smith of Abilene, Texas.

The groom was attended by his brother-in-law Carlton Stapper, of Ozona.

The day was also made special with the presence of the groom's family.

A lovely luncheon, hosted by Maggie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Hodges, was held after the ceremony for the groom's family and the couples' close friends.

After a honeymoon trip to Big Bend, the couple will live in Ozona.



Perrys celebrate Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Perry were honored with a golden wedding anniversary reception June 4, 2006 in the Hoover Building of the First Baptist Church of Ozona. Hosting the reception were the couples' children and grandchildren.

Willa Higgins and Jerry Perry were married at the East-side Baptist Church in Eldorado, Texas on June 3, 1956. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

The Perrys have lived in Ozona since their marriage, where he was employed by Southwest Texas Electric Co-operative for 45 years until his retirement. They are members of the First Baptist Church, where he is a deacon and they serve as greeters. The couple are also Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and she is a member of the Ozona Woman's Forum. The Perrys enjoy traveling and especially following their grandchildren in their activities. Jerry also enjoys doing volunteer work with the Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders.

Jerry and Willa's children are Ricky and Karlina Perry of Corpus Christi, Jeannine and John L. Henderson of Ozona and Dale and Debbie Perry of Cedar Park. Their grandchildren are Bryan Perry of Irving, Darin Perry of Corpus Christi, Jenna Henderson of College Station, Julia Henderson of Ozona and Vanessa, Samantha and A.J. Perry of Cedar Park.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gausemeier of The Woodlands, Claudine Harlow of Del City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Jesse LeFevers of McAllister, Okla., Mica Ervin, Wewoka, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris of Midland, Mrs. John Howell, Ross and Stuart of El Paso, Martha Henderson of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Branyon of Kerrville, Glenda Henderson of San Angelo, Betty Perry of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dews of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Scott of Stephenville, Angel Bettram of El Paso, Matt Delval of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ivy of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Etheredge of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris of Millersview and Jo Ward of Eldorado.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

STANLEY NAJAR JR. (second from left) and his family were on hand for Stanley's retirement party from the Crockett County Road Department on June 2. Stanley has worked for 23 years with the county. Those pictured are: (back row left to right) daughter Marisa, wife Mary, father Stanley Sr. and sister Aurora; front row (left to right) grandchildren Lauren and Stanton.



Photo by Rosalind Williams

OZONA WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS for the coming club year were installed at their May meeting. Pictured from left are: Jimmie Jacoby, installing officer; Katharine Russell, standing in for Charlotte Harrell parliamentarian; Betty Harrell, corresponding secretary; Marilyn Cox, treasurer; Linda Moore, recording secretary; Marolyn Bean, second vice-president; Nell Wester, first vice president and Jean Odom, president.

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Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE
Activity Director

On Memorial Day, residents took part in a volleyball game that morning. When the residents woke up from their afternoon naps, they found toilet and toilet paper at their bedside for activities in the main dining room.

Residents really got a kick out of the toilet paper toss. Residents Oscar Kost and Frances Flanagan took first place on their tosses.

Then, it was off to the main lobby where residents would take part in the tortilla throw. Resident Dave Nelson took first in the man's toss and resident Helen Stokes took first in the ladies' category. Everyone is still talking and laughing about the afternoon activity. What an afternoon. Nancy Hale got in on the final round of the activity.

Our volunteers for the week are Brother John Collis, E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Carol Adcock, Rachel Ybarra, Nell Wester, Odella Sanchez, the First Baptist Church of Ozona, the Ozona Church of Christ and the OLPH Catholic Church. Thanks to each and every one of you.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Brenda McCollem, daughter of resident Connie Jo Bently, provided Coke floats and ice cream sundaes for our residents. Everyone enjoyed these two days with Brenda. Thank you Brenda, our residents want to know when you are coming back. They hope to see you again real soon.

On Friday, our lovely lady of singing, Judy Reager, entertained our residents. Thank you Judy, you draw a large crowd.

How was your week? Ours was great!

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Happy Birthday

June 7 - Alejandra Borquez, Rudy Martinez III and Casey Nicks

June 8 - Jason Parker and Michael Hill

June 9 - Ninfa Preddy, Karen Pennington and Elvira Martinez

June 10 - Melissa Lozano, Linda Rios, Matthew Cornejo and Harvey Sanchez

June 11 - Tamie Gray, Leslie D. Mata, Philomena Anderson, Liliana Camarillo, Matthew Beseril and Rebecca Pierce

June 12 - Rachele Morow, Ysabella Makae Flores, Ruby Rodriguez, Victoria Zapata, Erika Fierro and Rogelio Lopez

June 13 - Rebecca Galvan and Becky Nowell

Lebis and Lace News

BY TINA JARVIS

Thursday club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier, Jim Welch, Nell Wester and JoAnn Babbitt had a lesson with students Barbara Jean and Tesla Caperton and Danny and Tammi Monzingo. At this lesson our students are doing so well that we practiced mainstream calls and they learned 5 plus calls.

Tuesday the 6th they will dance at the Care Center at 7:00 and then go to the Senior Building for a lesson.

There will not be a dance this weekend so anyone that would like to can go to the State dance in Lubbock.

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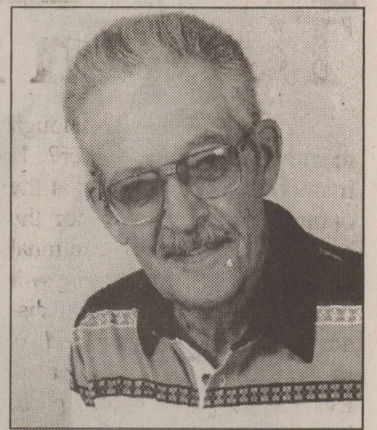
**Crockett County
Museum Memorials**

Ozoma Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

Obituaries

Leonard Charles Hillman



Leonard Charles Hillman, 80, passed away Tuesday, May 29, at the Crockett County Care Center. He was born Sept. 1, 1925 in Grand Ledge, Mich. He was the eldest child of Leonard and Beatrice Hillman. He lived most of his life in Michigan until he moved to Ozona in 1981.

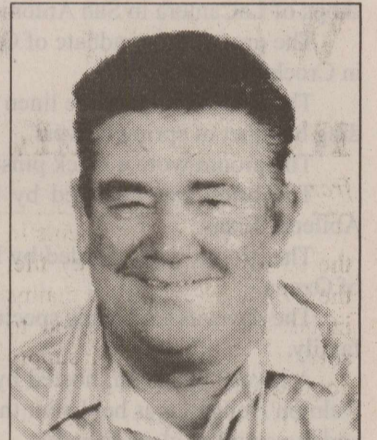
He served in the Navy in World War II, and being assigned to a DE in the Pacific near Guam he saw plenty of action. Upon discharge he stayed in the active reserves and was recalled to serve in the Korean War. He then was a merchant marine, sailing on the Great Lakes for many years.

Among his accomplishments was a 40-year membership in the Masonic Lodge of which he was secretary for several years in Ozona, and he received the honorary Golden Trowel award on June 5, 1995. He was a 32-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, organizer/commander of Civil Air Patrol of Manistee, Mich., where he flew many search and rescue missions, organizer/president of the AARP Chapter of Ozona, long-time member of the Helping Hands Board of Ozona, Chairman of the Ozona Republican Party and was certified by the National Rifle Association and the Texas Department of Public Safety to teach handgun lessons for concealed permits. He also taught 4-H Rifle safety to many Ozona youngsters.

He is survived by his dear friend and companion Billie Lovell, son Stephen W. Hillman and wife Teresa and their daughter Shawna of Ludington, Mich., daughter Lanette Bent and husband Ron and their two sons of Virginia, sister Alice Throop of Lansing, Mich., sister Mary Lee Carlson of Washington and six nephews.

Masonic graveside service was at Cedar Hill Cemetery on Thursday, June 1.

Donald Ray Yeager



Donald Ray Yeager passed from this earthly life on May 29, 2006 surrounded by his children.

Don was born March 25, 1936 in Mills County to Perry and Eleanor Yeager. He married his high school sweetheart, Evelyn Bolf, on May 25, 1957. They had four children. The family settled in Ozona in 1968. Don opened his home and heart to help raise several children, including Evelyn's brothers, nephew Larry and step-children Tondra and Bryan.

Don is best remembered for his love of fishing, his guitar playing, his ready laugh and the jokes he told.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother Otis Yeager and a sister Flossie Hansen Daugherty.

He is survived by his sister Bobbie Voelke of Goldthwaite, his four children and their spouses, all of Ozona, Renee and Ronnie Pearl, Rhonda and

Ronald Shaw, Gary and Teresa Yeager and Jason and Shauna Yeager, his grandchildren Ryan and Aaron Pearl, Bekah and Regan Shaw, Kasi and Justin Yeager, Jaxon Yeager and one great-grandson Jarryn Shaw.

Don was laid to rest under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home with graveside services on May 31, 2006 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Pallbearers were his sons, sons-in-law and grandsons.

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Buchanan graduates from South Plains

South Plains College recognized Brandi Buchanan of Ozona with an associate of science degree at the 48th annual commencement on May 12 in Texan Dome.

"Commencement is the completion of one part of these student's lives," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "I anticipate the great things these students will accomplish in the future and we are proud of the class of 2006."

SPC is a two-year community college in Levelland, Texas.

June looks as if it will be really hot month and there is not any rain in sight. At this time rain is badly needed. The surrounding wildlife is coming in for water and something to eat. We all need to continue praying for rain.

Jean Odom went to Dallas to attend the graduation of her grandson from high school. She had a good time and visited with friends. Also Marilyn and Joe Bean had a granddaughter who graduated from Ozona High School on May 26. I am sorry that I didn't include these in last week's column.

Dee Keilers brought in more puzzles last week. We thank you Dee for helping us to keep us supplied with puzzles.

Speaking of puzzles, you need to come by the Senior Center and see the 2,000 piece puzzle that we are putting together now. Many say that it can't be done but there are those who say that it can in given time.

Audrey Glynn is in room 211 at Community Rehab Hospital in San Angelo. We are praying for her recovery.

There are several birthdays in June. Royce Newton had a birthday on June 1, Jo Cox will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 10, Geniece Childress has a birthday on June 16 and Norma Carson has hers on June 18. We wish you all a very happy birthday and hope you celebrate many more.

The Crockett County Senior Board met on June 5. They discussed future activity plans this summer.

The Concho Valley Community Action were here June 6. They assist those who qualify with their utilities.

There will be a Senior Bingo Social here at the Senior Center on Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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WHERE IS CHESTER?

When he arrived last year he had little chance of surviving. Our neighbors found him alone, starving and with a broken leg. They had tried to set his leg but couldn't and he was in a great deal of pain. If you got near his leg he would try to bite you and his beak was sharp. They gave him to us but he was so weak he could barely screech. We started catching food for him and he began eating. When he saw you bringing his food he gave a funny little screech and then gobble it down. We also waited till he got stronger and we reset his leg.

One day we saw him sitting in a nearby tree and shortly thereafter he began to take short flights. He finally recovered and would spend most of the day flying around but he would always come back around mealtime. He even found another hawk for a girlfriend and they would spend hours flying around together. The last time we saw him was last fall and he was with his girlfriend and they were flying south together.

Many times we are like Chester in our relationship to God. When we are in deep need or trouble, we cry out to God, (Psalm 57:2, 61:1,2) for help but as soon as we get help, we forget God, (Psalm 78:11&106:13) and never return to Him.

See you in church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	Ozoma 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.	Ozoma United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Mah 'O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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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.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday	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.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.		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.

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FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Tips on mowing the lawn

Is the lawn smooth enough to mow with a reel mower? Is it smooth enough to mow at the optimal mowing height for the grass variety without continual scalping damage? Scalping will put grass at a competitive disadvantage and eventually lead to the decline of lawn quality. Evaluate the yard for high spots, low spots, and ruts to decrease scalping. Add soil to level out the lawn surface. Fill in ruts by lifting sod (in ruts) with a sharp spade and place topsoil underneath. Replace sod and keep the area moist for several days to help redevelop a healthy root system.

Selecting the right mowing height:

All grass varieties should be mowed at or near their optimal mowing height. This will keep grass healthy and dense (highest number of shoots per unit area). Higher density means more soil surface shading, which severely restricts the germination of many annual grassy and broad-leaf weeds. Maintaining a dense and healthy turf is the best weed control.

Selecting the right mowing height also means selecting the right mower. Do not invest in high density Bermuda grass or zoysia grass hybrid varieties if you plan to mow at three inches with a rotary mower. Many of the varieties available today require mowing height at or below one inch, which cannot be done effectively with a rotary mower. Buffalo grass mowing height range is 2 to 4 inches.

Common Bermuda grass mowing height range is 1 to 3 inches.

Hybrid Bermuda grass mowing height range is .75 to 2 inches.

St. Augustine Grass mowing height range is 2.5 to 4 inches.

Tall Fescue mowing range is 2 to 4 inches.

How often to mow:

Seasons, weather, and nutrient availability, are some of the many things that can affect grass growth. The best and most safe rule of thumb is to never remove more than 1/3 of the leaf blade at any one time. Lawns are being mowed too frequently if there are piles of grass clippings left

after each mowing. Consider a farmers hay field. Farmers remove close to 90 percent of the grass plants leaf surface when cutting hay. The grass left after the hay is baled turns a golden tan color. The color change takes place because grass plants are not capable of recovering from large amounts of stress for quite a while. The small amount of leaf surface left on the plant is not enough to maintain the physiological activities (photosynthesis) for plant energy.

Grass plants have a "growing point" where all of the leaves originate. The growing point stays near the soil surface when grass is mowed frequently. When people let their lawns get really "hairy" the growing point begins to elevate from the soil surface. When finally mowed, the growing point may be cut and removed with the rest of the clippings. This means death to the plant.

Frequent mowing, never removing more the 1/3 of the grass blade ensures that the growing point will stay near the soil surface and the turf will stay healthy and dense.

WOOL: Bankruptcy file lists more than 200 potential creditors

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According to documents in the company's bankruptcy file, the 20 largest unsecured claims includes \$222,117.02 owed to several feed, tire, wool supply companies and the IRS.

The bankruptcy file also lists more than 200 potential creditors are scheduled in the case. Most of them represent

producers who are believed to hold claims based on the fact that they stored wool and mohair and were not paid any proceeds of the sale of their goods at Wool Grower's.

The San Angelo law firm sent out a letter to the potential creditors requesting schedules of the wool and mohair claimed

by the person and a copy of the receipt.

The intention of the board of directors is to keep both the Sanderson and the Ozona wool houses open, and to maintain them as a viable operation, said Byrmie Bass, the Lubbock attorney handling the bankruptcy case.

Ozona Wool & Mohair reports 'good sale'

Ozona Wool & Mohair hosted a wool sale on May 31.

Short Wool was \$.63-\$.82; Lamb Wool was \$.40-\$.91; 12-month Wool was \$.60-\$.87 and Staple Wool was \$.80-\$.120.

Ozona Wool & Mohair offered 290,000 pounds of wool.

"Everything sold for about the average price," said manager Pam Cunningham. "We had a good sale."

USDA Rural Development announces funding

The USDA Rural Development will be part of a check during a presentation at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Technology Training Center at the Region XV Education Service Center in San Angelo.

The USDA Rural Development will be presenting a \$462,271 check to the Education Service Center as part of a Distance Learning Technology Grant.

The grant money will be used for installing 11 video conferencing sites in 11 different school districts throughout Region XV to be used for staff development, dual credit classes for high school juniors and seniors and computerized field trips for classes kindergarten-12th grade, said Donna Pohls, coordinator of technology for the service center.

Those who plan to attend from the USDA Rural Development include Bryan Daniel, state director from Temple, John E. Perkins, area director from Fort Stockton and Daila C. McAnally, acting rural development manager from Ozona.

Those planning to attend from the service center include David Smith, executive director and Donna Pohl, coordinator of technology.

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Crockett County 4-Hers compete in Kerrville shooting event

Two Crockett County 4-Hers competed in the Kerr County 4-H Shoot, June 2-3 in Kerrville.

Sierra Stokes competed in the Junior Division and placed third in the International Skeet and International Trap competitions.

Sol Stokes competed in the Intermediate Division and placed sixth in the 5-Stand competition.

The duo competed against 175 shooters in American and International disciplines.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

- June 8 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.
- June 12 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.
- June 13 - Middle School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.
- June 15 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

Youth Center Announcements

- Summer Promotions:**
- Sixth-Graders being promoted to Seventh Grade will not be eligible to come to the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
 - Eighth-Graders promoted to Ninth Grade will not be eligible to come to High School nights at the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
 - Seniors who graduate in May may come to the Youth Center through Aug. 1.

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RACE: lifelong friendships are formed each year through flying

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Twenty-first century pilots still know weather is their wild card, but GPS (global positioning satellite) navigation has taken the guesswork out of flying as straight a line as possible between two points. And they carry aviation charts depicting a multitude of information that was not available in 1929. There were thirty Powder Puff Derbys. The last one was flown in 1977 (there were interruptions when our country was at war). There is every indication this year's 30th Air Race Classic, with more than 68,000 statute miles and 1,156 teams in its history, will continue for as long as there are women who fly.

Why do these women compete? While this year's race prizes are said to be worth more the \$16,500 (cash awards, ribbons and medallions, a trophy), answers seldom include "for the money." Some say it is the best "summer camp" ever. Some say the race is a wonderful way to see the country. It has touched down in 39 states and 200 cities.

Lifelong friendships are formed, fed each June by flying the race and honing cross country skills. It is a luxury to be in the same room with so many women who fly. The percentage of women pilots remains low -

about 6 percent of the total number in the United States.

You may wonder how they can afford to spend weeks test flying and preparing an airplane to race, fly to the race start, fly the race, then fly home afterward. The quick answer? It isn't easy! The price of aviation fuel has risen more sharply than auto fuel. Teams are expecting to pay more than \$4 per gallon during this year's race.

Airplanes flown at full power and low altitudes consume more fuel than under normal flight circumstances. An airplane that normally burns 14 gallons per hour might burn 20, or more, under race conditions. Teams look for sponsors to help defray the cost of racing. Many have websites that allow their sponsors to follow the race online. ARC's website <www.airraceclassic.org> will have links to race teams so you can keep track of them, too.

Start and Terminus host towns provide financial support for Air Race Classic. Entry fees, advertising in the ARC Race Program and tax deductible donations (ARC is a 501(c)3 corporation) keep the race going. Volunteers - young and old, men and women, pilots and non-pilots, members of flying organi-

zations or not - are an invaluable ingredient to ARC's ongoing success.

Air Race Classic, Inc. is governed by an all-volunteer board of nine directors. The president lives in Kansas; vice-president in New Mexico; treasurer in Texas; secretary in New York. Other directors live in Ohio, Florida, Arizona, New York and Illinois. Nonvoting assistant directors and honorary directors number six, and come from Georgia, Kansas, California and Michigan.

All these women volunteer their time, money and expertise to support the Air Race Classic mission statement: As a means to encourage and educate women pilots, to increase public awareness of general aviation, to demonstrate women's roles in aviation and to preserve and promote the tradition of pioneering women in aviation, Air Race Classic, Inc. shall sponsor an annual extended all-woman amateur cross-country race for any who qualify as specified in the official Air Race Classic, Inc. Rule and Regulations.

For more information, contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 325/392-3737. To learn more about the race go to www.airraceclassic.org.

DPS to inspect commercial vehicles during Roadcheck 2006 that runs through Thursday

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and inspectors are scheduled to inspect commercial vehicles throughout the state during Roadcheck 2006, a 72-hour intensive inspection program that runs through Thursday, June 8 throughout North America.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers and non-commissioned inspectors, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, will stop thousands of commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment and check driver log books, driver licenses

and endorsements. Inspectors will also look for possible drug or alcohol use.

"During this concentrated inspection period, we expect to conduct thousands of commercial vehicle inspections, removing unsafe vehicles from the roadways and citing others with violations as necessary," said Chief Randall K. Elliston, head of the Texas Highway Patrol.

During Roadcheck 2005, inspectors examined more than 5,560 vehicles in Texas. As a result, troopers removed 1,518 vehicles and 200 drivers from services because of the serious

nature of their safety violations.

The Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

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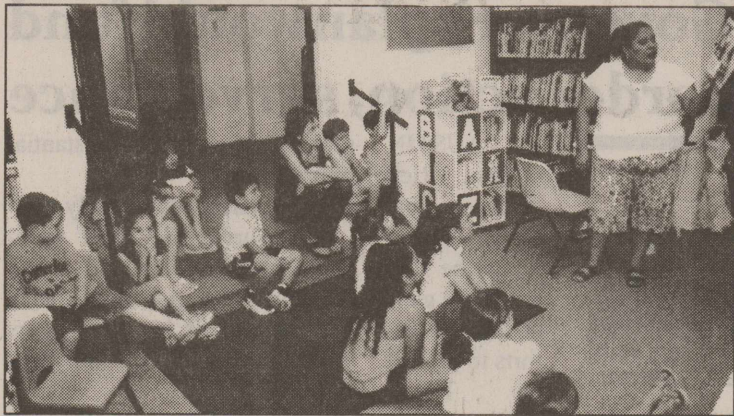


Photo by Joe Hernandez

SYLVIA LONGORIA reads to students on June 1 during the Crockett County Library's first day of the Summer Reading Program. The program will be held every Monday and Thursday in June. Students meet from 10-11 a.m. for children 6-12 and 11- noon for ages 3-5.

A tortise, a rabbit and bees at this week's library summer program

By **LOUISE LEDOUX**
Crockett County Public Librarian

The 2006 Texas Reading Club, "READING - the Sport of Champions!" provides opportunities for children ages 3 through 12 to enjoy reading.

Come sign up for library cards, select books, check them out and participate in our programs for children and young adults this summer at the Crockett County Public Library.

Our programs continue on June 8 with a visit from Mrs. Janet Pullen and her colorful champion tortoise and lively rabbit, and on June 12 with Mr. John Williams and his amazing bees.

We will continue every Monday and Thursday morning in June. Ages 6 - 12 years come

from 10 to 11am, and ages 3 - 5 years come from 11 to 12 noon.

A partnership between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Texas public libraries, the Texas Reading Club is a summer reading program that encourages children and their families to become library users and lifelong readers.

The purpose is to promote reading, stimulate curiosity, and attract children to the library. The emphasis is on letting children read for fun and helping them retain valuable reading skills during their summer vacations.

Mark your calendars now and don't miss a minute of the 2006 Summer Reading Programs at your public library. Every Monday and Thursday morning in June your library is the place to be this summer!

Intermediate school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Third Grade - Jennifer Castleberry, Harrison Gott, Bryce Gutierrez, Jodie Marshall, Stormi Rinehart and Nathaniel Valdes.

Fourth Grade - Jonatan Arredondo, Lisa Dorrough, Chad Fluth, Logan Glaspie, Desiree Marshall, Vivian Medina, Abby Newton, Jordyn Poindexter, Justin Pullig and Sierra Stokes.

Fifth Grade - Alexander Borrego, Jessica Borrego, Tesla Caperton, Trinity Collis, Ingrid Silva, Marley Tambunga and Sierra Trevino.

Talamantez and Dalan Wilson.

Fourth Grade - Brett Castillo, Abelika Estrada, Daniel Gonzalez, Daisy Guerra, Deyanira Hernandez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Tiger Lewis, Sydney Mendoza, Nichole Munoz, Michael Perez, Amy Quiroz, Vanessa Quiroz, Angelina Ramos, Erick Rodriguez, Lazarae Rodriguez, Stefani Sanchez, Marco Sandate, Kelsey Smith, Ruben Soliz, Charli West and Miachael Ybarra.

Fifth Grade - Jason Badillo, Allie Black, Arleen Castillo, Brianna Cervantez, Jon De Hoyos, Mayra Diaz, Brandon Dominguez, Cynthia Garcia, Kodi Glosion, Chelsea Gonzales, Martin Jones, Reynaldo Martinez, Samuel Maskill, Juquin Mata, Mayra Rios, Noah Tambunga, Joshua Tomlinson, Khalid Valencia, Italy Villarreal and Victoria Williams.

Middle school honor roll

"A" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade - Erik Carrizales, Craig Fluth, Kent Fluth, Leigh Galindo, Collyn Glaspie, Lane Hale and Johnna Pullig.

Seventh Grade - Jennifer Allen, Duncan Knox, Rosendo Lara, Jayce Logan, Emily Merrill, Melanie Miller, Chelsea Moore and Rebecca Pierce.

Eighth Grade - Dylan Castillo, Brandi Glosion, Angelic Gutierrez, Julie Gutierrez, Corey Kelley, Evelardo Longoria, Alex Macias, Jayci Miller, Kurtlan Reyes, Lane White and Austin Whitten.

Sanchez and Isabel Ybarra.

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"A-B" Honor Roll

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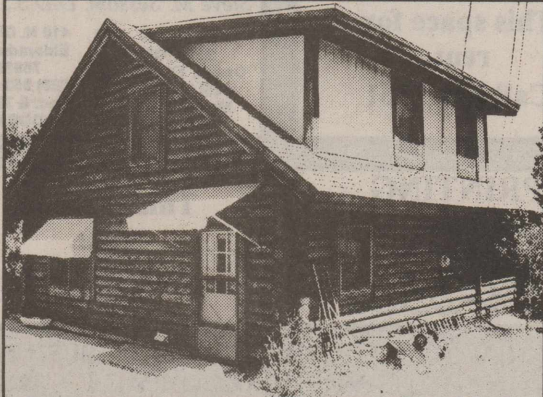
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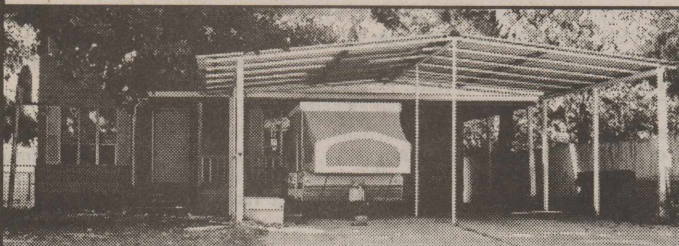
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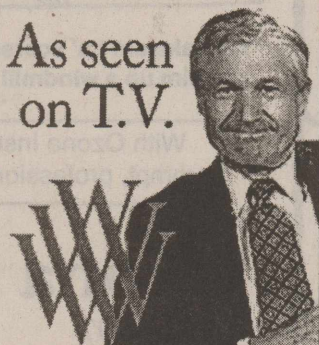
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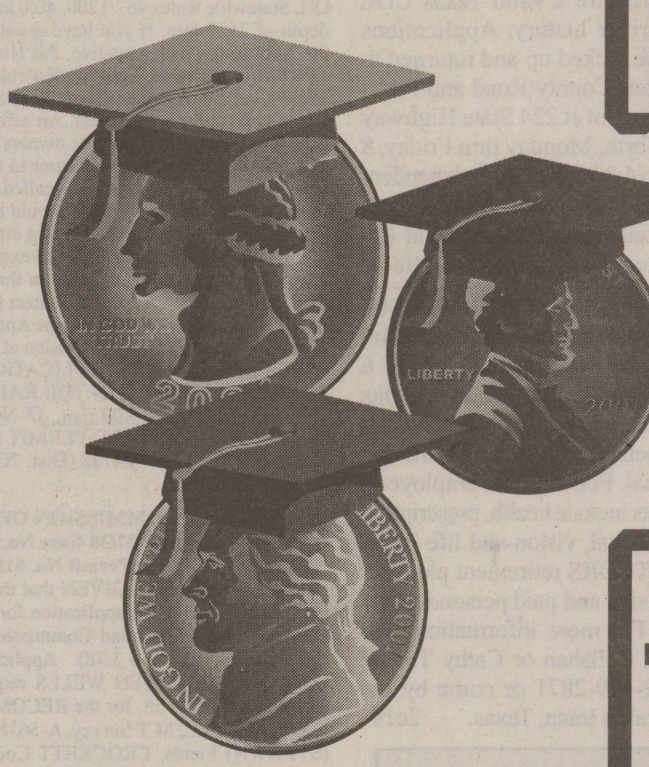
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